

Announcement by Judiciary on gale warning arrangements

The following is issued on behalf of the Judiciary:

Attention duty announcers, radio and TV stations:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible and repeat it at suitable intervals:

The Judiciary has announced that because the Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 8 was still in force at 6am, all hearings of the courts and tribunals, will be adjourned today (September 2).

Those who were due to attend court hearings on September 1 or September 2 but were affected by the issuing of the Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No.8, including the jurors, should do so at 9.30am on the next working day (September 4) unless otherwise notified.

Those who have been summoned for jury empanelment in the High Court yesterday (September 1) are not required to attend court until further notice in writing.

As for those who have been summoned for jury empanelment in the Coroner's Court yesterday (September 1), they are required to appear in court at 9.30am on the next working day.

Court/tribunal registries and offices will open as usual on the next working day. Before that, court users may also use the integrated Court Case Management System (iCMS) for electronic services provided by the registries of the District Court and Magistrates' Courts as usual. Any documents filed via the iCMS during the registries' closure period will be deemed to have been received upon their reopening.

It is anticipated that there will be a significant number of people going to the courts. In particular, for the High Court, District Court and West Kowloon Law Courts Building, given the need for security screening, court users are advised to arrive at the court buildings earlier to allow time for screening, particularly during the peak hours.