

GEO reminds public to stay vigilant against landslides

The Geotechnical Engineering Office (GEO) of the Civil Engineering and Development Department today (September 8) reminded the public to remain vigilant to the risk of landslides as Hong Kong is being affected by the torrential rain brought by the trough of low pressure associated with the remnant of Haikui.

Since operation from 00.44am today, the GEO Emergency Control Centre has received seven landslide reports as at 8am. Six of the landslides were on Hong Kong Island and one was in the New Territories. Geotechnical engineers have been deployed to inspect the landslide sites and offer advice to various government departments and emergency service personnel to help ensure public safety.

The GEO reminded members of the public to stay away from slopes when the landslip warning is in force or under heavy rain. Motorists should avoid driving in hilly areas or parking vehicles in front of slopes. Residents living close to slopes should stay in rooms furthest away from slopes or on high floors if possible. When a notification to evacuate is received, members of the public should follow rescuers' instructions and move immediately to a safe shelter. If they witness a landslide, they should leave immediately and call the Police under safe conditions.