

Reopening of China Ferry Terminal

Attention duty announcers, radio and TV stations:

Please broadcast the following message as soon as possible and repeat at suitable intervals:

The Marine Department announces that the China Ferry Terminal in Tsim Sha Tsui has been reopened.

For details of ferry schedules, please contact relevant shipping companies direct.

Tropical Cyclone Mangkhut roundup

As Severe Tropical Storm Mangkhut is moving away from Hong Kong, the Hong Kong Observatory replaced the No. 8 Southeast Gale or Storm Signal issued at 7.40pm yesterday (September 16), by the Strong Wind Signal No.3 at 5.20am today (September 17).

As at 9pm yesterday, the 1823 Government Call Centre has received 262 reports of fallen trees. The Drainage Services Department has received 46 confirmed flooding cases. According to the Civil Engineering and Development Department and Lands Department, one report of landslide has been received.

As at 5.20am, a total of 1 539 people have sought refuge at the temporary shelters opened by the Home Affairs Department. Forty-six shelters are still in operation.

According to the Hospital Authority, as at 5am, a total of 391 people, including 219 men and 172 women, have sought medical treatment at the Accident and Emergency Departments at public hospitals during the typhoon period.

On air traffic, the Airport Authority Hong Kong reported that a total of 889 flights have been cancelled yesterday.

SWD urges public not to take children

/ family members to care centres today

Attention duty announcers, radio and TV stations:

Please broadcast the following special announcement immediately, and repeat it at frequent intervals:

"The Social Welfare Department announces that due to the inclement weather and possible damages of traffic and road facilities, members of the public are advised not to take their children or family members to the child care centres, centres providing after school care programmes, elderly services centres and day rehabilitation units, including sheltered workshops and integrated vocational rehabilitation services centres today (September 17). Members of the public who have a genuine need to receive the services mentioned are advised to contact the service units concerned and confirm their operation conditions in advance."

Temporary closure of several LCSD venues and facilities

The Leisure and Cultural Services Department announced today (September 17) that due to damages brought about by Tropical Cyclone Mangkhut, the following venues/facilities have been temporarily closed for clearance and urgent repair works until further notice.

Hong Kong Island

1. Eastern District:

- Siu Sai Wan Sports Ground

2. Southern District:

- Stanley Main Beach Water Sports Centre
- St. Stephen's Beach Water Sports Centre

Kowloon

1. Wong Tai Sin District:

- Nan Lian Garden

New Territories

1. Sai Kung District:

- Hong Kong Velodrome (arena)
- Chong Hing Water Sports Centre
- The Jockey Club Wong Shek Water Sports Centre

2. Tai Po District:
– Tai Mei Tuk Water Sports Centre
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Temporary closure of Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence

A Leisure and Cultural Services Department spokesman announced today (September 17) that the Hong Kong Museum of Coastal Defence (MCD) is now closed for repair work as its tensile structure was seriously damaged due to Tropical Cyclone Mangkhut.

As the MCD has already planned for closure in early next year for facility improvement and revamping of its permanent exhibition, the renovation and necessary repair works will be planned and implemented on a holistic basis. It is anticipated that the MCD will be closed for a relatively long period of time until further notice.