

Tropical cyclone warnings of Signal No. 8 or above issued by the Observatory during the passage of York in September 1999

Here is the latest tropical cyclone warning issued at 3:20 a.m. 16 September 1999 by the Hong Kong Observatory.

The No. 8 Northeast Gale or Storm Signal was hoisted at 3:15 a.m.

This means that winds with mean speeds of 63 kilometres per hour or more are expected from the northwest quarter.

At 3 a.m., Severe Tropical Storm York was centred about 130 kilometres southeast of the Hong Kong (near 21.6 degrees north, 115.2 degrees east). It is forecast to move northwest at about 10 kilometres per hour towards the vicinity of Zhujiang Estuary.

On its present track, York will be very close to Hong Kong during the day today and winds will increase further in strength with heavy rain.

You are reminded to complete all precautionary measures.

At present, local winds are generally strong. In the past hour, winds of 62 kilometres per hour were recorded at Cheung Chau.

(1) Complete all precautions in your home. Lock all windows and doors, fit bars into position and insert reinforced shutters and gates if they are available. Adhesive tape fixed to large window-panes in exposed positions will reduce damage by broken glass. Storm water drains should be cleared of leaves and rubbish.

(2) Park your car where it is least likely to be damaged.

(3) Weather information is being broadcast at the 15th, 30th, 45th and 58th minute of each hour. Please listen to your radio or watch your T.V. for the weather information.

(4) Do not stand near windows on the exposed side of your home. Move all furniture and valuables away from these areas. Make sure you have a safe place to shelter, should windows be broken.

(5) Now is the time to decide which rooms you will use for shelter if the windows on the exposed side of your home become broken.

(6) Since seas are high, you are advised to stay away from the shoreline and not to engage in water sports.

(7) For safety reasons, it is suggested that all outdoor activities be cancelled.

(8) Owners of neon signs should arrange to cut off the electricity supply to these signs.

Here is the latest tropical cyclone warning issued at 3:45 a.m. 16 September 1999 by the Hong Kong Observatory.

The no. 8 Northwest Gale or Storm Signal is hoisted.

This means that winds with mean speeds of 63 kilometres per hour or more are expected from the northwest quarter.

At 4 a.m., Severe Tropical Storm York was centred about 120 kilometres southeast of Hong Kong (near 21.7 degrees north, 115.1 degrees east). It is forecast to move northwest at about 10 kilometres per hour towards the vicinity of Zhujiang Estuary.

On its present track, York will be very close to Hong Kong during the day today and winds will increase further in strength with heavy rain.

You are reminded to complete all precautionary measures.

At present, local winds are generally strong. In the past hour, winds of 62 kilometres per hour were recorded at Cheung Chau.

(1) Complete all precautions in your home. Lock all windows and doors, fit bars into position and insert reinforced shutters and gates if they are available. Adhesive tape fixed to large window-panes in exposed positions will reduce damage by broken glass. Storm water drains should be cleared of leaves and rubbish.

(2) Park your car where it is least likely to be damaged.

(3) Weather information is being broadcast at the 15th, 30th, 45th and 58th minute of each hour. Please listen to your radio or watch your T.V. for the weather information.

(4) Do not stand near windows on the exposed side of your home. Move all furniture and valuables away from these areas. Make sure you have a safe place to shelter, should windows be broken.

(5) Now is the time to decide which rooms you will use for shelter if the windows on the exposed side of your home become broken.

(6) Since seas are high, you are advised to stay away from the shoreline and not to engage in water sports.

(7) For safety reasons, it is suggested that all outdoor activities be cancelled.

(8) Owners of neon signs should arrange to cut off the electricity supply to these signs.

Here is the latest tropical cyclone warning issued at 4:45 a.m. 16 September 1999 by the Hong Kong Observatory.

The No. 8 Northwest Gale or Storm Signal is hoisted.

This means that winds with mean speeds of 63 kilometres per hour or more are expected from the northwest quarter.

At 5 a.m., Severe Tropical Storm York was centred about 100 kilometres east-southeast of Hong Kong (near 21.8 degrees north, 115.0 degrees east). It is forecast to move northwest at about 10

kilometres per hour towards the vicinity of Zhujiang Estuary.

On its present track, York will be very close to Hong Kong during the day today. As the eye of York is relatively large, rainbands in the vicinity of the eye will affect Hong Kong shortly. Local winds will increase further in strength and higher signals may be required.

You are reminded to complete all precautionary measures.

In the past hour, winds of 68 kilometres per hour were recorded at Cheung Chau.

