

# Relief fund for farmers affected by heavy rainstorm

Local farmers who suffered serious losses caused by the recent heavy rainstorm can register with the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) from tomorrow (June 10) to June 18 for assistance from an emergency relief fund.

An AFCD spokesman said today (June 9) that an appropriate amount of the relief fund would be released to affected farming households according to established criteria.

The department's preliminary investigation has revealed that about 300 hectares of farmland in the New Territories were affected by the rainstorm.

"After each typhoon or natural disaster, AFCD staff will inspect farmland areas in the New Territories to assess the resulting damage," the spokesman said.

"Depending on the gravity of the damage, the department may launch an operation to provide some relief to affected farmers."

In order to avoid crowds gathering and to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19, local crop farms that have been seriously affected by the heavy rainstorm may make prior registration appointments with the Agricultural Extension Office at 2476 2424 or 2477 9408 to facilitate the arrangement of farm inspections. If they choose to register their applications at the Office on 5/F, Yuen Long Government Offices, 2 Kiu Lok Square, Yuen Long, they should also make prior appointments.