

Central Emergency Operations Center (CEOC) for Typhoon FUNG-WONG

Press Release

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The President inspected the Central Emergency Operations Center (CEOC) for Typhoon FUNG-WONG. Central and local governments worked together to improve typhoon preparedness.

President Lai Ching-te presided over the third working meeting of the Central Emergency Operations Center at 12:30 p.m. today (11th). The President expressed gratitude to central government agencies and local governments for establishing response centers to address Typhoon FUNG-WONG. Each agency has implemented relevant measures for various typhoon scenarios, and the President affirmed these efforts. The President stated that according to meteorological data, since yesterday, the northeast monsoon and its outer circulation have significantly intensified winds and rainfall in northern and northeastern regions. Central and southern areas must also be on high alert for torrential rains. This typhoon, making landfall in central and southern Taiwan, is a so-called “through-the-heart” typhoon. It will inevitably bring strong winds and heavy rains nationwide. The Central Emergency Response Center must closely monitor the typhoon's latest developments and maintain smooth communication with local governments. Regarding potential torrential rains and giant waves, in addition to broadcasting alerts, it is essential to utilize diverse channels such as media and social networking platforms to help the public clearly understand typhoon preparedness and response information.

The President stated that for areas downstream of the Matai'an Creek barrier lake and those under red alert, as well as high-risk zones severely impacted by Typhoon Danas and the July 28 torrential rains—such as Yunlin, Chiayi, and Tainan—all levels of emergency response centers must implement preventive evacuations, closely monitor evacuation progress, and ensure public safety. Following the typhoon, relevant agencies must promptly complete dredging of the Matai'an Creek, raise embankments, and restore temporary bridges to enable residents to resume normal life. In northern and northeastern regions, soil moisture levels are highly saturated due to the typhoon's outer circulation and northeastern monsoon, posing high risks of landslides and debris flows. Relevant agencies and county/city governments must remain vigilant and activate disaster response measures at the earliest opportunity.

Although the crisis at the Swallow Grotto (Yanzikou) barrier lake on the Liwu Creek has been temporarily averted, the mountainous areas along the Central Cross-Island Highway remain unstable. Relevant ministries and local governments are urged to continue monitoring slope safety and strictly guard against secondary collapses. The most intense impact of the typhoon is expected to begin now. Everyone should prepare for the typhoon. Finally, we extend our gratitude once again to all frontline disaster prevention and relief personnel across the nation. You are the solid force safeguarding the safety of our citizens. Let us work together to minimize the impact of the typhoon.

Premier CHO stated that the Yunlin-Chiayi-Tainan region, affected by Typhoon Danas and the July 28 torrential rains, along with the Hualien Matai'an Creek barrier lake disaster area, experienced a shallow magnitude 5.3 earthquake in Jiaxian, Kaohsiung yesterday (10th) afternoon. With high soil moisture content in mountainous areas exacerbated by seismic activity, the central government and local emergency response centers must remain vigilant. The Matai'an Creek barrier lake in Hualien issued a red alert at 7:00 AM yesterday, with evacuation procedures already underway. The Ministry of the Interior, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of National Defense, and Ministry of Health and Welfare are requested to jointly supervise and assist the Hualien County Government in ensuring the evacuation is fully completed. The Hualien County Government should also assign police officers to work with village chiefs to conduct continuous, rigorous patrols. Strictly enforce vertical evacuation measures: residents must not wander outside or remain on the first floor during the alert period. Evacuees in shelters or staying with relatives must not return to their residences to prevent casualties. Additionally, following the Jiaxian earthquake in Kaohsiung and sporadic slope collapses in northern and eastern regions due to northeast monsoon rainfall, the Ministry of Agriculture is requested to closely monitor areas prone to debris flows and large-scale collapses. Particular attention should be given to regions where debris flow alert thresholds have recently been lowered or newly established. Local governments must be directed to promptly initiate preventive evacuation measures in accordance with regulations. The Ministry of the Interior is also requested to direct local governments to implement rainfall monitoring for slopes within their jurisdictions that have previously experienced landslides or soil saturation. For the western region, the Ministry of Transportation and Communications must vigilantly guard against strong winds affecting elevated bridges, expressways, and railway operations. In the eastern region, strict vigilance is required against traffic disruptions caused by road collapses and falling rocks due to heavy rainfall. Implement preemptive closures at the first sign of risk and promptly announce alternative transportation plans. Ensure repair equipment and personnel are fully prepared to enter affected areas and restore traffic as soon as risks subside.

