<u>Tropical cyclone warnings of Signal No. 8 or above issued by the Hong Kong Observatory</u> during the passage of Saola in September 2023

Tropical Cyclone Warning issued at 02:40 HKT on 01.09.2023 by the Hong Kong Observatory.

The No. 8 Northwest Gale or Storm Signal, was issued at 2:40 a.m.

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

Complete all precautions as soon as possible. Stay away from the shoreline and not to engage in water sports.

Tropical Cyclone Warning issued at 02:45 HKT on 01.09.2023 by the Hong Kong Observatory.

The No. 8 Northwest Gale or Storm Signal was issued at 2:40 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., Super Typhoon Saola was centred about 280 kilometres east-southeast of Hong Kong (near 21.6 degrees north 116.8 degrees east) and is forecast to move west-northwest at about 10 kilometres per hour towards the coast of eastern Guangdong.

In the past few hours, Saola gradually edged closer to the coast of eastern Guangdong. Local winds are gradually strengthening. The Gale or Storm Signal No. 8 will remain in force for most of today (1 September). According to the present forecast track, Saola will be rather close to Hong Kong tonight and tomorrow (2 September) morning, skirting within 100 km south of Hong Kong. Depending on changes in local winds, the Observatory will consider the need to issue higher tropical cyclone warning signals.

Radar imagery depicts the well-defined eyewall and high wind areas of Saola edging closer to Hong Kong. The outer rainbands of Saola are affecting the coast of eastern Guangdong. Local weather is expected to deteriorate significantly later today, with heavy squally showers and violent winds.

Under the influence of storm surge, there may be serious flooding in low-lying coastal areas.

Seas will be high with swells. Members of the public are advised to stay away from the shoreline and not to engage in water sports.

(Precautionary Announcements with No. 8 Signal)

- 1. Complete all precautions in your home. Lock all windows and doors, insert reinforced shutters and gates if they are available. Adhesive tape fixed to large window-panes in exposed positions will reduce damage and injury by broken glass. Drains should be cleared of leaves and rubbish as soon as possible.
- 2. Do not stand near windows on the exposed side of your home. Make sure you have a safe place to shelter, should windows be broken.
- 3. 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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Tropical Cyclone Warning issued at 03:45 HKT on 01.09.2023 by the Hong Kong Observatory.

The No. 8 Northwest 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 northwest quarter.

At 4 a.m., Super Typhoon Saola was centred about 270 kilometres east-southeast of Hong Kong (near 21.6 degrees north 116.7 degrees east) and is forecast to move west-northwest at about 10 kilometres per hour towards the coast of eastern Guangdong.

In the past few hours, Saola continued to edge closer to the coast of eastern Guangdong. Local winds are gradually strengthening. The Gale or Storm Signal No. 8 will remain in force for most of today. According to the present forecast track, Saola will be rather close to Hong Kong tonight and tomorrow morning, skirting within 100 km south of Hong Kong. Depending on changes in local winds, the Observatory will consider the need to issue higher tropical cyclone warning signals.

Radar imagery depicts the well-defined eyewall and high wind areas of Saola edging closer to

Hong Kong. The outer rainbands of Saola are affecting the coast of eastern Guangdong. Local weather is expected to deteriorate significantly later today, with heavy squally showers and violent winds.

Under the influence of storm surge, there may be serious flooding in low-lying coastal areas.

Seas will be high with swells. Members of the public are advised to stay away from the shoreline and not to engage in water sports.

(Precautionary Announcements with No. 8 Signal)

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- 2. Do not stand near windows on the exposed side of your home. Make sure you have a safe place to shelter, should windows be broken.
- 3. 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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Tropical Cyclone Warning issued at 04:45 HKT on 01.09.2023 by the Hong Kong Observatory.

The No. 8 Northwest 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 northwest quarter.

At 5 a.m., Super Typhoon Saola was centred about 260 kilometres east-southeast of Hong Kong (near 21.6 degrees north 116.6 degrees east) and is forecast to move west-northwest at about 10 kilometres per hour towards the coast of eastern Guangdong.

In the past few hours, Saola continued to edge closer to the coast of eastern Guangdong. Local winds are gradually strengthening. The Gale or Storm Signal No. 8 will remain in force for most

of today. According to the present forecast track, Saola will be rather close to Hong Kong tonight and tomorrow morning, skirting within 100 km south of Hong Kong. Depending on changes in local winds, the Observatory will consider the need to issue higher tropical cyclone warning signals.

Radar imagery depicts the well-defined eyewall and high wind areas of Saola edging closer to Hong Kong. The outer rainbands of Saola are affecting the coast of eastern Guangdong. Local weather is expected to deteriorate significantly later today, with heavy squally showers and violent winds.

Under the influence of storm surge, there may be serious flooding in low-lying coastal areas.

Seas will be high with swells. Members of the public are advised to stay away from the shoreline and not to engage in water sports.

(Precautionary Announcements with No. 8 Signal)

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- 2. Do not stand near windows on the exposed side of your home. Make sure you have a safe place to shelter, should windows be broken.
- 3. 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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Tropical Cyclone Warning issued at 05:48 HKT on 01.09.2023 by the Hong Kong Observatory.

The No. 8 Northwest 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 northwest quarter.

At 6 a.m., Super Typhoon Saola was centred about 250 kilometres east-southeast of Hong Kong (near 21.6 degrees north 116.5 degrees east) and is forecast to move west-northwest at about 10 kilometres per hour towards the coast of eastern Guangdong.

Saola has a well-defined eyewall and compact circulation. As Saola continues to edge closer to Hong Kong, weather will deteriorate rapidly later today. There will be heavy squally showers and violent winds. The Gale or Storm Signal No. 8 will remain in force for most of today.

