

Marine Department announcement

Attention duty announcers, radio and TV stations:

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

As Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No.3 has been issued, the Marine Department reminds vessel owners, masters and persons-in-charge of vessels that they should take precautionary measures immediately and properly secure their vessels at safe locations.

In case of an accident, a report should be made immediately to the Vessel Traffic Centre at 2233 7801.

Care centres operating on Saturdays 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 while Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 3 has been issued, child care centres, centres providing after school care programmes, elderly services centres and day rehabilitation units, including sheltered workshops and integrated vocational rehabilitation services centres, which normally operate on Saturdays remain open. However, if necessary, members of the public can contact the centres to make arrangements for the safe return home of their children and family members."

Suspension of "A Symphony of Lights"

Attention duty announcers, radio and TV stations,

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

The Tourism Commission has announced that due to the issuing of

Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 3 by the Hong Kong Observatory, "A Symphony of Lights" will be cancelled tonight (September 15).

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. These schools, however, should keep their premises open and implement contingency measures to look after arriving students. They should ensure that conditions are safe before allowing students to return home.

Tai O temporary shelters and Transit Centre opened

The Islands District Office (IDO) announces that, the temporary shelters at the Tai O Rural Committee Office, the Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association Tai O Community Work Office on the ground floor of Lung Tin Shopping Centre as well as the Lung Tin Transit Centre have been opened for residents in need. Residents who need to stay at the Lung Tin Transit Centre may register at the Lung Tin Estate Office. In addition, IDO will also arrange coaches for residents in need to move to temporary shelters at Tung Chung Community Hall or Mui Wo Sports Centre as appropriate.

The Police, the Fire Services Department and the Civil Aid Service personnel will help the affected residents, if needed, to move to the temporary shelters or other safe locations.

Residents in need are advised to take shelter at a safe place as soon as possible. The IDO will monitor the situation closely and co-ordinate with other government departments to render full assistance to residents in need.