

Inter-departmental pre-typhoon table-top exercise successfully concluded (with photo)

The Security Bureau today (May 30) held an inter-departmental table-top exercise in the Emergency Monitoring and Support Centre at the Central Government Offices. The exercise simulated a super typhoon scenario to test the preparedness, response and recovery capabilities as well as the decision-making process and interoperability of relevant government bureaux and departments.

The exercise aimed to try out new initiatives and arrangements following a review concluded by the Government earlier on the handling of super typhoons. These included the activation of the new Steering Committee to be chaired by the Chief Secretary for Administration, and new work arrangements after a Typhoon Signal Number 8 is cancelled in exceptional cases. A variety of spin-off scenarios were also added to test the co-ordination, contingency measures and capabilities of participating bureaux and departments.

A spokesman for the Security Bureau said, "The exercise concluded successfully, with officers from more than 30 bureaux, departments and other external parties involved in the handling of natural disasters taking part. The Government will assess the outcome of the exercise with a view to enhancing relevant bureaux and departments' general awareness and co-ordination in various aspects of contingency handling."