According to the present forecast track, Saola will be rather close to Hong Kong tonight and tomorrow morning, skirting within 100 km south of Hong Kong. Depending on changes in local winds, the Observatory will consider the need to issue higher tropical cyclone warning signals.

Under the influence of storm surge, water level in low-lying coastal areas will rise rapidly tonight. There may be serious flooding.

Seas will be high with swells. Members of the public are advised to stay away from the shoreline and not to engage in water sports.

(Precautionary Announcements with No. 8 Signal)

- 1. Complete all precautions in your home. Lock all windows and doors, insert reinforced shutters and gates if they are available. Adhesive tape fixed to large window-panes in exposed positions will reduce damage and injury by broken glass. Drains should be cleared of leaves and rubbish as soon as possible.
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Tropical Cyclone Warning issued at 06:45 HKT on 01.09.2023 by the Hong Kong Observatory.

The No. 8 Northwest 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 northwest quarter.

At 7 a.m., Super Typhoon Saola was centred about 240 kilometres east-southeast of Hong Kong (near 21.7 degrees north 116.4 degrees east) and is forecast to move west-northwest at about 10 kilometres per hour towards the coast of eastern Guangdong.

Saola has a well-defined eyewall and compact circulation. As Saola continues to edge closer to Hong Kong, weather will deteriorate rapidly later today. There will be heavy squally showers and violent winds. The Gale or Storm Signal No. 8 will remain in force for most of today.

According to the present forecast track, Saola will be rather close to Hong Kong tonight and tomorrow morning, skirting within 100 km south of Hong Kong. Depending on changes in local winds, the Observatory will consider the need to issue higher tropical cyclone warning signals.

Under the influence of storm surge, water level in low-lying coastal areas will rise rapidly tonight. There may be serious flooding.

Seas will be high with swells. Members of the public are advised to stay away from the shoreline and not to engage in water sports.

(Precautionary Announcements with No. 8 Signal)

- 1. Complete all precautions in your home. Lock all windows and doors, insert reinforced shutters and gates if they are available. Adhesive tape fixed to large window-panes in exposed positions will reduce damage and injury by broken glass. Drains should be cleared of leaves and rubbish as soon as possible.
- 2. Park your car where it is safe.
- 3. Do not stand near windows on the exposed side of your home. Make sure you have a safe place to shelter, should windows be broken.
- 4. 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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Tropical Cyclone Warning issued at 07:45 HKT on 01.09.2023 by the Hong Kong Observatory.

The No. 8 Northwest 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 northwest quarter.

At 8 a.m., Super Typhoon Saola was centred about 230 kilometres east-southeast of Hong Kong (near 21.8 degrees north 116.3 degrees east) and is forecast to move west-northwest at about 10 kilometres per hour towards the vicinity of the Pearl River Estuary.

Saola has a well-defined eyewall and compact circulation. As Saola continues to edge closer to Hong Kong, weather will deteriorate rapidly later today. There will be heavy squally showers and violent winds. The Gale or Storm Signal No. 8 will remain in force for most of today.

According to the present forecast track, Saola will be rather close to Hong Kong tonight and tomorrow morning, skirting within 100 km south of Hong Kong. Depending on changes in local winds, the Observatory will assess the need to issue higher tropical cyclone warning signals around this evening.

Under the influence of storm surge, water level in low-lying coastal areas will rise rapidly tonight. There may be serious flooding. It is expected to affect the eastern coastal areas of Hong Kong tonight, especially Sai Kung, Shing Mun River, Tai Po, Sha Tau Kok, etc. The maximum water level may be similar to that when Mangkhut hit Hong Kong in 2018.

Seas will be high with swells. Members of the public are advised to stay away from the shoreline and not to engage in water sports.

(Precautionary Announcements with No. 8 Signal)

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Tropical Cyclone Warning issued at 08:45 HKT on 01.09.2023 by the Hong Kong Observatory.

The No. 8 Northwest 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 northwest quarter.

At 9 a.m., Super Typhoon Saola was centred about 220 kilometres east-southeast of Hong Kong (near 21.8 degrees north 116.2 degrees east) and is forecast to move west-northwest at about 10 kilometres per hour towards the vicinity of the Pearl River Estuary.

Saola has a well-defined eyewall and compact circulation. Winds continue to strengthen over the coastal areas of eastern Guangdong. Hurricane force winds have been recorded in the vicinity of Shanwei, which is about 150 kilometres to the east of Hong Kong. As Saola continues to edge closer to Hong Kong, weather will deteriorate rapidly later today. There will be heavy squally showers and violent winds. The Gale or Storm Signal No. 8 will remain in force for most of today.

According to the present forecast track, Saola will be rather close to Hong Kong tonight and tomorrow morning, skirting within 100 km south of Hong Kong. Depending on changes in local winds, the Observatory will assess the need to issue higher tropical cyclone warning signals around this evening.

Under the influence of storm surge, water level in low-lying coastal areas will rise rapidly tonight. There may be serious flooding. It is expected to affect the eastern coastal areas of Hong Kong tonight, especially Sai Kung, Shing Mun River, Tai Po, Sha Tau Kok etc. The maximum water

level may be similar to that when Mangkhut hit Hong Kong in 2018.

Seas will be high with swells. Members of the public are advised to stay away from the shoreline and not to engage in water sports.

(Precautionary Announcements with No. 8 Signal)

- 1. Complete all precautions in your home. Lock all windows and doors, insert reinforced shutters and gates if they are available. Adhesive tape fixed to large window-panes in exposed positions will reduce damage and injury by broken glass. Drains should be cleared of leaves and rubbish as soon as possible.
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Tropical Cyclone Warning issued at 09:49 HKT on 01.09.2023 by the Hong Kong Observatory.

