

## Relief fund for farmers and fishermen affected by Super Typhoon Mangkhut (with photos)

Local farmers and fishermen who suffered serious losses caused by Super Typhoon Mangkhut can register with the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) from tomorrow (September 19) to September 28 for assistance from an emergency relief fund.

An AFCD spokesman said today (September 18) that an appropriate amount of the relief fund would be released for the affected farmers and fishermen according to established criteria.

The department's preliminary investigation has revealed that farmland in the New Territories, fish rafts and fish ponds in all districts and some fishing vessels suffered different levels of damage, some of which was severe.

"After each typhoon or natural disaster, the AFCD staff will contact farmers and fishermen to learn the situation regarding their farmland, fish rafts, fish ponds and fishing vessels to assess the damage situation," the spokesman said.

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

Farmers applying for the fund should register at the office of the AFCD's Agricultural Extension Section at 5/F, Yuen Long Government Offices, 2 Kiu Lok Square, Yuen Long, or call 2476 2424 for enquiries.

Marine fish farmers can register at the office of Licensing and Enforcement Section of the AFCD at 8/F, Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices, 303 Cheung Sha Wan Road, Kowloon, Aberdeen Fisheries Offices, 100A Shek Pai Wan Road, Aberdeen, Tai Po Wholesale Fish Market, 1 Yu On Street, Sam Mun Chai, Tai Po, or Sai Kung Wholesale Fish Market, 18-20 Hoi Pong Street, Sai Kung, or call 2150 7108 for enquiries.

Pond fish farmers can register at the office of Au Tau Fisheries Office at 27 Milestone, Castle Peak Road, Yuen Long, or Tai Po Wholesale Fish Market, 1 Yu On Street, Sam Mun Chai, Tai Po, or Sai Kung Wholesale Fish Market, or call 2471 9174 for enquiries.

Capture fishermen can apply at the office of the Liaison and Special Duties Section of AFCD at 8/F, Cheung Sha Wan Government Offices, or the Fisheries Liaison Assistants' Offices at the Wholesale Fish Markets of the Fish Marketing Organization and the Cheung Chau Liaison Office, or call 2150 7099 for enquiries.

