

Tropical cyclone warnings of Signal No. 8 or above issued by the Hong Kong Observatory during the passage of Hato in August 2017

Tropical Cyclone Warning issued at 5:21 a.m. on 23 August 2017 by the Hong Kong Observatory.

The No. 8 Northeast Gale or Storm Signal, was issued at 5:20 a.m.

Tropical Cyclone Warning issued at 5:27 a.m. on 23 August 2017 by the Hong Kong Observatory.

The No. 8 Northeast Gale or Storm Signal is in force.

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

At 5 a.m., Typhoon Hato was centred about 180 kilometres southeast of Hong Kong (near 21.2 degrees north 115.4 degrees east) and is forecast to move west-northwest at about 25 kilometres per hour towards the vicinity of the Pearl River Estuary.

Hato will edge rather close to the Pearl River Estuary this morning. It is expected to make landfall at around 100 kilometres to the west of Hong Kong this afternoon. The number 8 gale or storm signal will remain in force for most of the time during the day.

If Hato edges even closer or intensify, it will pose considerable threat to Hong Kong. The chance of issuing a higher signal cannot be ruled out.

Tides are currently running about 0.4 metres above normal. The high tide, occurring before noon, and the storm surge induced by Hato may cause a rise in sea levels of about 1 metre or more above normal tide levels. There could be serious flooding in some low-lying areas.

When Hato edges closer, winds and rain will strengthen persistently. Members of the public should stay on the alert and take all precautions against high winds and flooding.

(Precautionary Announcements with No. 8 Signal)

1. Since seas are very rough and there are swells, you are advised to stay away from the shoreline and not to engage in water sports.
 2. 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.
 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. Please listen to radio or watch TV for the latest weather information broadcast. You can also browse the Hong Kong Observatory's web site for the information.
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Tropical Cyclone Warning issued at 5:47 a.m. on 23 August 2017 by the Hong Kong Observatory.

The No. 8 Northeast Gale or Storm Signal is in force.

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

At 6 a.m., Typhoon Hato was centred about 140 kilometres southeast of Hong Kong (near 21.4 degrees north 115.1 degrees east) and is forecast to move west-northwest at about 25 kilometres per hour towards the vicinity of the Pearl River Estuary.

Hato will edge rather close to the Pearl River Estuary this morning. It is expected to make landfall at around 100 kilometres to the west of Hong Kong this afternoon. The number 8 gale or storm signal will remain in force for most of the time during the day.

If Hato edges even closer or intensify, it will pose considerable threat to Hong Kong. The chance of issuing a higher signal cannot be ruled out.

Tides are currently running about 0.4 metres above normal. The high tide, occurring before noon, and the storm surge induced by Hato may cause a rise in sea levels of about 1 metre or more above normal tide levels. There could be serious flooding in some low-lying areas.

When Hato edges closer, winds and rain will strengthen persistently. Members of the public should stay on the alert and take all precautions against high winds and flooding.

In the past hour, the maximum sustained winds recorded at Tate's Cairn and Waglan Island were 77 and 72 kilometres per hour with maximum gusts 103 and 86 kilometres per hour respectively.

(Precautionary Announcements with No. 8 Signal)

1. Since seas are very rough and there are swells, you are advised to stay away from the shoreline and not to engage in water sports.
2. 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.
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. Please listen to radio or watch TV for the latest weather information broadcast. You can also browse the Hong Kong Observatory's web site for the information.

Tropical Cyclone Warning issued at 6:46 a.m. on 23 August 2017 by the Hong Kong Observatory.

The No. 8 Northeast Gale or Storm Signal is in force.

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

At 7 a.m., Typhoon Hato was centred about 120 kilometres south-southeast of Hong Kong (near 21.4 degrees north 114.8 degrees east) and is forecast to move west-northwest at about 25 kilometres per hour towards the vicinity of the Pearl River Estuary.

Hato will edge rather close to the Pearl River Estuary this morning. It is expected to make landfall within about 100 kilometres to the west of Hong Kong this afternoon. The number 8 gale or storm signal will remain in force for most of the time during the day.

If Hato edges even closer or intensify, its threat to Hong Kong will increase significantly. The chance of issuing a higher signal cannot be ruled out.

Tides are currently running about 0.5 metres above normal.