The No. 8 Northwest 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 northwest quarter.

At 10 a.m., Super Typhoon Saola was centred about 210 kilometres east-southeast of Hong Kong (near 21.8 degrees north 116.1 degrees east) and is forecast to move west-northwest at about 10 kilometres per hour towards the vicinity of the Pearl River Estuary.

Saola has a well-defined eyewall and compact circulation. The radar imagery depicts that the gales associated with Saola have reached about 70 km east of Hong Kong. Gale winds continue to affect

high ground over the territory. As Saola continues to edge closer to Hong Kong, weather will deteriorate rapidly later during daytime today. There will be heavy squally showers and violent winds. The Gale or Storm Signal No. 8 will remain in force for most of today.

According to the present forecast track, Saola will be rather close to Hong Kong tonight and tomorrow morning, skirting within 100 km south of Hong Kong. Depending on changes in local winds, the Observatory will assess the need to issue higher tropical cyclone warning signals around this evening.

Under the influence of storm surge, the water level at Victoria Harbour has reached about 3 metres above chart datum this morning. The water level in low-lying coastal areas will rise rapidly tonight. There may be serious flooding. It is expected to affect the eastern coastal areas of Hong Kong tonight, especially Sai Kung, Shing Mun River, Tai Po, Sha Tau Kok etc. The maximum water level may be similar to that when Mangkhut hit Hong Kong in 2018.

Seas will be high with swells. Members of the public are advised to stay away from the shoreline and not to engage in water sports.

(Precautionary Announcements with No. 8 Signal)

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Tropical Cyclone Warning issued at 10:45 HKT on 01.09.2023 by the Hong Kong Observatory. The No. 8 Northwest 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 northwest quarter.

At 11 a.m., Super Typhoon Saola was centred about 180 kilometres east-southeast of Hong Kong (near 21.9 degrees north 115.9 degrees east) and is forecast to move west-northwest at about 10 kilometres per hour towards the vicinity of the Pearl River Estuary.

Saola has a well-defined eyewall and compact circulation. As Saola continues to edge closer to Hong Kong, weather will deteriorate rapidly later during daytime today. There will be heavy squally showers and violent winds. The Gale or Storm Signal No. 8 will remain in force for most of today.

According to the present forecast track, Saola will be rather close to Hong Kong tonight and tomorrow morning, skirting within 100 km south of Hong Kong. Depending on changes in local winds, the Observatory will assess the need to issue higher tropical cyclone warning signals around this evening.

Under the influence of storm surge, the water level at Victoria Harbour has reached about 3 metres above chart datum this morning. The water level in low-lying coastal areas will rise rapidly tonight. There may be serious flooding. It is expected to affect the eastern coastal areas of Hong Kong tonight, especially Sai Kung, Shing Mun River, Tai Po, Sha Tau Kok etc. The maximum water level may be similar to that when Mangkhut hit Hong Kong in 2018.

Seas will be high with swells. Members of the public are advised to stay away from the shoreline and not to engage in water sports.

(Precautionary Announcements with No. 8 Signal)

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- 2. Park your car where it is safe.

- 3. Do not stand near windows on the exposed side of your home. Make sure you have a safe place to shelter, should windows be broken.
- 4. 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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Tropical Cyclone Warning issued at 11:45 HKT on 01.09.2023 by the Hong Kong Observatory.

The No. 8 Northwest 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 northwest quarter.

At noon, Super Typhoon Saola was centred about 170 kilometres east-southeast of Hong Kong (near 21.9 degrees north 115.8 degrees east) and is forecast to move west-northwest at about 10 kilometres per hour towards the vicinity of the Pearl River Estuary.

Saola has a well-defined eyewall and compact circulation. As Saola continues to edge closer to Hong Kong, weather will deteriorate gradually in the next few hours. There will be heavy squally showers and violent winds. The Gale or Storm Signal No. 8 will remain in force for most of today.

According to the present forecast track, Saola will be closest to Hong Kong tonight and tomorrow morning, skirting within around 50 km south of the Observatory. Depending on changes in local winds, the Observatory will assess the need to issue higher tropical cyclone warning signals around this evening.

Under the influence of storm surge, the water level at Victoria Harbour has reached about 3 metres above chart datum this morning. The water level in low-lying coastal areas will rise rapidly tonight. There may be serious flooding. It is expected to affect the eastern coastal areas of Hong Kong tonight, especially Sai Kung, Shing Mun River, Tai Po, Sha Tau Kok etc. The maximum water level may be similar to that when Mangkhut hit Hong Kong in 2018.

Seas will be high with swells. Members of the public are advised to stay away from the shoreline

and not to engage in water sports.

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Tropical Cyclone Warning issued at 13:03 HKT on 01.09.2023 by the Hong Kong Observatory.

The No. 8 Northwest 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 northwest quarter.

At 1 p.m., Super Typhoon Saola was centred about 160 kilometres east-southeast of Hong Kong (near 21.9 degrees north 115.7 degrees east) and is forecast to move west-northwest at about 10 kilometres per hour towards the vicinity of the Pearl River Estuary.

Radar imagery showed that Saola has a double eye-walled structure. Saola continues to edge closer to Hong Kong as a super typhoon. Winds over parts of high ground have reached storm force. The rainbands of Saola are affecting Hong Kong. Weather will deteriorate in the next few hours with heavy squally showers and violent winds. The Gale or Storm Signal No. 8 will remain in force for most of today.

According to the present forecast track, Saola will be closest to Hong Kong tonight to tomorrow morning, skirting within about 50 km south of the Hong Kong Observatory. Depending on the changes in local winds, the Observatory will consider issuing higher tropical cyclone warning signals between 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. tonight.