(1) Complete all precautions in your home. Lock all windows and doors, fit bars into position and insert reinforced shutters and gates if they are available. Adhesive tape fixed to large window-panes in exposed positions will reduce damage by broken glass. Storm water drains should be cleared of leaves and rubbish.

(2) Park your car where it is least likely to be damaged.

(3) Weather information is being broadcast at the 15th, 30th, 45th and 58th minute of each hour. Please listen to your radio or watch your T.V. for the weather information.

(4) Do not stand near windows on the exposed side of your home. Move all furniture and valuables away from these areas. Make sure you have a safe place to shelter, should windows be broken.

(5) Now is the time to decide which rooms you will use for shelter if the windows on the exposed side of your home become broken.

(6) Since seas are high, you are advised to stay away from the shoreline and not to engage in water sports.

(7) For safety reasons, it is suggested that all outdoor activities be cancelled.

(8) Owners of neon signs should arrange to cut off the electricity supply to these signs.

Here is the latest tropical cyclone warning issued at 5:21 a.m. 16 September 1999 by the Hong Kong Observatory.

The Increasing Gale or Storm Signal, No. 9, was hoisted at 5:20 a.m.

This means that winds are expected to increase significantly as York moves closer to Hong Kong.

York has intensified into a typhoon. At 5 a.m. York was centred about 100 kilometres east-southeast of Hong Kong (near 21.8 degrees north 115.0 degrees East) and is forecast to move northwest at 15 kilometres per hour towards Hong Kong.

As York has intensified into a typhoon and is accelerating to move closer to Hong Kong, the eye of York will pass through Hong Kong this morning. There will be a temporary lull with significant decrease in wind strength over parts of the territory. This will be followed by a sudden resumption of violent winds from a different direction. Places which have been sheltered before will become more exposed to the winds.

In the past hour, winds of 83 kilometres per hour were recorded at Cheung Chau.

(1) Do not go outside. If you are reasonably protected, stay where you are and keep well away from all windows. Close all interior doors and make sure children are confined to the least exposed part of your home. On no account should you touch electric cables that have been blown loose.

(2) Stay away from exposed windows and doors because glass, already under strain from wind pressure, will shatter if a flying object should hit it. Make sure you have a safe place to shelter, should windows be broken. You should only fix broken windows and doors when there is no danger in doing so.

(3) If the eye of the typhoon passes directly over Hong Kong, there may be a temporary lull lasting from a few minutes to several hours. This will be followed by a sudden resumption of violent winds from a different direction. Remain where you are if protected and be prepared for destructive winds and the change in wind directions. Listen to broadcast warnings.

(4) Since seas are phenomenal, you are advised to stay away from the shoreline and not to engage in water sports.

(5) You must arrange to get home or to a safe place immediately.

(6) If you are away from home and cannot return fairly soon, find a safe place and remain there until the danger is over.

Here is the latest tropical cyclone warning issued at 5:45 a.m. 16 September 1999 by the Hong Kong Observatory.

The Increasing Gale or Storm Signal, No. 9, is hoisted.

This means that winds are expected to increase significantly as Typhoon York moves even closer to Hong Kong.

At 6 a.m., Typhoon York was centred about 60 kilometres southeast of the Hong Kong Observatory (near 22.0 degrees north 114.6 degrees east) and is forecast to move northwest at about 20 kilometres per hour towards Hong Kong.

As York has intensified into a typhoon and is accelerating to move closer to Hong Kong, the eye of York will pass through Hong Kong this morning. There will be a temporary lull with significant decrease in wind strength over parts of the territory. This will be followed by a sudden resumption of violent winds from a different direction. Places which have been sheltered before will become more exposed to the winds.

In the past hour, winds of 83 kilometres per hour were recorded at Cheung Chau.

(1) Do not go outside. If you are reasonably protected, stay where you are and keep well away from all windows. Close all interior doors and make sure children are confined to the least exposed part of your home. On no account should you touch electric cables that have been blown loose.

(2) Stay away from exposed windows and doors because glass, already under strain from wind

pressure, will shatter if a flying object should hit it. Make sure you have a safe place to shelter, should windows be broken. You should only fix broken windows and doors when there is no danger in doing so.

(3) If the eye of the typhoon passes directly over Hong Kong, there may be a temporary lull lasting from a few minutes to several hours. This will be followed by a sudden resumption of violent winds from a different direction. Remain where you are if protected and be prepared for destructive winds and the change in wind directions. Listen to broadcast warnings.

(4) Since seas are phenomenal, you are advised to stay away from the shoreline and not to engage in water sports.

