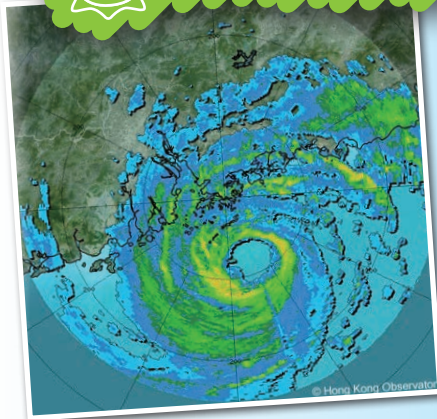


New Names Adopted for Tropical Cyclones in 2018



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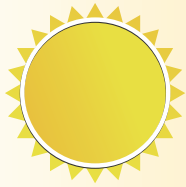
In 2018, four new names have been introduced to the list of tropical cyclone names in the western North Pacific and the South China Sea. They are Nyatoh (Malaysia), Mulan (China), Trases (Cambodia) and Hinnamnor (Lao PDR), replacing four old names that have been retired due to the serious casualties that storms with these names have caused.



Cool Met Stuff: "Typhoon Pineapple Bun"

The list is produced by the World Meteorological Organization Typhoon Committee. Each of the 14 countries and regions members provides 10 names, which are used in turns. The meanings of the four new names are:

Name	Meaning
Nyatoh	A kind of tree that grows in tropical rainforests in Southeast Asia
Trases	Woodpecker
Mulan	Magnolia, a kind of flower native to China
Hinnamnor	A National Protected Area in Lao PDR



From the Exceptionally Hot and Dry May to the

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Long Awaited Rainfall in June



Under the dominance of an upper-air anticyclone over the northern part of the South China Sea, Hong Kong experienced an exceptionally hot and dry May. The monthly mean temperature of 28.3 degrees was the highest ever on record for May. There were in total 16 very hot days, including a heat wave of 15 consecutive very hot days that began on 17 May; both these figures broke the records for May. Rainfall in the month amounted to only 57.5 millimetres, way less than the normal of 304.7 millimetres.

The long awaited rainfall eventually returned to Hong Kong in June, mainly due to the passage of tropical cyclone Ewiniar, as well as an active southerly airstream and troughs. The monthly rainfall was 458.8 millimetres, which was close to normal.

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