Under the influence of storm surge, the water level in low-lying coastal areas will rise rapidly tonight. There may be serious flooding. The maximum sea level may be similar to that when Mangkhut hit Hong Kong in 2018. The water level in the eastern coastal waters of the territory will increase from around 9 p.m. tonight. Among which, the water level at Tolo Harbour will reach a high water level of 5 metres or higher above chart datum around midnight, which is about 3 metres or above higher than the normal tide level. The worst hit areas include Shing Mun River, Tai Po, Sha Tau Kok, Sai Kung, etc.

The water levels over other coastal areas of Hong Kong will also start to rise significantly from around 6 a.m. tomorrow (2 September). The maximum water level at Victoria Harbour will be some 3 metres above chart datum. The water level in low-lying coastal areas such as Lei Yue Mun will be around 1.5 metres higher than the normal tide level. The water level at Tai O will reach around 3.5 metres above chart datum, which is nearly 2 metres above the normal tide level.

Seas will be high with swells. Members of the public are advised to stay away from the shoreline and not to engage in water sports.

(Precautionary Announcements with No. 8 Signal)

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Tropical Cyclone Warning issued at 13:45 HKT on 01.09.2023 by the Hong Kong Observatory.

The No. 8 Northwest 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 northwest quarter.

At 2 p.m., Super Typhoon Saola was centred about 140 kilometres east-southeast of Hong Kong (near 21.9 degrees north 115.5 degrees east) and is forecast to move west-northwest at about 10 kilometres per hour towards the vicinity of the Pearl River Estuary.

Radar imagery showed that Saola has a double eye-walled structure. Saola continues to edge closer to Hong Kong as a super typhoon. Winds over parts of high ground have reached storm force. The rainbands of Saola are affecting Hong Kong. Weather will deteriorate in the next few hours with heavy squally showers and violent winds.

According to the present forecast track, Saola will be closest to Hong Kong tonight to tomorrow morning, skirting within about 50 km south of the Hong Kong Observatory. Depending on the changes in local winds, the Observatory will consider issuing higher tropical cyclone warning signals between 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. tonight.

Under the influence of storm surge, the water level in low-lying coastal areas will rise rapidly tonight. There may be serious flooding. The maximum sea level may be similar to that when Mangkhut hit Hong Kong in 2018. The water level in the eastern coastal waters of the territory will increase from around 9 p.m. tonight. Among which, the water level at Tolo Harbour will reach a high water level of 5 metres or higher above chart datum around midnight, which is about 3 metres or above higher than the normal tide level. The worst hit areas include Shing Mun River, Tai Po, Sha Tau Kok, Sai Kung, etc.

The water levels over other coastal areas of Hong Kong will also start to rise significantly from around 6 a.m. tomorrow (2 September). The maximum water level at Victoria Harbour will be some 3 metres above chart datum. The water level in low-lying coastal areas such as Lei Yue Mun will be around 1.5 metres higher than the normal tide level. The water level at Tai O will reach

around 3.5 metres above chart datum, which is nearly 2 metres above the normal tide level.

Seas will be high with swells. Members of the public are advised to stay away from the shoreline and not to engage in water sports.

(Precautionary Announcements with No. 8 Signal)

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Tropical Cyclone Warning issued at 14:49 HKT on 01.09.2023 by the Hong Kong Observatory.

The No. 8 Northwest 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 northwest quarter.

At 3 p.m., Super Typhoon Saola was centred about 140 kilometres east-southeast of Hong Kong (near 21.9 degrees north 115.5 degrees east) and is forecast to move west-northwest at about 10 kilometres per hour towards the vicinity of the Pearl River Estuary.

Saola continues to edge closer to Hong Kong as a Super Typhoon. Gale force winds are prevailing over high ground and parts reaching storm force. The rainbands of Saola are affecting the territory.

The weather will further deteriorate in the next few hours with heavy squally showers and violent winds.

According to the present forecast track, Saola will be closest to Hong Kong tonight to tomorrow morning, skirting within about 50 km south of the Hong Kong Observatory. Depending on the changes in local winds, the Observatory will consider issuing higher tropical cyclone warning signals between 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. tonight.

Under the influence of storm surge, the water level in low-lying coastal areas will rise rapidly tonight. There may be serious flooding. The maximum sea level may be similar to that when Mangkhut hit Hong Kong in 2018. The water level in the eastern coastal waters of the territory will increase from around 9 p.m. tonight. Among which, the water level at Tolo Harbour will reach a high water level of 5 metres or higher above chart datum around midnight, which is about 3 metres or above higher than the normal tide level. The maximum water level may reach a historical record. The worst hit areas include Shing Mun River, Tai Po, Sha Tau Kok, Sai Kung, etc.

The water levels over other coastal areas of Hong Kong will also start to rise significantly from around 6 a.m. tomorrow (2 September). The maximum water level at Victoria Harbour will be some 3 metres above chart datum. The water level in low-lying coastal areas such as Lei Yue Mun will be around 1.5 metres higher than the normal tide level. The water level at Tai O will reach around 3.5 metres above chart datum, which is nearly 2 metres above the normal tide level.

Seas will be high with swells. Members of the public are advised to stay away from the shoreline and not to engage in water sports.

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Tropical Cyclone Warning issued at 15:50 HKT on 01.09.2023 by the Hong Kong Observatory.

The No. 8 Northwest 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 northwest quarter.

At 4 p.m., Super Typhoon Saola was centred about 130 kilometres east-southeast of Hong Kong (near 21.9 degrees north 115.3 degrees east) and is forecast to move west-northwest at about 10 kilometres per hour towards the vicinity of the Pearl River Estuary.

Saola continues to edge closer to Hong Kong as a Super Typhoon. Gale force winds are prevailing over offshore areas and on high ground. Winds over parts of high ground reached storm force. Heavy squally showers associated with Saola are affecting the territory.

