

Inter-departmental pre-typhoon table-top exercise concludes successfully

The Security Bureau held an inter-departmental pre-typhoon table-top exercise today (May 6) at the Emergency Monitoring and Support Centre in the Central Government Offices to enhance the collaboration of bureaux, departments and other parties concerned in handling possible emergency situations when Hong Kong is struck by a super typhoon.

The Hong Kong Observatory forecasts that there will be five to eight tropical cyclones hitting Hong Kong this year and the tropical cyclone season will begin in June or earlier. To strengthen the overall readiness of the Government in dealing with extreme weather-related threats, representatives from around 40 bureaux, departments and other parties concerned participated in this year's exercise.

The exercise simulated a scenario of a super typhoon battering Hong Kong and causing widespread property damage and serious blockage of main thoroughfares. Participants were required to set out what they would be doing in different scenarios. The exercise also served as an interdisciplinary platform for the participants to share their experience and expertise. Through the exercise, the participating parties have gained better understanding of their own roles and responsibilities and those of others, which is conducive to better preparedness and enhanced inter-departmental collaboration in responding to the threats arising from super typhoons.

The Government will continue to work on strengthening capabilities on all fronts in the face of the challenges of extreme weather so as to safeguard the life and property of people of Hong Kong.