(5) You must arrange to get home or to a safe place immediately.

(6) If you are away from home and cannot return fairly soon, find a safe place and remain there until the danger is over.

Here is the latest tropical cyclone warning issued at 6:46 a.m. 16 September 1999 by the Hong Kong Observatory.

The Hurricane Signal, No. 10, was hoisted at 6:45 a.m.

This means that winds with mean speeds of 118 kilometres per hour or more are expected.

At 7 a.m., Typhoon York was centred about 40 kilometres southeast of the Hong Kong Observatory (near 22.1 degrees north 114.5 degrees east) and is forecast to move northwest at about 20 kilometres per hour directly towards Hong Kong.

Typhoon York will hit Hong Kong directly. Its eye will cross Hong Kong from southeast to northwest in the next few hours.

There will be a temporary lull with significant decrease in wind strength over parts of the territory. This will be followed by a sudden resumption of violent winds from a different direction. Places which have been sheltered before will become more exposed to the winds.

In the past hour, winds of 87 and 83 kilometres per hour were recorded at Cheung Chau and Sai Kung respectively.

(1) Do not go outside. If you are reasonably protected, stay where you are and keep well away from all windows. Close all interior doors and make sure children are confined to the least exposed part of your home. On no account should you touch electric cables that have been blown loose.

(2) Stay away from exposed windows and doors because glass, already under strain from wind pressure, will shatter if a flying object should hit it. Make sure you have a safe place to shelter, should windows be broken. You should only fix broken windows and doors when there is no danger in doing so.

(3) If the eye of the typhoon passes directly over Hong Kong, there may be a temporary lull lasting from a few minutes to several hours. This will be followed by a sudden resumption of violent winds from a different direction. Remain where you are if protected and be prepared for

destructive winds and the change in wind directions. Listen to broadcast warnings.

(4) Since seas are phenomenal, you are advised to stay away from the shoreline and not to engage in water sports.

(5) You must arrange to get home or to a safe place immediately.

(6) If you are away from home and cannot return fairly soon, find a safe place and remain there until the danger is over.

Here is the latest tropical cyclone warning issued at 7:45 a.m. 16 September 1999 by the Hong Kong Observatory.

The Hurricane Signal, No. 10, was hoisted at 6:45 a.m.

This means that winds with mean speeds of 118 kilometres per hour or more are expected.

At 8 a.m., Typhoon York was centred about 35 kilometres southeast of the Hong Kong Observatory (near 22.1 degrees north 114.4 degrees east) and is forecast to move northwest at about 15 kilometres per hour directly towards Hong Kong.

Typhoon York is now hitting Hong Kong directly. Its eye is now affecting the southeastern part of the territories. There will be a temporary lull with significant decrease in wind over these areas.

However, the public are advised not to relax their precaution as there will be a sudden resumption of violent winds from a different direction. Places which have been sheltered before will become more exposed to the winds.

In the past hour, mean winds of 90 and 106 kilometres per hour were recorded at Cheung Chau and Sai Kung respectively.

(1) Do not go outside. If you are reasonably protected, stay where you are and keep well away from all windows. Close all interior doors and make sure children are confined to the least exposed part of your home. On no account should you touch electric cables that have been blown loose.

(2) Stay away from exposed windows and doors because glass, already under strain from wind pressure, will shatter if a flying object should hit it. Make sure you have a safe place to shelter, should windows be broken. You should only fix broken windows and doors when there is no danger in doing so.

(3) If the eye of the typhoon passes directly over Hong Kong, there may be a temporary lull lasting from a few minutes to several hours. This will be followed by a sudden resumption of violent winds from a different direction. Remain where you are if protected and be prepared for destructive winds and the change in wind directions. Listen to broadcast warnings.

(4) Since seas are phenomenal, you are advised to stay away from the shoreline and not to engage in water sports.

(5) You must arrange to get home or to a safe place immediately.

(6) If you are away from home and cannot return fairly soon, find a safe place and remain there until the danger is over.

Here is the latest tropical cyclone warning issued at 8:45 a.m. 16 September 1999 by the Hong Kong Observatory.

The Hurricane Signal, No. 10, is hoisted.

This means that winds with mean speeds of 118 kilometres per hour or more are expected.

At 9 a.m., Typhoon York was centred about 25 kilometres south-southeast of the Hong Kong Observatory (near 22.1 degrees north 114.3 degrees east) and is forecast to move west-northwest at about 15 kilometres per hour across the southern part of Hong Kong.

Typhoon York is now hitting Hong Kong directly. Northeasterly winds reaching hurricane force are now affecting part of the territory.

