

# Flood alert system for Tai O and emergency co-ordination centre activated

The Islands District Office (IsDO) has announced that, according to the forecast of the Hong Kong Observatory, the sea level at Tai O may rise to 3.3 metres above Chart Datum or more in tomorrow (September 2) morning under the influence of the tropical cyclone, and may lead to tidal backflow and serious flooding in the low-lying areas of Tai O.

The IsDO has activated an emergency co-ordination centre, jointly set up by the IsDO, the Fire Services Department (FSD), the Police, the Social Welfare Department, other government departments concerned and relevant non-governmental organisations, at the Tai O Rural Committee. The emergency co-ordination centre will co-ordinate any necessary evacuation, rescue and emergency relief efforts for Tai O. In addition, temporary shelters at the Tai O Rural Committee, the Neighbourhood Advice-Action Council Tung Chung Integrated Services Centre and the Hong Kong Young Women's Christian Association, Tai O Community Work Office, as well as the Lung Tin Transit Centre, have been opened for residents in need.

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

Residents living in the low-lying areas of Tai O are advised to take shelter at a safe place before the flood arrives. The IsDO will monitor the situation closely and co-ordinate with other government departments to render full assistance to residents in need.