

# Central Emergency Operations Center (CEOC) for Typhoon KRATHON

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Press Release

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**Inspecting the Central Emergency Operations Center (CEOC), giving in-person instructions for Typhoon KRATHON response, and encouraging duty response personnel,  
President LAI called for undivided vigilance and solid typhoon prevention measures**

According to information from the Central Weather Administration (CWA), at 02:00 today (2024/10/01), Typhoon KRATHON escalated to a severe typhoon which moved slowly towards the southeast of Taiwan. The storm circle has affected Kaohsiung and Pingtung and the threat of strong winds and heavy rains therewith are expected. All Emergency Support Functions (ESFs) of the Central Emergency Operations Center (CEOC) were requested to continue to fully assist municipal and county (city) governments in strengthening various disaster prevention, relief, and response work, bettering the various typhoon prevention operations

As reminded by Commander LIU Shyh-Fang, Typhoon KRATHON has been moving slowly with prolonged impacts. The cumulative rainfall in the mountainous areas of Taipei City, New Taipei City, Pingtung County, Yilan County, and eastern Hualien County is expected to reach over 800 mm, or even as high as 1,000 mm and 1,300 mm, respectively in Hualien and Taitung. Please evacuate. The ESF “Evacuation” and the ESF “Sheltering” were requested to supervise the relevant municipal and county (city) governments to ensure that by taking advantage of the day time available today (2024/10/01), the local governments fully conducted the precautionary evacuation and proper sheltering for those households in the delimited warning zones, with priority given to those with special needs such as chronically ill patients (e.g. patients of kidney dialysis), pregnant women, and the disabled. In addition, the ESF “Sheltering” was requested to verify the list of households in the delimited warning

zones, estimate the number of evacuees, and provide the evacuees with assistance, specifically for Taitung County, Hualien County, Pingtung County, etc.

As for the flat areas, in Keelung City, Taipei City, New Taipei City, Hengchun Peninsula, Hualien County, and Taitung County, the cumulative rainfall is expected to reach over 800 millimeters. The ESF “Lifeline System” was requested to strengthen the survey and planning of the pre-dispatch and pre-deployment of water pumping machinery. The Ministry of Economic Affairs (MOEA) and the Ministry of National Defense (MND) were requested to confirm whether the number of water pumps proposed by Kaohsiung City and Pingtung County was sufficient for pre-deployment. In addition, the CEOC was requested to supervise municipal and county (city) governments to ensure the normality and smoothness of the functions of the flood control and drainage systems and the underground water pumping and drainage systems; to strengthen the prior preparedness and tests of pumping stations, and flood control materials, fuels, etc.; and to advocate the populaces’ unblocking drainage pipes and ditches, preparing sandbags, and installing water gates, so as to reduce the risk of flooding. The timing for regulatory water discharge from the reservoir should be continuously evaluated. And prior to water discharges, early notices to the populaces along the rivers downstream of the reservoir should be conveyed through diverse channels such as cellular broadcast services (CBS) for disaster prevention warnings. The Ministry of Economic Affairs (MOEA) and the Ministry of Transportation and Communications (MOTC) were also requested to confirm the normal functionality of the important critical infrastructure in coastal areas, such as Tainan City, Kaohsiung City, and Pingtung County, under such strong winds and heavy rains. Meanwhile, the Ministry of Transportation and Communications (MOTC) was requested to assist with the availability and smoothness of the communications between the base stations as presented by Hualien County and Pingtung County.

Reminded by Commander LIU again, Typhoon KRATHON has escalated to a severe typhoon. In previous typhoons, trees often collapsed on the road, causing casualties, road traffic interruptions, and damage to the electrical power system. Municipal and county (city) governments were requested to strengthen the implementation of tree pruning and tree fastening measures. The National Land Management Agency (NLMA) of the Ministry of the Interior (MOI) was requested to supervise all municipal and county (city) governments to take measures for fastening signboards in the city, scaffolds used in construction, advertising materials, fences, trees on the road, etc. The Ministry of Economic Affairs (MOEA) was