The high tide, occurring before noon, and the storm surge induced by Hato may cause a rise in sea levels of about 1 metre or more above normal tide levels. There could be serious flooding in some low-lying areas.

When Hato edges closer, winds and rain will strengthen persistently. Members of the public should stay on the alert and take all precautions against high winds and flooding. In the past hour, the maximum sustained winds recorded at Tate's Cairn and Waglan Island were 83 and 79 kilometres per hour with maximum gusts 113 and 96 kilometres per hour respectively.

(Precautionary Announcements with No. 8 Signal)

1. Since seas are very rough and there are swells, you are advised to stay away from the shoreline and not to engage in water sports.
2. 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.
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. Please listen to radio or watch TV for the latest weather information broadcast. You can also browse the Hong Kong Observatory's web site for the information.

Tropical Cyclone Warning issued at 7:49 a.m. on 23 August 2017 by the Hong Kong Observatory.

The No. 8 Northeast Gale or Storm Signal is in force.

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

At 8 a.m., Typhoon Hato was centred about 100 kilometres south-southeast of Hong Kong Observatory (near 21.5 degrees north 114.6 degrees east) and is forecast to move west-northwest at about 25 kilometres per hour towards the vicinity of the Pearl River Estuary.

Hato will edge rather close to the Pearl River Estuary this morning. It is expected to make landfall within about 100 kilometres to the west of Hong Kong this afternoon. The number 8 gale or storm signal will remain in force for most of the time during the day.

In the past few hours, local winds were strengthening significantly, storm force winds started to affect offshore waters. When the local winds strengthen further, the Observatory will issue a higher signal.

A high water level of 3 metres or more above chart datum is expected at Quarry Bay between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. A high water level of about 5.0 metres above chart datum is expected at Tolo Harbour around noon time. Severe sea water flooding may occur in low-lying areas. Members of the public should stay away from the shoreline and stop all outdoor activities.

When Hato edges closer, winds and rain will strengthen persistently. Members of the public should complete all precautions against high winds and flooding.

In the past hour, the maximum sustained winds recorded at Waglan Island and Tate's Cairn were 111 and 100 kilometres per hour with maximum gusts 143 and 137 kilometres per hour respectively.

(Precautionary Announcements with No. 8 Signal)

1. Since seas are very rough and there are swells, you are advised to stay away from the shoreline and not to engage in water sports.
2. Flights at Hong Kong International Airport may be affected by the weather. Please contact your airline for the latest flight information before departing for the airport.
3. 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.
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. Please listen to radio or watch TV for the latest weather information broadcast. You can also browse the Hong Kong Observatory's web site for the information.

Tropical Cyclone Warning issued at 8:10 a.m. on 23 August 2017 by the Hong Kong Observatory.

The Increasing Gale or Storm Signal, No. 9, was issued at 8:10 a.m.

Tropical Cyclone Warning issued at 8:20 a.m. on 23 August 2017 by the Hong Kong Observatory.

The Increasing Gale or Storm Signal, No. 9, was issued at 8:10 a.m.

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

Typhoon Hato has intensified into a severe typhoon.

At 8 a.m., Hato was centred about 100 kilometres south-southeast of Hong Kong Observatory (near 21.5 degrees north 114.6 degrees east) and is forecast to move west-northwest at about 25 kilometres per hour towards the vicinity of the Pearl River Estuary.

In the past few hours, local winds were strengthening significantly. Storm force winds are affecting offshore waters. In the coming few hours, Hato will be closest to the territory, skirting about 50 kilometres to the south of Hong Kong. When the local winds strengthen further, the Observatory will consider issuing a higher signal.

A high water level of 3 metres or more above chart datum is expected at Quarry Bay between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. A high water level of about 5.0 metres above chart datum is expected at Tolo Harbour around noon time. Severe sea water flooding may occur in low-lying areas. Members of the public should stay away from the shoreline and stop all outdoor activities.

When Hato edges closer, winds and rain will strengthen persistently. Members of the public should complete all precautions against high winds and flooding.

(Precautionary Announcements)

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 very rough and there are swells, you are advised to stay away from the shoreline and not to engage in water sports.
5. If you are away from home and cannot return fairly soon, find a safe place and remain there until the danger is over.
6. Flights at Hong Kong International Airport may be affected by the weather. Please contact your airline for the latest flight information before departing for the airport.

