

Reopening of China Ferry Terminal

Attention duty announcers, radio and TV stations:

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

The Marine Department announces that the China Ferry Terminal in Tsim Sha Tsui has been reopened.

For details of ferry schedules, please contact relevant shipping companies direct.

Care centres remain open

Attention duty announcers, radio and TV stations:

Please broadcast the following special announcement immediately, and repeat it at frequent intervals:

"The Social Welfare Department announces that due to the issuing of Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 3, members of the public are advised not to take their children or family members to child care centres, centres providing after school care programmes, elderly services centres or day rehabilitation units, including sheltered workshops, integrated vocational rehabilitation services centres and day activity centres. These centres will, however, remain open to serve those whose families cannot provide alternative care for them."

Classes of kindergartens and some special schools are suspended

Attention TV and radio duty announcers:

Please broadcast the following special announcement by the Education Bureau concerning schools, and repeat it at suitable intervals:

As the Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal no. 3 is now in force, classes of kindergartens, schools for children with physical disability and schools for

children with intellectual disability are suspended today.

Reopening of Hong Kong-Macau Ferry Terminal

Attention duty announcers, radio and TV stations:

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

The Marine Department announces that the Hong Kong-Macau Ferry Terminal in Sheung Wan has been reopened.

For details of ferry schedules, please contact relevant shipping companies direct.

Tropical Cyclone Wipha roundup

As Tropical Cyclone Wipha is moving away from Hong Kong, the Hong Kong Observatory issued the Strong Wind Signal No. 3 at 11.40pm yesterday (July 31) to replace the No. 8 Northeast Gale or Storm Signal issued at 1.40pm.

During the typhoon period, the 1823 Government Call Centre received 14 reports of fallen trees. The Drainage Services Department received three confirmed flooding cases. The Civil Engineering and Development Department received three reports of landslide.

The Home Affairs Department opened 25 temporary shelters in various districts and 253 people sought refuge at the shelters.

According to the Hospital Authority, as at 11.30pm, a total of 20 people, including eight men and 12 women, have sought medical treatment at public hospitals during the typhoon period.

On air traffic, the Airport Authority Hong Kong reported that a total of 693 flights were delayed and 25 flights were cancelled yesterday.