

Central Emergency Operations Center (CEOC) for Typhoon USAGI

Press Release

10:00, 2024/11/14

A sea warning was issued for Typhoon USAGI.

At 05:30 today (on 2024/11/14), the Central Weather Administration (CWA) issued a sea warning for Typhoon USAGI, which predicted that the storm circle will be closest to the mainland of Taiwan from around 2024/11/15 to 2024/11/16. At 09:00 today (2024/11/14), the #1 Work Briefing was convened at the Central Emergency Operations Center (CEOC) and presided over by Deputy-Commander CHEN Zheng-Qi, a Political Deputy Minister (PDM) of the Ministry of the Economic Affairs (MOEA), who instructed the Emergency Support Function (ESF) “Situation Assessment” to closely grasp the dynamics of Typhoon USAGI and proactively provide weather information to local government, so as to ensure the full implementation of the various typhoon preparedness at the local level.

Instructed by Political Deputy Minister CHEN, all Emergency Support Functions (ESFs) were requested to, along with each municipal and county (city) government, strengthen various typhoon prevention and flood prevention measures, as well as cautiously prevent water cumulation, landslides, rockfalls, and mudslides as a result of heavy rains, prior to the landfall of Typhoon USAGI. Meanwhile, the ESF “Lifeline System” and the ESF “Agricultural Supply” were requested to strengthen relevant pre-warning notification; and the ESF “Situation Monitoring” and the ESF “Search and Rescue” were requested to supervise local governments of those areas possibly under the impact of Typhoon USAGI, so that the local governments may activate their local Emergency Operations Centers (EOCs) at the suitable timing, and/or further escalate the level of their EOCs in case of worsened disaster situations.

All local EOCs were requested to demarcate warning zones in mountainous areas, riversides, and sea areas with potential treats and risks, and to fully implement access control and urge-leaving measures in those demarcated warning zones. In order to prevent trap accidents due to the populaces’ outdoor activities such as mountaineering, tide watching, and river tracing,

the National Police Agency (NPA) was also requested to stop issuing mountaineering passes, whereas national park scenic areas and forest recreation areas were requested to actively plan the timing of hours of closure to the public. All agencies, in accordance with their respective authorities and responsibilities, were requested to fully implement control and urge-leaving measures in disaster-prone areas, especially strengthening the contact with mountaineering teams to persuade them to leave the mountainous areas at the earliest opportunity, so as to ensure the safety of populaces' lives.

Requested by Political Deputy Minister CHEN, the Ministry of Transportation and Communications (MOTC) and the Ministry of Agriculture (COA) were requested to strengthen broadcasting through the fishery radio stations, to ensure the convey and passing of typhoon pre-warning messages to those vessels still operating in the sea to facilitate their taking wind avoidance measures in advance; as well as messages to those vessels already berthing at shores to better their precautionary preparation such as mooring. In addition, the Ministry of Transportation and Communications (MOTC) was requested to strengthen coordination for vessel fastening and mooring operations as well as fuel contamination and control measures, with reference to those maritime incidents involving vessels during Typhoon KRATHOON and Typhoon KONG-REY. Moreover, the Coast Guard Administration (CGA) was requested to assist with urge-leaving efforts, especially for those vessels still operating in the warning sea areas.

Specially reminded by Political Deputy Minister CHEN, all local governments, especially Taitung and Pingtung County Governments, were requested to pay attention to areas prone to becoming isolated to strength their precautionary evacuation and sheltering measures. As for areas of indigenous tribes, the Council of Indigenous Peoples (COIP) was requested to strengthen publicity among those tribal areas. In case some populaces' reluctance to evacuate, please educate them to stockpile at home at least 10-day supplies for their own livelihood needs, so that the populaces could sustain themselves when no supplies could possibly be delivered to them during the disaster due to road interruption.

For the latest typhoon updates and disaster situation, please visit the Facebook fan page of the National Fire Agency (NFA) of the Ministry of the Interior (MOI) at www.facebook.com/NFA999/ and download the e-APP "DISATER TW" for easy inquiry of disaster situations.

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