At the same time, York's eye is now affecting the southern part of the territory. There will be a temporary lull with significant decrease in wind over these areas. However, the public are advised not to relax their precautions as there will be a sudden resumption of violent winds from a different direction. Places which have been sheltered before will become more exposed to the winds.

In the past hour, mean winds of 104 and 100 kilometres per hour were recorded at Cheung Chau and Sai Kung respectively.

(1) Do not go outside. If you are reasonably protected, stay where you are and keep well away from all windows. Close all interior doors and make sure children are confined to the least exposed part of your home. On no account should you touch electric cables that have been blown loose.

(2) Stay away from exposed windows and doors because glass, already under strain from wind pressure, will shatter if a flying object should hit it. Make sure you have a safe place to shelter, should windows be broken. You should only fix broken windows and doors when there is no danger in doing so.

(3) If the eye of the typhoon passes directly over Hong Kong, there may be a temporary lull lasting from a few minutes to several hours. This will be followed by a sudden resumption of violent winds from a different direction. Remain where you are if protected and be prepared for destructive winds and the change in wind directions. Listen to broadcast warnings.

(4) Since seas are phenomenal, you are advised to stay away from the shoreline and not to engage in water sports.

(5) You must arrange to get home or to a safe place immediately.

(6) If you are away from home and cannot return fairly soon, find a safe place and remain there until the danger is over.

Here is the latest tropical cyclone warning issued at 9:45 a.m. 16 September 1999 by the Hong Kong Observatory.

The Hurricane Signal, No. 10, is hoisted.

This means that winds with mean speeds of 118 kilometres per hour or more are expected.

At 10 a.m., Typhoon York was centred about 25 kilometres south of the Hong Kong Observatory (near 22.1 degrees north 114.2 degrees east) and is forecast to move west-northwest at about 15 kilometres per hour passing near Lamma Island.

Northeasterly winds reaching hurricane force are now affecting parts of the territory. At the same time, York's eye is now affecting the southern part of the territory. There will be a temporary lull with decrease in wind over these areas. However, the public are advised not to relax their precautions as there will be a sudden resumption of violent winds from a different direction.

Places which have been sheltered before will become more exposed to the winds.

In the past hour, mean winds of 108 and 92 kilometres per hour were recorded at Cheung Chau and Sai Kung respectively.

(1) Do not go outside. If you are reasonably protected, stay where you are and keep well away from all windows. Close all interior doors and make sure children are confined to the least exposed part of your home. On no account should you touch electric cables that have been blown loose.

(2) Stay away from exposed windows and doors because glass, already under strain from wind pressure, will shatter if a flying object should hit it. Make sure you have a safe place to shelter, should windows be broken. You should only fix broken windows and doors when there is no danger in doing so.

(3) If the eye of the typhoon passes directly over Hong Kong, there may be a temporary lull lasting from a few minutes to several hours. This will be followed by a sudden resumption of violent winds from a different direction. Remain where you are if protected and be prepared for destructive winds and the change in wind directions. Listen to broadcast warnings.

(4) Since seas are phenomenal, you are advised to stay away from the shoreline and not to engage in water sports.

(5) You must arrange to get home or to a safe place immediately.

(6) If you are away from home and cannot return fairly soon, find a safe place and remain there until the danger is over.

Here is the latest tropical cyclone warning issued at 10:45 a.m. 16 September 1999 by the Hong Kong Observatory.

The Hurricane Signal, No. 10, is hoisted.

This means that winds with mean speeds of 118 kilometres per hour or more are expected.

At 11 a.m., Typhoon York was centred about 25 kilometres south-southwest of the Hong Kong Observatory (near 22.1 degrees north 114.1 degrees east) and is forecast to move west-northwest at about 15 kilometres per hour passing near Lamma Island and Cheung Chau.

Hurricane force winds are now affecting parts of the territory. Winds over the eastern part of the territory have turned southeasterly. At the same time, York's eye is now affecting the southern part of the territory. There will be a temporary lull with decrease in wind over these areas. However, the public are advised not to relax their precautions as there will be a sudden resumption of violent winds from a different direction. Places which have been sheltered before will become more exposed to the winds.

In the past hour, mean winds of 128 and 110 kilometres per hour were recorded at Waglan Island and Tai Mei Tuk respectively.

(1) Do not go outside. If you are reasonably protected, stay where you are and keep well away from all windows. Close all interior doors and make sure children are confined to the least exposed part of your home. On no account should you touch electric cables that have been blown loose.

