

Grant approved for typhoon victims in the Philippines

The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region has approved from the Disaster Relief Fund a grant of \$0.54 million to Amity Foundation, Hong Kong for providing relief to typhoon victims in the Philippines.

Announcing the grant today (January 3), a Government spokesman said that the grant will be used to provide drinking water, rice, dried fish, canned food, beans, sugar and cooking oil to around 9 000 victims to address their imminent need. The grant was approved under the fast-track mechanism set up on the advice of the Disaster Relief Fund Advisory Committee to facilitate relief agencies kick-starting first-phase emergency relief work.

"In line with the practices, Amity Foundation, Hong Kong will submit an evaluation report and an audited account on the use of the grant after the relief project has been completed," the spokesman said.