

## Hospital Authority resumes service arrangements

The following is issued on behalf of the Hospital Authority:

The Hospital Authority (HA) announces that its general out-patient clinics (GOPCs), specialist out-patient clinics (SOPCs), allied health and other day services will resume service gradually within two hours after the cancellation of the Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 8.

Chronic illness or specialist out-patient clinic patients, who have scheduled appointment at GOPCs, SOPCs, allied health or other day services, can follow the instructions listed on the appointment slips for the arrangement, if their appointments are affected by the typhoon. Patients who booked their appointments via the telephone system or mobile apps "HA Go" can make a new appointment one hour after the cancellation of the Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 8.

The HA spokesman said, "Due to the bad weather, some patients were unable to attend their consultations. It is anticipated that the number of patients will increase in the coming few days. The HA has adopted different measures to enhance manpower and service capacity so as to cope with the demand and to render assistance to patients in need."

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## Announcement by Judiciary on arrangements during Tropical Cyclone Warning (2)

The following is issued on behalf of the Judiciary:

The Judiciary has announced that as the Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 8 was still in force at 11am, all hearings of the courts and tribunals are adjourned today (September 6). When the Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 8 is cancelled, all hearings of the courts and tribunals for tomorrow (September 7), including any admission proceedings, will be held as scheduled.

Those who were due to attend court hearings today but were affected by the issuing of the Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 8, including the jurors, should do so at 9.30am on the next working day (September 9).

Court/tribunal registries and offices will open at 2.40pm today upon the cancellation of the Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 8. Before that, court users may use the integrated Court Case Management System (iCMS) for electronic services provided by the registries of the District Court and Magistrates' Courts as usual. Any documents filed via the iCMS during the registries' closure period will be deemed to have been received upon their reopening.

It is anticipated that there will be a significant number of people going to the courts. In particular, for the High Court, District Court and West Kowloon Law Courts Building, given the need for security screening, court users are advised to arrive at the court buildings earlier to allow time for screening, particularly during the peak hours in the morning and after the lunch break.

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## **Typhoon Yagi situation report (7)**

The No. 8 Northeast Gale or Storm Signal issued by the Hong Kong Observatory at 6.20pm yesterday (September 5) remains in force.

The Home Affairs Department has so far opened 30 temporary shelters in various districts and 269 people have sought refuge at the shelters.

As at 10am today (September 6), the Fire Services Department, the Government's 1823 Call Centre and the Leisure and Cultural Services Department received 58 reports, 19 reports and two reports of fallen trees respectively. The Drainage Services Department received one confirmed case of flooding. No report of landslide has been received so far.

According to the Hospital Authority, as at 10am today, five people, including two men and three women, sought medical treatment at the Accident and Emergency Departments at public hospitals during the typhoon period.

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## **Arrangement for Resumption of Immigration Services**

Attention duty announcers, radio and TV stations

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

The Immigration Department announces that as the Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 8 will be cancelled at 12:40 p.m., services at the Immigration Headquarters and all Branch Offices, Registration of Persons Offices, and Births, Deaths and Marriage Registries will resume in 2 hours after the Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 8 has been cancelled.

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## **Care centres to resume normal service if weather and conditions permit**

Attention duty announcers, radio and TV stations:

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

"Due to the inclement weather, the Social Welfare Department advises members of the public not to take their children or family members to child care centres, centres providing after school care programmes, elderly services centres or day rehabilitation units including sheltered workshops, integrated vocational rehabilitation services centres, integrated vocational training centres and day activity centres. These centres will resume normal service in two hours after the cancellation of Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 8, to serve those whose families cannot provide alternative care for them, if the weather and conditions permit. Members of the public who have the need for the services mentioned may contact the centres or service units concerned in advance."