

Central Emergency Operations Center (CEOC) for Typhoon USAGI

Press Release

16:00, 2024/11/15

As the storm circle of Typhoon USAGI would make landfall on Taiwan tonight (2024/11/15), people should avoid going to disaster-prone area, while take precautions against strong winds and heavy rains.

According to weather forecast from the Central Weather Administration (CWA), the storm circle of Typhoon USAGI has entered the southern coastal waters of Taiwan. At 15:00 today (2024/11/15), the #5 Work Briefing was convened at the Central Emergency Operations Center (CEOC) and presided over by Deputy-Commander LIAN Jing-Zhang, an Administrative Deputy Minister (ADM) of the Economic Affairs (MOEA), who instructed that, at present, the typhoon has weakened into a mild typhoon, with a trend of continued weakening. However, due to uncertainties in the typhoon's subsequent path and intensity changes, the Central Weather Administration (CWA) was requested to provide the latest and most accurate weather forecasts and early warning information to governments at all levels and all populaces for their reference. Also, all Emergency Support Functions (ESFs) were requested to “think big”, i.e. to think about the worst scenarios, in carrying out various typhoon prevention and preparedness operations.

As per Deputy Commander LIAN, at 08:30 today (2024/11/15), the land warning has covered Kaohsiung, Pingtung, and Taitung areas. The Emergency Support Functions (ESFs) “Disaster Monitoring” and “Search and Rescue” were requested to inform the municipal and county governments, especially the Taitung County Government, to promptly escalate the activation level of their Emergency Operations Centers (EOCs), as well as to demarcate warning zones and implement measures such as access-controlling, urge-leaving, and offense-reporting within their jurisdiction, so as to ensure the safety of people's lives. Thus far, in response to the typhoon, all new applications for mountaineering passes have not been accepted. For those who have already entered and remained in the mountain or the park, yet have not been got hold of, the ESF “Evacuation” was requested to continue to try to get hold of them (i.e. a case involving 5 people in Nantou County) and provide updates in a timely

manner.

Reminded by Deputy Commander LIAN, affected by the typhoon, there would be a chance of long waves in the eastern half of Taiwan, the southwestern coast, Hengchun Peninsula, Penghu, Orchid Island, and Green Island. Around this time, it happened to be weekends and holidays, the ESF “News Release” and the relevant municipal and county (city) governments were requested to continue to publicize the precautions for typhoon prevention, including calling on the populaces to better their preparedness of typhoon prevention without taking it lightly, and try to avoid going to the seaside for outdoor activities such as wave watching and mountaineering which may lead to stranding accidents. This time, Typhoon USAGI is expected to bring about local torrential rains in the southeast and Hengchun Peninsula, and local heavy rains in the east. In view of the in-progress and unfinished post-disaster reconstruction work after Typhoons KRATHON and KONG-REY, all relevant units were requested to be vigilant and better various disaster prevention and relief measures, so as to minimize the losses caused by this typhoon.

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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