(2) Stay away from exposed windows and doors because glass, already under strain from wind pressure, will shatter if a flying object should hit it. Make sure you have a safe place to shelter, should windows be broken. You should only fix broken windows and doors when there is no danger in doing so.

(3) If the eye of the typhoon passes directly over Hong Kong, there may be a temporary lull lasting from a few minutes to several hours. This will be followed by a sudden resumption of violent winds from a different direction. Remain where you are if protected and be prepared for destructive winds and the change in wind directions. Listen to broadcast warnings.

(4) Since seas are phenomenal, you are advised to stay away from the shoreline and not to engage in water sports.

(5) You must arrange to get home or to a safe place immediately.

(6) If you are away from home and cannot return fairly soon, find a safe place and remain there until the danger is over.

Here is the latest tropical cyclone warning issued at 11:45 a.m. 16 September 1999 by the Hong Kong Observatory.

The Hurricane Signal, No. 10, is hoisted.

This means that winds with mean speeds of 118 kilometres per hour or more are expected.

At noon, Typhoon York was centred about 30 kilometres southwest of the Hong Kong Observatory (near 22.1 degrees north 114.0 degrees east) and is forecast to move west-northwest at about 15 kilometres per hour passing to the south of Lantau Island.

Hurricane force winds are now affecting parts of the territory.

Winds over the urban areas and the eastern part of the territory have turned southeasterly. At the

same time, York's eye is now affecting the southwestern part of the territory. There will be a temporary lull with decrease in wind over these areas. However, the public are advised not to relax their precautions as there will be a sudden resumption of violent winds from a different direction. Places which have been sheltered before will become more exposed to the winds.

In the past hour, mean winds of 133 and 103 kilometres per hour were recorded at Waglan Island and Tai Mei Tuk respectively.

(1) Do not go outside. If you are reasonably protected, stay where you are and keep well away from all windows. Close all interior doors and make sure children are confined to the least exposed part of your home. On no account should you touch electric cables that have been blown loose.

(2) Stay away from exposed windows and doors because glass, already under strain from wind pressure, will shatter if a flying object should hit it. Make sure you have a safe place to shelter, should windows be broken. You should only fix broken windows and doors when there is no danger in doing so.

(3) If the eye of the typhoon passes directly over Hong Kong, there may be a temporary lull lasting from a few minutes to several hours. This will be followed by a sudden resumption of violent winds from a different direction. Remain where you are if protected and be prepared for destructive winds and the change in wind directions. Listen to broadcast warnings.

(4) Since seas are phenomenal, you are advised to stay away from the shoreline and not to engage in water sports.

(5) You must arrange to get home or to a safe place immediately.

(6) If you are away from home and cannot return fairly soon, find a safe place and remain there until the danger is over.

Here is the latest tropical cyclone warning issued at 12:45 p.m. 16 September 1999 by the Hong Kong Observatory.

The Hurricane Signal, No. 10, is hoisted.

This means that winds with mean speeds of 118 kilometres per hour or more are expected.

At 1 p.m., Typhoon York was centred about 30 kilometres west-southwest of the Hong Kong Observatory (near 22.2 degrees north 113.9 degrees east) and is forecast to move west-northwest at about 12 kilometres per hour passing to the south of Lantau Island, entering the Pearl River Estuary.

Hurricane force winds are now affecting parts of the territory.

Winds over the urban areas and the eastern part of the territory have turned southeasterly.

At the same time, York's eye is now affecting the Lantau Island. There will be a temporary lull with decrease in wind over these areas. However, the public are advised not to relax their precautions as there will be a sudden resumption of violent winds from a different direction. Places which have been sheltered before will become more exposed to the winds.

In the past hour, mean winds of 140 and 90 kilometres per hour were recorded at Waglan Island and Sai Kung respectively.

(1) Do not go outside. If you are reasonably protected, stay where you are and keep well away from all windows. Close all interior doors and make sure children are confined to the least exposed part of your home. On no account should you touch electric cables that have been blown loose.

(2) Stay away from exposed windows and doors because glass, already under strain from wind pressure, will shatter if a flying object should hit it. Make sure you have a safe place to shelter, should windows be broken. You should only fix broken windows and doors when there is no danger in doing so.

(3) If the eye of the typhoon passes directly over Hong Kong, there may be a temporary lull lasting from a few minutes to several hours. This will be followed by a sudden resumption of violent winds from a different direction. Remain where you are if protected and be prepared for destructive winds and the change in wind directions. Listen to broadcast warnings.

(4) Since seas are phenomenal, you are advised to stay away from the shoreline and not to engage in water sports.

