

# Central Emergency Operations Center (CEOC) for Typhoon KRATHON

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Press Release

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**As Typhoon KRATHON keeps pushing forward,  
with strong winds and heavy rains,  
All should avoid unnecessary outings.**

According to information from the Central Weather Administration (CWA), Typhoon KRATHON has moved slowly, prolonging its impact to Taiwan, which made its landfall on the southwest Taiwan as a moderate to mild typhoon. Strong gusts of Scale-9 to -10 are likely to occur from Taoyuan to Taichung, in Taitung area, and in open areas along the coast of New Taipei. There will also be strong gusts in other areas, especially tomorrow morning in Tainan and Kaohsiung areas, and in open areas along the coast of Pingtung, strong gusts of about Scale-14 are likely to occur. There are also special reports of local heavy rains or super heavy rains in Pingtung's mountainous areas and Taitung County. All should continue to strengthen various disaster prevention, relief, and response work, ensuring to better various typhoon prevention operations

At 21:00 on 2024/10/02, Commander LIU Shyh-Fang, Minister of the Interior (MOI), convened the #12 Work Briefing at the Central Emergency Operations Center (CEOC), who pointed out that since the issuance of typhoon warnings four days ago, due to the weird and unpredictable path of KRATHON, tomorrow (2024/10/03) work call-offs and class call-offs remain effective in all municipalities and counties (cities) across the country. Currently, according to the interpretation of the Central Weather Administration (CWA), Typhoon KRATHON is expected to make landfall tomorrow (2023/10/03) morning, followed by substantial threat. The media has covered some incidents, including windows shattered by strong winds in Kaohsiung, and the scaffold collapsed on Expressway 88, etc., which demonstrated that the power of the typhoon should not be underestimated. All should not take the typhoon lightly, but should stand fast and remain at one's post and implement various disaster prevention and response measures. For highways and elevated sections, messages

of road control due to strong wind should be announced timely to remind passers-by to be aware. The Emergency Support Function (ESF) “News Release” was requested to continue to call on the populaces to better various typhoon prevention work, reduce unnecessary outings, and avoid going to high-risk areas such as mountainous areas, rivers, or seaside. Especially, the Ocean Affairs Council (OAC) has advised more than 5,000 people to stay away from the shore, which once again appeals to the public no wave-watching at the shore.

Emphasized by Commander LIU, as the typhoon continues to approach, the Central Weather Administration (CWA) has reflected the rainfall updates in Taichung City, Changhua County, Nantou County, Yunlin County, Chiayi County, Chiayi City, Taitung County, and Hengchun Peninsula, where the disaster situation may worsen. Meanwhile, disaster inquiry and reporting should be ongoing, and prompt response should be implemented to deal with any disaster situation. Where any local governments apply for support, the central government should proactively make dispatchment and provide assistance to minimize disaster losses. However, verification of the disaster situation and providing disaster relief at night may not be as easy as during daytime. Special reminders went to those disaster inquiry and reporting personnel as well as those disaster relief. Personnel, their own safety must be borne in mind during task performance and they should prevent accidents/ incidents caused by heavy rain. In addition, the Ministry of the Interior (MOI) and local governments have actively utilized civilian forces, including Disaster Relief Volunteers (DRVs), resilient communities, Taiwan Community Emergency Response Teams (T-CERTs), auxiliary firefighters, disaster prevention and protection groups, and voluntary organizations. So far, 4,447 people-times have been deployed for related work. All these disaster prevention partners were especially appreciated.

Reminded by Commander LIU, the Ministry of Agriculture (MOA) has issued a total of 44 red warnings for mudslides and 2 red warnings for large-scale landslides in Taitung County and Pingtung County, as well as 436 amber warnings for mudslides and 13 amber warnings for large-scale landslides. The number of warnings is expected to continue to increase. All municipal and county (city) governments were requested to, as per the central government’s supervision, strengthen the implementation of precautionary evacuation for those targeted registered households in the delimited warning zones that need to be evacuated, provided wind and rain conditions permitted. Currently, 115 shelters have been established across the country, housing 1,896 people. Those municipal and county (city) governments assisting with the establishment of resettlement sites were requested to continue to better the task of

shelter and resettlement, ensuring no worries about the supplies to the shelter and resettlement sites. Moreover, public opinions should be grasped through diverse channels such as social media, television broadcasts, print media, and e-news, etc. Accordingly, for any misinformation and disinformation, should be proactively and promptly corrected to facilitate the public's access to accurate and timely information.

At last, special reminders from Commander LIU: Regarding asynchronous satellite terminal equipment, fire service personnel were also requested to assist with the testing of such equipment during their on-duty tasks at disaster sites. Regarding base stations in Pingtung County, the National Communications Commission (NCC) was requested to demand the three major telecommunications providers for expedited repair, and for dispatchment of mobile vehicles as alternative base stations when necessary, so as to avoid the situation of communications isolation.

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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