Tropical Cyclone Warning issued at 8:45 a.m. on 23 August 2017 by the Hong Kong Observatory.

The Increasing Gale or Storm Signal, No. 9, is in force.

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

At 9 a.m., Severe Typhoon Hato was centred about 80 kilometres south of Hong Kong Observatory (near 21.6 degrees north 114.3 degrees east) and is forecast to move west-northwest at about 25 kilometres per hour towards the vicinity of the Pearl River Estuary.

In the past few hours, local winds were strengthening significantly. Storm force winds are affecting offshore waters. In the coming few hours, Hato will be closest to the territory, skirting about 50 kilometres to the south of Hong Kong. When the local winds strengthen further, the Observatory will consider issuing a higher signal.

A high water level of 3 metres or more above chart datum is expected at Quarry Bay between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. A high water level of about 5.0 metres above chart datum is expected at Tolo Harbour around noon time. Severe sea water flooding may occur in low-lying areas. Members of the public should stay away from the shoreline and stop all outdoor activities.

When Hato edges closer, winds and rain will strengthen persistently. Members of the public should complete all precautions against high winds and flooding. In the past hour, the maximum sustained winds recorded at Tate's Cairn and Waglan Island were 128 and 127 kilometres per hour with maximum gusts 168 and 150 kilometres per hour respectively.

(Precautionary Announcements)

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 high and there are swells, you are advised to stay away from the shoreline and not to engage in water sports.
5. If you are away from home and cannot return fairly soon, find a safe place and remain there until the danger is over.
6. Flights at Hong Kong International Airport may be affected by the weather. Please contact your airline for the latest flight information before departing for the airport.

Tropical Cyclone Warning issued at 9:10 a.m. on 23 August 2017 by the Hong Kong Observatory.

The Hurricane Signal, No. 10, was issued at 9:10 a.m.

Tropical Cyclone Warning issued at 9:36 a.m. on 23 August 2017 by the Hong Kong Observatory.

The Hurricane Signal, No. 10, was issued at 9:10 a.m.

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

At 9 a.m., Severe Typhoon Hato was centred about 80 kilometres south of Hong Kong Observatory (near 21.6 degrees north 114.3 degrees east) and is forecast to move west-northwest at about 25 kilometres per hour towards the vicinity of the Pearl River Estuary.

Hurricane force winds are affecting the southeastern part of Hong Kong. With Hato moving towards the western part of the Pearl River Estuary, local winds will turn gradually to the southeast, and hurricane

force winds will affect other parts of the territory. Hurricane Signal No. 10 is expected to remain in force for a few hours. You are advised to remain where you are if protected and be prepared for destructive winds, possible flooding and landslip.

A high water level of 3 metres above chart datum has already been recorded at Quarry Bay and is expected to further increase. A high water level of about 5.0 metres above chart datum is expected at Tolo Harbour around noon time. Severe sea water flooding may occur in low-lying areas. Members of the public should stay away from the shoreline and low-lying areas.

In the past hour, the maximum sustained winds recorded at Tate's Cairn and Waglan Island were 128 and 127 kilometres per hour with maximum gusts 168 and 150 kilometres per hour respectively.

(Precautionary Announcements)

1. 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 high and there are swells, you are advised to stay away from the shoreline and not to engage in water sports.
5. If you are away from home and cannot return fairly soon, find a safe place and remain there until the danger is over.
6. Flights at Hong Kong International Airport may be affected by the weather. Please contact your airline for the latest flight information before departing for the airport.

Tropical Cyclone Warning issued at 9:46 a.m. on 23 August 2017 by the Hong Kong Observatory.

The Hurricane Signal, No. 10, is in force.

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

At 10 a.m., Severe Typhoon Hato was centred about 60 kilometres south-southwest of Hong Kong Observatory (near 21.8 degrees north 114.0 degrees east) and is forecast to move west-northwest at about 25 kilometres per hour towards the western part of the Pearl River Estuary.

Hurricane force winds are affecting the southeastern part of Hong Kong. With Hato moving towards the western part of the Pearl River Estuary, local winds will turn gradually to the southeast, and hurricane force winds will affect other parts of the territory. Hurricane Signal No. 10 is expected to remain in force for a few hours. You are advised to remain where you are if protected and be prepared for destructive winds, possible flooding and landslip.

