

## Relief fund for farmers and fishermen affected by Super Typhoon Mangkhut being issued

Local farmers and fishermen who suffered serious losses caused by Super Typhoon Mangkhut and registered with and are eligible for the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) assistance from an emergency relief fund can successively receive funds after being notified by the department.

An AFCD spokesman said today (October 19) that an appropriate amount of the relief fund would be released for the affected farmers and fishermen according to established criteria. During the application period, the department received applications from 1 649 farmers, 478 marine fish farmers and 54 pond fish farmers. As at today, the department has granted a total of \$760,422.50 to 147 farmers, and \$1.54 million and \$262,405.30 to 99 marine fish farmers and 25 pond fish farmers respectively. Due to the large number of applications, the department has been stepping up its efforts to process the remaining cases, in order to provide assistance to eligible local farmers and fishermen as soon as possible.

Moreover, farmers who require further assistance can apply for farming loans 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.

Capture fishermen can still apply for the relief fund on or before October 31 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. Fish farmers and fishermen who need further assistance can apply for fisheries loans at the above offices, or call 2150 7095 for enquiries.