According to the present forecast track, Saola will be closest to Hong Kong tonight to tomorrow morning, skirting within about 50 km south of the Hong Kong Observatory. The Observatory will consider issuing the Increasing Gale or Storm Signal No.9 between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. tonight.

Under the influence of storm surge, the water level in low-lying coastal areas will rise rapidly tonight. There may be serious flooding. The maximum sea level may be similar to that when Mangkhut hit Hong Kong in 2018. The water level in the eastern coastal waters of the territory will increase from around 9 p.m. tonight. Among which, the water level at Tolo Harbour will reach a high water level of 5 metres or higher above chart datum around midnight, which is about 3 metres or above higher than the normal tide level. The maximum water level may reach a historical record. The worst hit areas include Shing Mun River, Tai Po, Sha Tau Kok, Sai Kung, etc.

The water levels over other coastal areas of Hong Kong will also start to rise significantly from around 6 a.m. tomorrow (2 September). The maximum water level at Victoria Harbour will be some 3 metres above chart datum. The water level in low-lying coastal areas such as Lei Yue Mun

will be around 1.5 metres higher than the normal tide level. The water level at Tai O will reach around 3.5 metres above chart datum, which is nearly 2 metres above the normal tide level.

Seas will be high with swells. Members of the public are advised to stay away from the shoreline and not to engage in water sports.

In the past hour, the maximum sustained winds recorded at Waglan Island, Tate's Cairn and Green Island were 76, 72 and 66 kilometres per hour with maximum gusts exceeding 98, 98 and 82 kilometres per hour respectively.

(Precautionary Announcements with No. 8 Signal)

- 1. Complete all precautions in your home. Lock all windows and doors, insert reinforced shutters and gates if they are available. Adhesive tape fixed to large window-panes in exposed positions will reduce damage and injury by broken glass. Drains should be cleared of leaves and rubbish as soon as possible.
- 2. Park your car where it is safe.
- 3. Do not stand near windows on the exposed side of your home. Make sure you have a safe place to shelter, should windows be broken.
- 4. 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.
- 5. Owners of neon signs should switch off the electricity supply to the signs.
- 6. Please listen to radio or watch TV for the latest weather information broadcast. You can also browse the Hong Kong Observatory's website and mobile app for the information.

Tropical Cyclone Warning issued at 16:50 HKT on 01.09.2023 by the Hong Kong Observatory.

The No. 8 Northwest 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 northwest quarter.

At 5 p.m., Super Typhoon Saola was centred about 110 kilometres east-southeast of Hong Kong

(near 21.9 degrees north 115.1 degrees east) and is forecast to move west-northwest at about 10 kilometres per hour towards the vicinity of the Pearl River Estuary.

Saola continues to edge closer to Hong Kong as a Super Typhoon. Gale force winds are prevailing over offshore areas and on high ground. Winds over parts of high ground reached storm force. Squally heavy showers associated with Saola are affecting the territory.

According to the present forecast track, Saola will be closest to Hong Kong tonight to tomorrow morning, skirting within about 50 km south of the Hong Kong Observatory. Northerly winds will change gradually to east to southeasterlies locally. Areas which were previously sheltered may become exposed. Members of the public should stay on high alert. The Observatory will consider issuing Increasing Gale or Storm Signal No.9 between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. tonight.

Under the influence of storm surge, the water level in low-lying coastal areas will rise rapidly tonight. There may be serious flooding. The maximum sea level may be similar to that when Mangkhut hit Hong Kong in 2018. The water level in the eastern coastal waters of the territory will increase from around 9 p.m. tonight. Among which, the water level at Tolo Harbour will reach a high water level of 5 metres or higher above chart datum around midnight, which is about 3 metres or above higher than the normal tide level. The maximum water level may reach a historical record. The worst hit areas include Shing Mun River, Tai Po, Sha Tau Kok, Sai Kung, etc.

The water levels over other coastal areas of Hong Kong will also start to rise significantly from around 6 a.m. tomorrow (2 September). The maximum water level at Victoria Harbour will be some 3 metres above chart datum. The water level in low-lying coastal areas such as Lei Yue Mun will be around 1.5 metres higher than the normal tide level. The water level at Tai O will reach around 3.5 metres above chart datum, which is nearly 2 metres above the normal tide level.

Seas will be high with swells. Members of the public are advised to stay away from the shoreline and not to engage in water sports.

In the past hour, the maximum sustained winds recorded at Waglan Island, Tate's Cairn and Cheung Chau were 89, 85 and 65 kilometres per hour with maximum gusts exceeding 109, 103 and 97 kilometres per hour respectively.

(Precautionary Announcements with No. 8 Signal)

1. Complete all precautions in your home. Lock all windows and doors, insert reinforced shutters

and gates if they are available. Adhesive tape fixed to large window-panes in exposed positions will reduce damage and injury by broken glass. Drains should be cleared of leaves and rubbish as soon as possible.

- 2. Park your car where it is safe.
- 3. Do not stand near windows on the exposed side of your home. Make sure you have a safe place to shelter, should windows be broken.
- 4. 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.
- 5. Owners of neon signs should switch off the electricity supply to the signs.
- 6. Please listen to radio or watch TV for the latest weather information broadcast. You can also browse the Hong Kong Observatory's website and mobile app for the information.

Tropical Cyclone Warning issued at 17:50 HKT on 01.09.2023 by the Hong Kong Observatory.

The No. 8 Northwest 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 northwest quarter.

At 6 p.m., Super Typhoon Saola was centred about 90 kilometres east-southeast of Hong Kong Observatory (near 21.9 degrees north 114.9 degrees east) and is forecast to move west or west-northwest at about 12 kilometres per hour towards the vicinity of the Pearl River Estuary.