A high water level of 3 metres above chart datum has already been recorded at Quarry Bay and is expected to further increase. A high water level of about 5.0 metres above chart datum is expected at Tolo Harbour around noon time. Severe sea water flooding may occur in low-lying areas. Members of the public should stay away from the shoreline and low-lying areas.

In the past hour, the maximum sustained winds recorded at Waglan Island, Tate's Cairn and Cheung Chau Beach were 141, 135 and 126 kilometres per hour with maximum gusts 192, 187 and 163 kilometres per hour respectively.

(Precautionary Announcements)

1. 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 high and there are swells, you are advised to stay away from the shoreline and not to engage in water sports.
5. If you are away from home and cannot return fairly soon, find a safe place and remain there until the danger is over.
6. Flights at Hong Kong International Airport may be affected by the weather. Please contact your airline for the latest flight information before departing for the airport.

Tropical Cyclone Warning issued at 10:46 a.m. on 23 August 2017 by the Hong Kong Observatory.

The Hurricane Signal, No. 10, is in force.

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

At 11 a.m., Severe Typhoon Hato was centred about 60 kilometres southwest of Hong Kong Observatory (near 21.9 degrees north 113.8 degrees east) and is forecast to move west-northwest at about 25 kilometres per hour towards the vicinity of the western part of the Pearl River Estuary.

Hato will be closest to the territory in the next few hours, skirting around 60 kilometres to the south of Hong Kong. Hurricane force winds are affecting the southern part of Hong Kong. With Hato moving towards the western part of the Pearl River Estuary, local winds will turn gradually to the southeast. Hurricane Signal No. 10 is expected to remain in force for a few hours. You are advised to remain where you are if protected and be prepared for destructive winds, possible flooding and landslip.

A high water level of 3.6 metres above chart datum has already been recorded at Quarry Bay and is expected to further increase. A high water level of about 5.0 metres above chart datum is expected at Tolo Harbour around noon time. Severe sea water flooding may occur in low-lying areas. Members of the public should stay away from the shoreline and low-lying areas.

In the past hour, the maximum sustained winds recorded at Ngong Ping, Waglan Island and Cheung Chau Beach were 151, 136 and 132 kilometres per hour with maximum gusts 195, 159 and 193 kilometres per hour respectively.

(Precautionary Announcements)

1. 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 high and there are swells, you are advised to stay away from the shoreline and not to engage in water sports.
5. If you are away from home and cannot return fairly soon, find a safe place and remain there until the danger is over.
6. Flights at Hong Kong International Airport may be affected by the weather. Please contact your airline for the latest flight information before departing for the airport.

Tropical Cyclone Warning issued at 11:46 a.m. on 23 August 2017 by the Hong Kong Observatory.

The Hurricane Signal, No. 10, is in force.

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

At noon, Severe Typhoon Hato was centred about 70 kilometres west-southwest of Hong Kong Observatory (near 22.0 degrees north 113.6 degrees east) and is forecast to move west-northwest at about 25 kilometres per hour towards the vicinity of the western part of the Pearl River Estuary.

Hato is now closest to the territory, skirting around 60 kilometres to the south of Hong Kong. Hurricane force winds are affecting the southern part of Hong Kong. With Hato moving towards the western part of the Pearl River Estuary, local winds will turn to the southeast. Hurricane Signal No. 10 is expected to remain in force for a couple of hours. You are advised to remain where you are if protected and be prepared for destructive winds, possible flooding and landslip.

A high water level of 3.6 metres above chart datum has already been recorded at Quarry Bay. A high water level of 3.4 metres above chart datum was also recorded at Tai O. Severe sea water flooding may occur in low-lying areas. Members of the public should stay away from the shoreline and low-lying areas.

In the past hour, the maximum sustained winds recorded at Ngong Ping, Cheung Chau and Waglan Island were 172, 132 and 128 kilometres per hour with maximum gusts 223, 171 and 137 kilometres per hour respectively.

(Precautionary Announcements)

1. 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 high and there are swells, you are advised to stay away from the shoreline and not to engage in water sports.
5. If you are away from home and cannot return fairly soon, find a safe place and remain there until the danger is over.
6. Flights at Hong Kong International Airport may be affected by the weather. Please contact your airline for the latest flight information before departing for the airport.