(5) You must arrange to get home or to a safe place immediately.

(6) If you are away from home and cannot return fairly soon, find a safe place and remain there until the danger is over.

Here is the latest tropical cyclone warning issued at 1:45 p.m. 16 September 1999 by the Hong Kong Observatory.

The Hurricane Signal, No. 10, is hoisted.

This means that winds with mean speeds of 118 kilometres per hour or more are expected.

At 2 p.m., Typhoon York was centred about 40 kilometres west-southwest of the Hong Kong Observatory (near 22.2 degrees north 113.8 degrees east) and is forecast to move west-northwest at about 10 kilometres per hour crossing the pearl river estuary.

Winds over most parts of the territory have turned southeasterly.

In the past two hours, York has slowed down slightly and entered the Pearl River Estuary. At the same time, York's eye is now affecting the Lantau Island.

There will be a temporary lull with decrease in wind over these areas. However, the public are advised not to relax their precautions as there will be a sudden resumption of violent winds from a different direction. Places which have been sheltered before will become more exposed to the winds.

In the past hour, mean winds of 112 and 90 kilometres per hour were recorded at Waglan Island and Sai Kung respectively.

(1) Do not go outside. If you are reasonably protected, stay where you are and keep well away from all windows. Close all interior doors and make sure children are confined to the least exposed part of your home. On no account should you touch electric cables that have been blown loose.

(2) Stay away from exposed windows and doors because glass, already under strain from wind pressure, will shatter if a flying object should hit it. Make sure you have a safe place to shelter, should windows be broken. You should only fix broken windows and doors when there is no danger in doing so.

(3) If the eye of the typhoon passes directly over Hong Kong, there may be a temporary lull lasting from a few minutes to several hours. This will be followed by a sudden resumption of violent winds from a different direction. Remain where you are if protected and be prepared for destructive winds and the change in wind directions. Listen to broadcast warnings.

(4) Since seas are phenomenal, you are advised to stay away from the shoreline and not to engage in water sports.

(5) You must arrange to get home or to a safe place immediately.

(6) If you are away from home and cannot return fairly soon, find a safe place and remain there until the danger is over.

Here is the latest tropical cyclone warning issued at 2:45 p.m. 16 September 1999 by the Hong Kong Observatory.

The Hurricane Signal, No. 10, is hoisted.

This means that winds with mean speeds of 118 kilometres per hour or more are expected.

At 3 p.m., Typhoon York was centred about 50 kilometres west-southwest of the Hong Kong Observatory (near 22.2 degrees north 113.7 degrees east) and is forecast to move west-northwest at about 10 kilometres per hour across the west coast of the Pearl River Estuary.

York has entered the Pearl River Estuary and started to move away from Hong Kong. When hurricane force winds are no longer experienced in the territory, the Hong Kong Observatory will consider hoisting the No. 8 Gale or Storm Signal to replace Signal No. 10 in the next two hours.

At the same time, York's eye is now affecting the western part of Lantau Island. There will be a temporary lull with decrease in wind over these areas. However, the public are advised not to relax their precautions as there will be a sudden resumption of violent winds from a different direction. Places which have been sheltered before will become more exposed to the winds.

In the past hour, mean winds of 100 and 92 kilometres per hour were recorded at Waglan Island and Cheung Chau respectively.

(1) Do not go outside. If you are reasonably protected, stay where you are and keep well away from all windows. Close all interior doors and make sure children are confined to the least exposed part of your home. On no account should you touch electric cables that have been blown loose.

(2) Stay away from exposed windows and doors because glass, already under strain from wind pressure, will shatter if a flying object should hit it. Make sure you have a safe place to shelter, should windows be broken. You should only fix broken windows and doors when there is no danger in doing so.

(3) If the eye of the typhoon passes directly over Hong Kong, there may be a temporary lull lasting from a few minutes to several hours. This will be followed by a sudden resumption of violent winds from a different direction. Remain where you are if protected and be prepared for destructive winds and the change in wind directions. Listen to broadcast warnings.

(4) Since seas are phenomenal, you are advised to stay away from the shoreline and not to engage in water sports.

(5) You must arrange to get home or to a safe place immediately.

(6) If you are away from home and cannot return fairly soon, find a safe place and remain there until the danger is over.

Here is the latest tropical cyclone warning issued at 3:45 p.m. 16 September 1999 by the Hong Kong Observatory.

The Hurricane Signal, No. 10, is hoisted.

This means that winds with mean speeds of 118 kilometres per hour or more are expected.

