<u>Public urged not to visit beaches for water sports activities during passage of typhoon</u>

Attention TV/ radio announcers:

Please broadcast the following as soon as possible:

As Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 3 is in force, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department (LCSD) today (September 4) calls on members of the public to stay away from the shoreline during inclement weather, and should not conduct any water sports activities on beaches to avoid causing danger to themselves and rescue personnel.

The LCSD may decide to temporarily close beaches in response to changes in weather conditions. If members of the public enagage in water sports at beaches that have been temporarily closed, offenders may be fined up to HK\$2,000 and imprisoned for 14 days. Members of the public are urged not to defy the law.