Tropical Cyclone Warning issued at 12:47 p.m. on 23 August 2017 by the Hong Kong Observatory.

The Hurricane Signal, No. 10, is in force.

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

At 1 p.m., Severe Typhoon Hato was centred about 80 kilometres west-southwest of Hong Kong Observatory (near 22.1 degrees north 113.4 degrees east) and is forecast to move west-northwest at about 25 kilometres per hour towards the vicinity of the western part of the Pearl River Estuary.

Hato is about to make landfall over Zhuhai to the west of Macau. It is expected to move away from Hong Kong gradually and starts to weaken. Hurricane force winds are still affecting the southwestern part of Hong Kong. When the hurricane force winds no longer affect Hong Kong, the Observatory will issue the Gale or Storm Signal No. 8.

A high water level of 3.7 metres above chart datum has already been recorded at Tai O. Severe sea water flooding may occur in low-lying areas. Members of the public should stay away from the shoreline and low-lying areas.

In the past hour, the maximum sustained winds recorded at Cheung Chau and Ngong Ping were 126 and 123 kilometres per hour with maximum gusts 154 and 207 kilometres per hour respectively.

(Precautionary Announcements)

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 high and there are swells, you are advised to stay away from the shoreline and not to engage in water sports.
5. If you are away from home and cannot return fairly soon, find a safe place and remain there until the danger is over.
6. Flights at Hong Kong International Airport may be affected by the weather. Please contact your airline for the latest flight information before departing for the airport.

Tropical Cyclone Warning issued at 1:51 p.m. on 23 August 2017 by the Hong Kong Observatory.

The Hurricane Signal, No. 10, is in force.

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

At 2 p.m., Severe Typhoon Hato was centred about 110 kilometres west of Hong Kong (near 22.2 degrees north 113.1 degrees east) and is forecast to move west-northwest at about 25 kilometres per hour will move into inland Guangdong, and weaken gradually.

Hato has made landfall over Zhuhai to the west of Macau and is moving away from Hong Kong gradually. The Observatory will issue the No. 8 Southeast Gale or Storm Signal shortly.

In the past hour, the water level at Tai O as high as 3.5 metres above chart datum was recorded. The water level is falling gradually.

In the past hour, the maximum sustained winds recorded at Ngong Ping were 120 kilometres per hour with maximum gusts 193 kilometres per hour.

(Precautionary Announcements)

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 high and there are swells, you are advised to stay away from the shoreline and not to engage in water sports.

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

6. Flights at Hong Kong International Airport may be affected by the weather. Please contact your airline for the latest flight information before departing for the airport.

Tropical Cyclone Warning issued at 2:13 p.m. on 23 August 2017 by the Hong Kong Observatory.

The No. 8 Southeast Gale or Storm Signal has been issued at 2:10 p.m. to replace the No. 10 Hurricane Signal.

Tropical Cyclone Warning issued at 2:21 p.m. on 23 August 2017 by the Hong Kong Observatory.

The No. 8 Southeast Gale or Storm Signal was issued at 2:10 p.m.

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

At 2 p.m., Severe Typhoon Hato was centred about 110 kilometres west of Hong Kong (near 22.2 degrees north 113.1 degrees east) and is forecast to move west-northwest at about 25 kilometres per hour will move into inland Guangdong, and weaken gradually.

As Hato is moving away from Hong Kong gradually, local winds are subsiding. However, gale force winds are still affecting the southwestern part of Hong Kong, and even reaching storm force over high ground. When local winds further weaken and Hong Kong is no longer affected by gale or storm force winds, the Observatory will issue the Strong Wind Signal No.3.

In the past hour, the maximum sustained winds recorded at Sha Chau and Chek Lap Kok were 93 and 66 kilometres per hour with maximum gusts 137 and 116 kilometres per hour respectively.

(Precautionary Announcements with No. 8 Signal)

1. Although the tropical cyclone is moving away from Hong Kong, gales are expected to persist for some time. You are advised to stay indoors until winds moderate and it is safe to go out. On no account should you touch electric cables that have been blown loose.