At 4 p.m., Typhoon York was centred about 50 kilometres west of the Hong Kong Observatory (near 22.3 degrees north 113.7 degrees east) and is forecast to move west-northwest at about 10 kilometres per hour, making landfall at Zhu Hai.

Hurricane force winds are still affecting the seas between the Lantau Island and Hong Kong Island. The public are advised not to relax their precautions.

The Hong Kong Observatory will consider hoisting the No. 8 Gale or Storm Signal to replace Signal No. 10, when winds over the territory weaken.

In the past hour, mean winds of 92 and 110 kilometres per hour were recorded at Waglan Island and Cheung Chau respectively.

(1) Do not go outside. If you are reasonably protected, stay where you are and keep well away from all windows. Close all interior doors and make sure children are confined to the least exposed part of your home. On no account should you touch electric cables that have been blown loose.

(2) Stay away from exposed windows and doors because glass, already under strain from wind pressure, will shatter if a flying object should hit it. Make sure you have a safe place to shelter, should windows be broken. You should only fix broken windows and doors when there is no danger in doing so.

(3) Since seas are phenomenal, you are advised to stay away from the shoreline and not to engage in water sports.

Here is the latest tropical cyclone warning issued at 4:45 p.m. 16 September 1999 by the Hong Kong Observatory.

The Hurricane Signal, No. 10, is hoisted.

This means that winds with mean speeds of 118 kilometres per hour or more are expected.

At 5 p.m., Typhoon York was centred about 50 kilometres west of the Hong Kong Observatory (near 22.3 degrees north 113.7 degrees east) and is forecast to move west-northwest at about 10 kilometres per hour, making landfall in the vicinity of Zhu Hai.

Hurricane force winds are still affecting the seas between the Lantau Island and Hong Kong Island. The public are advised not to relax their precautions.

The Hong Kong Observatory will consider hoisting the No. 8 Gale or Storm Signal to replace Signal No. 10, when winds over the territory weaken.

In the past hour, mean winds of 83 and 112 kilometres per hour were recorded at Waglan Island and Cheung Chau respectively.

(1) Do not go outside. If you are reasonably protected, stay where you are and keep well away from all windows. Close all interior doors and make sure children are confined to the least exposed part of your home. On no account should you touch electric cables that have been blown loose.

(2) Stay away from exposed windows and doors because glass, already under strain from wind pressure, will shatter if a flying object should hit it. Make sure you have a safe place to shelter, should windows be broken. You should only fix broken windows and doors when there is no danger in doing so.

(3) Since seas are phenomenal, you are advised to stay away from the shoreline and not to engage in water sports.

Here is the latest tropical cyclone warning issued at 5:50 p.m. 16 September 1999 by the Hong Kong Observatory.

The No. 8 Southwest Gale or Storm Signal was hoisted at 5:45 p.m.

This means that winds with mean speeds of 63 kilometres per hour or more are expected from the southwest quarter.

At 6 p.m., Typhoon York was centred about 60 kilometres west of Hong Kong Observatory (near 22.3 degrees north, 113.6 degrees east). It is forecast to move west-northwest at about 10 kilometres per hour, entering into Zhu Hai and Zhong Shan areas.

York has made landfall in the vicinity of Zhu Hai.

Gale force winds are affecting most parts of the territory. Gusts reaching hurricane force occasionally affect the offshore waters and seas are very rough. The public are advised not to relax their precautions.

In the past hour, mean winds of 75 and 106 kilometres per hour were recorded at Waglan Island and Cheung Chau respectively.

- (1) Park your car where it is least likely to be damaged.
- (2) Weather information is being broadcast at the 15th, 30th, 45th and 58th minute of each hour. Please listen to your radio or watch your T.V. for the weather information.
- (3) Do not stand near windows on the exposed side of your home. Move all furniture and valuables away from these areas. Make sure you have a safe place to shelter, should windows be broken.
- (4) Since seas are very rough, you are advised to stay away from the shoreline and not to engage in water sports.
- (5) For safety reasons, it is suggested that all outdoor activities be cancelled.

Here is the latest tropical cyclone warning issued at 6:45 p.m. 16 September 1999 by the Hong Kong Observatory.

The No. 8 Southwest Gale or Storm Signal is hoisted.

This means that winds with mean speeds of 63 kilometres per hour or more are expected from the southwest quarter.

York has weakened into a severe tropical storm. At 7 p.m., York was centred about 60 kilometres west of Hong Kong Observatory (near 22.4 degrees north, 113.6 degrees east). It is forecast to move west-northwest at about 10 kilometres per hour, entering into Zhu Hai and Zhong Shan areas.