The eyewall of Super Typhoon Saola now about 50 kilometres to the east of the Hong Kong Observatory is edging towards Hong Kong. Gale force winds are generally affecting the territory, with occasional storm force winds offshore and hurricane force winds on parts of the high ground. Squally heavy showers associated with Saola are affecting the territory.

According to the present forecast track, Saola will be closest to Hong Kong around midnight, skirting within around 40 km south of the Hong Kong Observatory. Northerly winds will change gradually to east to southeasterlies locally. Areas which were previously sheltered may become exposed. Members of the public should stay on high alert. The Observatory will issue Increasing Gale or Storm Signal No.9 at 6:20 pm.

Under the influence of storm surge, the water level in low-lying coastal areas will rise rapidly tonight. The water level in the eastern coastal waters of the territory will increase from around 9 p.m. tonight. Among which, the water level at Tolo Harbour will reach a high water level of around 6 metres—above chart datum near midnight, which is about 4 metres higher than the normal tide level. The maximum water level may reach a historical record. The worst hit areas include Sha Tin, Tai Po, Sha Tau Kok, Sai Kung, etc. There will be serious flooding, the flood depth in some areas may be more than 1 metre.

The water levels over other coastal areas of Hong Kong will also start to rise significantly from around 6 a.m. tomorrow (2 September). The maximum water level at Victoria Harbour will be some 3 metres above chart datum. The water level in low-lying coastal areas such as Lei Yue Mun will be around 1.5 metres higher than the normal tide level. The water level at Tai O will reach around 3.5 metres above chart datum, which is nearly 2 metres above the normal tide level.

Seas will be high with swells. Members of the public are advised to stay away from the shoreline and not to engage in water sports.

In the past hour, the maximum sustained winds recorded at Waglan Island, Tate's Cairn and Cheung Chau were 97, 90 and 80 kilometres per hour with maximum gusts exceeding 120, 117 and 113 kilometres per hour respectively.

(Precautionary Announcements with No. 8 Signal)

- 1. Complete all precautions in your home. Lock all windows and doors, insert reinforced shutters and gates if they are available. Adhesive tape fixed to large window-panes in exposed positions will reduce damage and injury by broken glass. Drains should be cleared of leaves and rubbish as soon as possible.
- 2. Park your car where it is safe.
- 3. Do not stand near windows on the exposed side of your home. Make sure you have a safe place to shelter, should windows be broken.
- 4. 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.
- 5. Owners of neon signs should switch off the electricity supply to the signs.

6. Please listen to radio or watch TV for the latest weather information broadcast. You can also browse the Hong Kong Observatory's website and mobile app for the information.

Tropical Cyclone Warning issued at 18:25 HKT on 01.09.2023 by the Hong Kong Observatory.

The Increasing Gale or Storm Signal, No. 9, was issued at 6:20 p.m.

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

At 6 p.m., Super Typhoon Saola was centred about 90 kilometres east-southeast of Hong Kong Observatory (near 21.9 degrees north 114.9 degrees east) and is forecast to move west or west-northwest at about 12 kilometres per hour towards the vicinity of the Pearl River Estuary.

The eyewall of Super Typhoon Saola now about 30 kilometres to the east of the Hong Kong Observatory is edging towards Hong Kong. Gale force winds are generally affecting the territory, with occasional storm force winds offshore, and hurricane force winds on parts of the high ground. Squally heavy showers associated with Saola are affecting the territory.

According to the present forecast track, Saola will be closest to Hong Kong around midnight, skirting within around 40 km south of the Hong Kong Observatory. Northerly winds will change gradually to east to southeasterlies locally. Areas which were previously sheltered may become exposed. Members of the public should stay on high alert. The Observatory will assess the need for issuing the Hurricane Signal, No. 10, depending on the local wind changes.

Under the influence of storm surge, the water level in low-lying coastal areas will rise rapidly tonight. The water level in the eastern coastal waters of the territory will increase from around 9 p.m. tonight. Among which, the water level at Tolo Harbour will reach a high water level of around 6 metres—above chart datum near midnight, which is about 4 metres higher than the normal tide level. The maximum water level may reach a historical record. The worst hit areas include Sha Tin, Tai Po, Sha Tau Kok, Sai Kung, etc. There will be serious flooding, the flood depth in some areas may be more than 1 metre.

The water levels over other coastal areas of Hong Kong will also start to rise significantly from around 6 a.m. tomorrow (2 September). The maximum water level at Victoria Harbour will be some 3 metres above chart datum. The water level in low-lying coastal areas such as Lei Yue Mun will be around 1.5 metres higher than the normal tide level. The water level at Tai O will reach around 3.5 metres above chart datum, which is nearly 2 metres above the normal tide level.

Seas will be high with swells. Members of the public are advised to stay away from the shoreline and not to engage in water sports.

In the past hour, the maximum sustained winds recorded at Waglan Island, Tate's Cairn and Cheung Chau were 97, 90 and 80 kilometres per hour with maximum gusts exceeding 120, 117 and 113 kilometres per hour respectively.

(Precautionary Announcements)

- 1. Do not go outside. If you are reasonably protected, stay where you are. Do not 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 easily if hit by a flying object. Make sure you have a safe place to shelter. You should only fix broken windows and doors when there is no danger in doing so.
- 3. People outdoors should find a safe place now and remain there until the danger is over.
- 4. 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 18:48 HKT on 01.09.2023 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 Saola moves closer to Hong Kong.

At 7 p.m., Super Typhoon Saola was centred about 70 kilometres east-southeast of Hong Kong Observatory (near 22.0 degrees north 114.8 degrees east) and is forecast to move west or west-northwest at about 12 kilometres per hour across the vicinity of the Pearl River Estuary.

