



# DAILY INFORMATION BULLETIN

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## PUBLIC ENQUIRIES WHEN TYPHOON SIGNAL IS UP

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Members of the public should ring up the Public Enquiries Centre of the Secretariat for Home Affairs at No. 3-456381, if they require non-technical information when a tropical cyclone warning signal is up.

"The staff of the Royal Observatory are very busy at that time and they only answer questions on more technical points," the Director of the Royal Observatory said today.

"The public should therefore co-operate by not telephoning the Royal Observatory unless absolutely necessary."

In fact, the quickest and most convenient way is to listen-in to the weather bulletins prepared by the Royal Observatory for radio broadcast.

When a tropical cyclone is likely to affect Hong Kong, the Royal Observatory will issue local warning bulletins containing relative information useful to the public.

These bulletins, and all other latest information, will be passed through the Government Information Services at any time to the Press and radio and T.V. stations.

When No. 1 or No. 3 signal is hoisted, about 11 bulletins are broadcast daily by Radio Hong Kong and Commercial Radio.

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When higher signals are up, the Royal Observatory will issue these bulletins day and night. They will be broadcast at the 30th and 58th minutes of the hour by radio stations which will usually remain on air throughout the night.

Under the new format of local warning bulletins now in use, general information that can be easily understood by the man in the street is contained in the first half of the bulletins, with more technical details in the second.

Apart from change of signals and their respective meaning, the bulletins also indicate the intensity of the tropical cyclone, its latest position and movement. The trend of the tropical cyclone's movement and its likely effects on Hong Kong are also shown.

Whenever possible, the bulletins will point out the wind force near the centre of the tropical cyclone, the average wind speed and gust speed recorded in the harbour and from the coast.

The bulletins also forecast the amount of rainfall which may accompany the tropical cyclone and the possible tidal change within Hong Kong's waters.

"This information can usually satisfy the general needs of residents and enable them to decide on necessary precaution," the Director of Royal Observatory said.

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