requested to supervise municipal and county (city) governments in taking measures for fastening utility poles and solar panels, so as to reduce disaster losses. The ESF “News Release” was requested to urge the populaces, through diverse channels, to fix or put away fall-prone objects hanging in the balcony and outdoors into safe places to avoid dangers. In addition, Typhoon KRATHON is expected to make its landfall along the coast of Linyuan District in Kaohsiung City, with possible waves in height of over 6 meters and strong winds and heavy rains. The ESF “Transportation” is requested to stay in contact with the competent fishing port authorities of Kaohsiung City and Pingtung County to ensure the reinforcement of the mooring and fastening operations for ships berthed at coastal fishing ports south of Linyuan in Kaohsiung City and north of Dapeng Bay in Pingtung County, as well as the 6 long-stranded ships since the previous Typhoon GAEMI. The ESF “Transportation” should also continue to monitor the status of the ships, reporting back about its response actions. In addition, due to the upcoming heavy rains in eastern Huadong, Kaohsiung, and Pingtung areas. The ESF “Agricultural Supplies” was requested to assist with local governments in strengthening the typhoon protective measures taken by coastal aquaculture fisheries, thus reducing disaster losses.

As per Commander LIU, as Typhoon KRATHON continues to approach Taiwan, disasters are expected in various places. All Emergency Support Functions (ESFs) were requested to maintain close contact with municipal and county (city) governments to grasp the disaster situation at the earliest opportunity, and to update the CEOC with such situation through uploading the disaster information to the EMIC system. In the event of resource shortage during disaster response, immediate request to the CEOC for support from the central government should be made.

The ESF “Transportation” was also requested to pre-deploy machinery for high-disaster-prone roads, actively grasp road disaster situations, and carry out emergency repairs, while continuing to relate to the populaces the latest road block and clearance information, and related supporting transportation measures through diverse channels, including information such as the suspension (resumption) and delay of land, sea, and air transportation, etc., so as to facilitate the populaces’ early acknowledge and corresponding responses.

Called on by Commander LIU, according to the media, people have been observing the waves at the beach despite the danger. Those municipal and county (city) governments with their EOCs activated should actively delimit warning zones. The National Police Agency

(NPA) and Coast Guard Administration (CGA) were requested to actively implement control measures such as persuading people to leave the warning zones or denouncing people if they don't leave the warning zones. Those refusing to heed the advice of leaving the warning zones are to be dealt with in accordance with the provisions of the *Disaster Prevention and Protection (DPP) Act* and other relevant regulations. The ESF "News Release" was also requested to continue to call on the populace to avoid unnecessary outdoor activities, and not to engage in activities in mountainous areas, rivers, and seaside during the typhoon, so as to avoid danger. Moreover, today (on 2024/10/01) a Barbadian-flagged freighter ore ship "BLUE LAGOON" tilted at 58 nautical miles southeast of Taitung Airport and water entered in the hull and the engine room. The 19 foreign crew members on board requested for rescue. Due to the poor visibility in the heavy rain in the target area, air rescue could not be conducted. The Coast Guard's Kaohsiung ship has been dispatched from Kaohsiung Port for emergency rescue. Subsequently, the Coast Guard Administration (CGA) is requested to report back the latest search and rescue situation.

At last, President LAI expressed his gratitude to Commander LIU Shyh-Fang, Minister of the Interior (MOI), for activating the Central Emergency Operations Center (CEOC) for Typhoon KRATHON at the earliest opportunity. Meanwhile, President LAI's thanks also went to all duty personnel designated by various ministries and councils for their hard work in disaster response.

In view of the fact that Typhoon KRATHON has turned into a strong typhoon which highly likely brings about disastrous damage in terms of the wind strength, rainfall volume, wave height, etc. Particularly speaking, the path of Typhoon KRATHON is relatively rare, making landfall in the south and heading out to sea in the east; hence, a must of high alert. A special reminder from President LAI: First, upholding the spirit of "*Disaster relief makes second to disaster prevention, and disaster prevention makes second to disaster avoidance*", all should supplement measures necessary but not in place yet, prior to the landfalls of the typhoon. Second, full assistance is to be provided to local governments of Hualien, Taitung, Pingtung, Kaohsiung, etc. in meeting their needs in response to the typhoon disaster this time. Third, all should keep abreast of the disaster situation at all times and promptly cooperate with local governments for disaster relief when disasters strike. As mentioned by Mayor CHEN Qi-Mai of the Kaohsiung City, after the typhoon, in the process of returning to normal life, relevant ministries and councils are requested to provide necessary assistance to allow the populaces in the counties and cities swept by the typhoon to quickly restore their normal life.

For the latest typhoon updates and disaster situations, please visit the Facebook fan page of the National Fire Agency (NFA) of the Ministry of the Interior (MOI) at [www.facebook.com/NFA999/](https://www.facebook.com/NFA999/) and download the e-APP "*All-Out Disaster Prevention and Protection*" for easy inquiry of disaster situations.

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