The eyewall of Super Typhoon Saola now about 30 kilometres to the east of the Hong Kong Observatory is edging towards Hong Kong. Squally heavy showers associated with Saola are affecting the territory. Gale force winds are generally affecting the territory, with occasional storm force winds offshore, and hurricane force winds on parts of the high ground. It is expected that the eyewall of Saola will move across Hong Kong in the next few hours, and winds will strengthen significantly. The Observatory will assess the need for issuing the Hurricane Signal, No. 10,

depending on the local wind changes.

According to the present forecast track, Saola will be closest to Hong Kong around midnight, skirting within around 40 km south of the Hong Kong Observatory. Northerly winds will change gradually to east to southeasterlies locally. Areas which were previously sheltered may become exposed. Members of the public should stay on high alert.

Under the influence of storm surge, the water level in low-lying coastal areas will rise rapidly tonight. The water level in the eastern coastal waters of the territory will increase from around 9 p.m. tonight. Among which, the water level at Tolo Harbour will reach a high water level of around 6 metres—above chart datum near midnight, which is about 4 metres higher than the normal tide level. The maximum water level may reach a historical record. The worst hit areas include Sha Tin, Tai Po, Sha Tau Kok, Sai Kung, etc. There will be serious flooding, the flood depth in some areas may be more than 1 metre.

The water levels over other coastal areas of Hong Kong will also start to rise significantly from around 6 a.m. tomorrow (2 September). The maximum water level at Victoria Harbour will be some 3 metres above chart datum. The water level in low-lying coastal areas such as Lei Yue Mun will be around 1.5 metres higher than the normal tide level. The water level at Tai O will reach around 3.5 metres above chart datum, which is nearly 2 metres above the normal tide level.

Seas will be high with swells. Members of the public are advised to stay away from the shoreline and not to engage in water sports.

In the past hour, the maximum sustained winds recorded at Tate's Cairn, Waglan Island and Green Island were 101, 100 and 90 kilometres per hour with maximum gusts exceeding 134, 126 and 119 kilometres per hour respectively.

(Precautionary Announcements)

- 1. Do not go outside. If you are reasonably protected, stay where you are. Do not 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 easily if hit by a flying object. Make sure you have a safe place to shelter. You should only fix broken windows and doors when there is no danger in doing so.
- 3. People outdoors should find a safe place now and remain there until the danger is over.

4. 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 19:48 HKT on 01.09.2023 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 Saola moves closer to Hong Kong.

At 8 p.m., Super Typhoon Saola was centred about 60 kilometres southeast of Hong Kong Observatory (near 22.0 degrees north 114.6 degrees east) and is forecast to move west or west-northwest at about 12 kilometres per hour across the vicinity of the Pearl River Estuary.

The eyewall of Saola is moving across Hong Kong, and its associated squally heavy showers are affecting the territory. Gale to storm force winds are generally affecting the territory, with hurricane force winds on parts of the high ground. It is expected that winds will continue to strengthen. The Observatory will assess the need for issuing the Hurricane Signal, No. 10, depending on the local wind changes.

According to the present forecast track, Saola will be closest to Hong Kong around midnight, skirting within around 40 km south of the Hong Kong Observatory. Northerly winds will change gradually to east to southeasterlies locally. Areas which were previously sheltered may become exposed. Members of the public should stay on high alert.

Under the influence of storm surge, the water level in low-lying coastal areas will rise rapidly tonight. The water level in the eastern coastal waters of the territory will increase from around 9 p.m. tonight. Among which, the water level at Tolo Harbour will reach a high water level of around 6 metres above chart datum near midnight, which is about 4 metres higher than the normal tide level. The maximum water level may reach a historical record. The worst hit areas include Sha Tin, Tai Po, Sha Tau Kok, Sai Kung, etc. There will be serious flooding, the flood depth in some areas may be more than 1 metre. The water levels over other coastal areas of Hong Kong will also start to rise significantly from around 6 a.m. tomorrow (2 September). The maximum water level at Victoria Harbour will be some 3 metres above chart datum. The water level in low-lying coastal areas such as Lei Yue Mun will be around 1.5 metres higher than the normal tide level. The water level at Tai O will reach around 3.5 metres above chart datum, which is nearly 2 metres above the normal tide level.

Seas will be high with swells. Members of the public are advised to stay away from the shoreline and not to engage in water sports.

In the past hour, the maximum sustained winds recorded at Waglan Island, Tate's Cairn and Cheung Chau were 117, 107 and 89 kilometres per hour with maximum gusts exceeding 144, 154 and 130 kilometres per hour respectively.

(Precautionary Announcements)

- 1. Do not go outside. If you are reasonably protected, stay where you are. Do not 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 easily if hit by a flying object. Make sure you have a safe place to shelter. You should only fix broken windows and doors when there is no danger in doing so.
- 3. People outdoors should find a safe place now and remain there until the danger is over.
- 4. 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 20:20 HKT on 01.09.2023 by the Hong Kong Observatory.

The Hurricane Signal, No. 10, was issued at 8:15 p.m.

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

At 8 p.m., Super Typhoon Saola was centred about 60 kilometres southeast of Hong Kong Observatory (near 22.0 degrees north 114.6 degrees east) and is forecast to move west or west-northwest at about 12 kilometres per hour across the vicinity of the Pearl River Estuary.

The eyewall of Super Typhoon Saola is now moving across Hong Kong, posing a high threat to Hong Kong. Hurricane force winds are affecting the eastern part of Hong Kong. According to the present forecast track, Saola will skirt around 40 kilometres to the south of the Hong Kong Observatory in the next few hours. The Hurricane Signal, No. 10 is expected to remain in force for some time. Northerly winds will change gradually to east to southeasterlies locally. Areas which were previously sheltered may become exposed. Members of the public should stay on high alert. You are advised to remain where you are if protected and be prepared for destructive

winds.

