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Affected by torrential rain brought by the trough of low pressure associated with the remnants of Typhoon Haikui, extensive flooding has occurred in Hong Kong, causing severely disrupted public transportation and an extremely high risk of landslides. The Government announced today (September 8) that the extreme conditions will continue at least until 6pm.

A Government spokesman called on members of the public again to stay indoors during the severe weather to ensure their own safety and to stay away from low-lying areas. Employers are reminded that all employees other than essential staff should not be required to report for duty at workplaces.

"The work arrangement in times of extreme conditions is the same as that of a Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 8. Apart from essential staff who have an agreement with their employers to be on duty at workplaces when the extreme conditions exist, employees are advised to stay where they currently are or at safe places, instead of heading for work. The Government will review the situation, while employers and employees should stay alert to further government announcements."

The Government will keep monitoring closely the latest situation of the weather, roads and public transport services, and announce the upcoming arrangements at 3pm today. Members of the public should pay attention to the latest information.