Premier CHO instructed the Ministry of the Interior to direct local government emergency response centers to promptly establish warning zones in high-risk areas. The public must be

advised against visiting coastal areas to watch waves or venturing out unnecessarily to ensure personal safety. The Ministry of Economic Affairs, Taiwan Power Company, Taiwan Water Corporation, and the National Communications Commission, in coordination with telecommunications operators, must maintain readiness with pre-positioned pumps, repair crews, and backup communication equipment. When water outages, power failures, or communication disruptions occur, necessary measures—particularly disaster roaming mechanisms—must be activated to ensure communication resilience. The Ministry of the Environment shall conduct comprehensive monitoring of the Taichung food waste landfill site, including fence safety, groundwater seepage, and environmental water quality. The Taichung City Government Environmental Protection Bureau shall cooperate in monitoring and planning emergency response measures for timely handling. All disaster relief personnel and utility repair units must prioritize comprehensive protective measures and logistical support during rescue and repair operations, with personnel safety as the top priority.

CEOC Commander LIU Shyh-fang Minister of the Interior stated, based on analysis of the Central Weather Bureau's forecast data, Typhoon Fengshen has weakened to a mild typhoon. The typhoon's center is currently located southwest of Eluanbi, continuing to move north-northeastward toward the Taiwan Strait. It is projected to make landfall south of Taiwan, posing a threat to the southeastern waters of Taiwan and the Bashi Channel. Compounded by the influence of the northeast monsoon, heavy rainfall is likely in northern, eastern regions, and the Hengchun Peninsula. All ministries and agencies must remain vigilant, prepare for the most severe possible scenarios, and coordinate with local governments to implement all necessary preparedness and response measures.

Commander LIU instructed that the typhoon's path has shifted slightly southward, though uncertainty remains. The Central Weather Agency is requested to intensify analysis and provide the most timely and accurate assessment information for reference by all ministries and local governments in implementing contingency measures. Currently, Tainan City, Kaohsiung City, Pingtung County, and Taitung County have been designated as land alert zones, while Yilan County is classified as a rainfall alert zone. The disaster response centers in Taitung and Yilan counties remain at Level 2 activation. The National Fire Agency is requested to notify relevant units to proactively elevate response levels as needed. All county and city disaster response centers are instructed to actively establish warning zones, implement warning control measures, and impose penalties under the Disaster Prevention and Relief Act when necessary. Through multiple channels, the public must be urged to avoid outdoor activities in mountainous areas, rivers, and coastal zones to prevent accidents.

Commander LIU stated that the typhoon is expected to linger over Taiwan throughout tomorrow (the 12th). Coastal areas from Tainan and Yunlin to Taichung and Pingtung, as well as Penghu and Matsu, will experience average winds of force 9, with gusts reaching

force 11. Strong northeasterly winds are also expected. To prevent damage from strong winds or heavy rainfall, the National Land Management Agency is directed to oversee local governments in reinforcing urban signage, construction scaffolding, advertisements, fences, and roadside trees. Additionally, the National Fire Agency is requested to continue conducting daily communication tests with county/city emergency response centers. It should also supervise counties/cities to conduct daily communication tests with township/city offices and their affiliated fire units. Special emphasis should be placed on testing in areas prone to strong winds and heavy rain, outlying islands, and regions susceptible to becoming isolated. This ensures uninterrupted communication to effectively monitor local disaster situations and support requirements.

Commander LIU reminded that the Ministry of Agriculture has currently issued 10 red alerts and 112 yellow alerts for landslides in two counties—Yilan and Hualien—and will continue to adjust these levels based on rainfall intensity. These alerts will be dynamically adjusted. The Ministry of Health and Welfare must strengthen coordination with local governments to proactively implement preventive evacuations, prioritizing vulnerable populations. Work with local governments to ensure adequate shelter and resettlement measures, confirming sufficient supplies of drinking water, food, bathing facilities, and other essential living necessities. Local governments should proactively incorporate alternative service personnel into shelter operations or evacuation support teams and request military assistance as needed.

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/ and download e-APP "READINESS TW" for easy inquiry.

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