Gale force winds are affecting most parts of the territory. Gusts reaching hurricane force occasionally affect the offshore waters and seas are very rough. The public are advised not to relax their precautions.

In the past hour, mean winds of 77 and 88 kilometres per hour were recorded at Waglan Island and Cheung Chau respectively.

- (1) Park your car where it is least likely to be damaged.
- (2) Weather information is being broadcast at the 15th, 30th, 45th and 58th minute of each hour. Please listen to your radio or watch your T.V. for the weather information.
- (3) Do not stand near windows on the exposed side of your home. Move all furniture and valuables away from these areas. Make sure you have a safe place to shelter, should windows be broken.
- (4) Since seas are very rough, you are advised to stay away from the shoreline and not to engage in water sports.
- (5) For safety reasons, it is suggested that all outdoor activities be cancelled.

Here is the latest tropical cyclone warning issued at 7:45 p.m. 16 September 1999 by the Hong Kong Observatory.

The No. 8 Southwest Gale or Storm Signal is hoisted.

This means that winds with mean speeds of 63 kilometres per hour or more are expected from the southwest quarter.

At 8 p.m., severe tropical storm York was centred about 60 kilometres west of Hong Kong Observatory (near 22.4 degrees north, 113.6 degrees east). It is forecast to move west-northwest at about 10 kilometres per hour, entering inland areas.

At present, southwesterly gale force winds are affecting the western parts of the territory and the adjacent waters. The Hong Kong Observatory will consider hoisting the No. 3 Strong Winds Signal to replace Signal No. 8, when gale force winds weaken.

In the past hour, mean winds of 79 kilometres per hour were recorded at Cheung Chau.

(1) Weather information is being broadcast at the 15th, 30th, 45th and 58th minute of each hour. Please listen to your radio or watch your T.V. for the weather information.

(2) Do not stand near windows on the exposed side of your home. Move all furniture and valuables away from these areas. Make sure you have a safe place to shelter, should windows be broken.

(3) Since seas are very rough, you are advised to stay away from the shoreline and not to engage in water sports.

Here is the latest tropical cyclone warning issued at 8:45 p.m. 16 September 1999 by the Hong Kong Observatory.

The No. 8 Southwest Gale or Storm Signal is hoisted.

This means that winds with mean speeds of 63 kilometres per hour or more are expected from the southwest quarter.

At 9 p.m., severe tropical storm York was centred about 80 kilometres west of Hong Kong Observatory (near 22.4 degrees north, 113.4 degrees east). It is forecast to move west-northwest at about 10 kilometres per hour, entering the western part of Guangdong.

At present, southwesterly winds reaching gale force are affecting the western parts of the territory and the adjacent waters. The Hong Kong Observatory will consider hoisting the No. 3 Strong Winds Signal to replace Signal No. 8 when gale force winds are no longer experienced in Hong Kong.

In the past hour, mean winds of 71 kilometres per hour were recorded at Cheung Chau.

(1) Weather information is being broadcast at the 15th, 30th, 45th and 58th minute of each hour. Please listen to your radio or watch your T.V. for the weather information.

(2) Do not stand near windows on the exposed side of your home. Move all furniture and valuables away from these areas. Make sure you have a safe place to shelter, should windows be broken.

(3) Since seas are very rough, you are advised to stay away from the shoreline and not to engage in water sports.

Here is the latest tropical cyclone warning issued at 9:45 p.m. 16 September 1999 by the Hong Kong Observatory.

The No. 8 Southwest Gale or Storm Signal is hoisted.

This means that winds with mean speeds of 63 kilometres per hour or more are expected from the southwest quarter.

At 10 p.m., Severe Tropical Storm York was centred about 100 kilometres west-northwest of Hong Kong Observatory (near 22.6 degrees north, 113.3 degrees east). It is forecast to move west-northwest at about 10 kilometres per hour, entering the western part of Guangdong.

At present, southwesterly winds reaching gale force are affecting the western parts of the territory and the adjacent waters, but local winds are weakening gradually. If the trend continues, the Hong Kong Observatory will consider hoisting the No. 3 Strong Winds Signal to replace Signal No. 8 in short time.

In the past hour, mean winds of 64 kilometres per hour were recorded at Cheung Chau.

(1) Weather information is being broadcast at the 15th, 30th, 45th and 58th minute of each hour. Please listen to your radio or watch your T.V. for the weather information.

(2) Since seas are very rough, you are advised to stay away from the shoreline and not to engage in water sports.