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

3. As gales and violent squalls are still occurring in places, precautions should not yet be relaxed.

4. Park your car where it is least likely to be damaged.

5. 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.

6. Flights at Hong Kong International Airport may be affected by the weather. Please contact your airline for the latest flight information before departing for the airport.

7. Please listen to radio or watch TV for the latest weather information broadcast. You can also browse the Hong Kong Observatory's web site for the information.

Tropical Cyclone Warning issued at 2:46 p.m. on 23 August 2017 by the Hong Kong Observatory.

The No. 8 Southeast Gale or Storm Signal is in force.

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

At 3 p.m., Severe Typhoon Hato was centred about 140 kilometres west of Hong Kong (near 22.2 degrees north 112.8 degrees east) and is forecast to move west-northwest at about 25 kilometres per hour into inland Guangdong, and weaken gradually.

As Hato is moving away from Hong Kong gradually, local winds are subsiding. However, gale force winds are still affecting the southwestern part of Hong Kong, and even reaching storm force over high ground. As local winds continue its trend of weakening, the Observatory will consider issuing the Strong Wind Signal No.3 before dusk.

In the past hour, the maximum sustained winds recorded at Sha Chau and Chek Lap Kok were 86 and 65 kilometres per hour with maximum gusts 103 and 99 kilometres per hour respectively.

(Precautionary Announcements with No. 8 Signal)

1. Although the tropical cyclone is moving away from Hong Kong, gales are expected to persist for some time. You are advised to stay indoors until winds moderate and it is safe to go out. On no account should you touch electric cables that have been blown loose.

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

3. As gales and violent squalls are still occurring in places, precautions should not yet be relaxed.

4. Park your car where it is least likely to be damaged.

5. 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.

6. Flights at Hong Kong International Airport may be affected by the weather. Please contact your airline for the latest flight information before departing for the airport.

7. Please listen to radio or watch TV for the latest weather information broadcast. You can also browse the Hong Kong Observatory's web site for the information.

Tropical Cyclone Warning issued at 3:45 p.m. on 23 August 2017 by the Hong Kong Observatory.

The No. 8 Southeast Gale or Storm Signal is in force.

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

Severe Typhoon Hato has weakened into a typhoon.

At 4 p.m., Hato was centred about 170 kilometres west of Hong Kong (near 22.4 degrees north 112.5 degrees east) and is forecast to move west-northwest at about 25 kilometres per hour into inland Guangdong, and weaken gradually.

As Hato is moving away from Hong Kong gradually, local winds are subsiding. However, gale force winds are still occasionally affecting the southwestern part of Hong Kong. When local winds weaken further, the Observatory will consider issuing the Strong Wind Signal No.3 before 6 p.m..

In the past hour, the maximum sustained winds recorded at Ngong Ping were 77 kilometres per hour with maximum gusts 127 kilometres per hour.

(Precautionary Announcements with No. 8 Signal)

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

3. As gales and violent squalls are still occurring in places, precautions should not yet be relaxed.

4. Park your car where it is least likely to be damaged.

5. 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.

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Tropical Cyclone Warning issued at 4:46 p.m. on 23 August 2017 by the Hong Kong Observatory.

The No. 8 Southeast Gale or Storm Signal is in force.

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

At 5 p.m., Typhoon Hato was centred about 200 kilometres west of Hong Kong (near 22.5 degrees north 112.2 degrees east) and is forecast to move west-northwest at about 25 kilometres per hour into inland Guangdong, and weaken gradually.

As Hato is moving away from Hong Kong gradually, local winds are subsiding. The Observatory will issue the Strong Wind Signal No. 3 shortly.

Under the influence of the outer rainband of Hato, there will still be occasional showers and squalls. In the past hour, the maximum sustained winds recorded at Ngong Ping and Sha Chau were 60 and 52 kilometres per hour with maximum gusts 85 and 71 kilometres per hour respectively.

(Precautionary Announcements with No. 8 Signal)

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2. Since seas are very rough and there are swells, you are advised to stay away from the shoreline and not to engage in water sports.
3. As gales and violent squalls are still occurring in places, precautions should not yet be relaxed.
4. Park your car where it is least likely to be damaged.
5. 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.
6. Flights at Hong Kong International Airport may be affected by the weather. Please contact your airline for the latest flight information before departing for the airport.
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