Under the influence of storm surge, the water level in low-lying coastal areas will rise rapidly tonight. The water level in the eastern coastal waters of the territory will increase from around 9 p.m. tonight. Among which, the water level at Tolo Harbour will reach a high water level of around 6 metres above chart datum near midnight, which is about 4 metres higher than the normal tide level. The maximum water level may reach a historical record. The worst hit areas include Sha Tin, Tai Po, Sha Tau Kok, Sai Kung, etc. There will be serious flooding, the flood depth in some areas may be more than 1 metre.

The water levels over other coastal areas of Hong Kong will also start to rise significantly from around 6 a.m. tomorrow (2 September). The maximum water level at Victoria Harbour will be some 3 metres above chart datum. The water level in low-lying coastal areas such as Lei Yue Mun will be around 1.5 metres higher than the normal tide level. The water level at Tai O will reach around 3.5 metres above chart datum, which is nearly 2 metres above the normal tide level.

Seas will be phenomenal with swells. Members of the public are advised to stay away from the shoreline and not to engage in water sports.

In the past hour, the maximum sustained winds recorded at Waglan Island, Tate's Cairn and Cheung Chau were 117, 107 and 89 kilometres per hour with maximum gusts exceeding 144, 154 and 130 kilometres per hour respectively.

(Precautionary Announcements)

- 1. Do not go outside. If you are reasonably protected, stay where you are. Do not 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 easily if hit by a flying object. Make sure you have a safe place to shelter. You should only fix broken windows and doors when there is no danger in doing so.
- 3. People outdoors should find a safe place now and remain there until the danger is over.
- 4. 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 20:45 HKT on 01.09.2023 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 9 p.m., Super Typhoon Saola was centred about 40 kilometres southeast of Hong Kong Observatory (near 22.0 degrees north 114.4 degrees east) and is forecast to move west at about 14 kilometres per hour across the vicinity of the Pearl River Estuary.

The eyewall of Super Typhoon Saola is now moving across Hong Kong, posing a high threat to Hong Kong. Hurricane force winds are affecting the eastern part of Hong Kong. According to the present forecast track, Saola will skirt around 40 kilometres to the south of the Hong Kong Observatory in the next few hours. The Hurricane Signal, No. 10 is expected to remain in force for some time. Northerly winds will change gradually to east to southeasterlies locally. Areas which were previously sheltered may become exposed. Members of the public should stay on high alert. You are advised to remain where you are if protected and be prepared for destructive winds.

Under the influence of storm surge, the water level in low-lying coastal areas will rise rapidly tonight. The water level in the eastern coastal waters of the territory will increase from around 9 p.m. tonight. Among which, the water level at Tolo Harbour will reach a high water level of around 6 metres above chart datum near midnight, which is about 4 metres higher than the normal tide level. The maximum water level may reach a historical record. The worst hit areas include Sha Tin, Tai Po, Sha Tau Kok, Sai Kung, etc. There will be serious flooding, the flood depth in some areas may be more than 1 metre.

The water levels over other coastal areas of Hong Kong will also start to rise significantly from around 6 a.m. tomorrow (2 September). The maximum water level at Victoria Harbour will be some 3 metres above chart datum. The water level in low-lying coastal areas such as Lei Yue Mun will be around 1.5 metres higher than the normal tide level. The water level at Tai O will reach around 3.5 metres above chart datum, which is nearly 2 metres above the normal tide level.

Seas will be phenomenal with swells. Members of the public are advised to stay away from the shoreline and not to engage in water sports.

In the past hour, the maximum sustained winds recorded at Waglan Island, Tate's Cairn and Cheung Chau were 152, 123 and 98 kilometres per hour with maximum gusts exceeding 182, 157

and 141 kilometres per hour respectively.

(Precautionary Announcements)

- 1. Do not go outside. If you are reasonably protected, stay where you are. Do not 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 easily if hit by a flying object. Make sure you have a safe place to shelter. You should only fix broken windows and doors when there is no danger in doing so.
- 3. People outdoors should find a safe place now and remain there until the danger is over.
- 4. 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 21:55 HKT on 01.09.2023 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 p.m., Super Typhoon Saola was centred about 40 kilometres south-southeast of Hong Kong Observatory (near 22.0 degrees north 114.3 degrees east) and is forecast to move west at about 14 kilometres per hour across the vicinity of the Pearl River Estuary.

The eyewall of Saola is now moving across Hong Kong. Hurricane force winds are affecting many places. Saola will be closest to Hong Kong in the next few hours, skirting around 40 kilometres to the south of the Hong Kong Observatory. The Hurricane Signal, No. 10 will remain in force for some time. Northeasterly winds will change gradually to east to southeasterlies. Areas which were previously sheltered may become exposed. Members of the public should stay on high alert. You are advised to stay where you are if protected and be prepared for destructive winds.

Under the influence of storm surge, the sea levels over the coastal areas of Hong Kong are rising. At present, the water level at Tolo Harbour is around 3 metres. It is expected that the maximum water level will be 5 to 6 metres above chart datum before midnight, which is about 3 to 4 metres above normal tide level. It may reach a historical record since the availability of instrumental data in that region. There will be serious flooding in low-lying coastal areas such as Shatin, Tai Po,

Sha Tau Kok, Sai Kung, etc. The maximum water level at Victoria Harbour will be some 3 metres above chart datum. The water level at Tai O will also rise to some 3 metres above chart datum around 9 a.m. tomorrow morning (2 September).

Seas will be phenomenal with swells. Members of the public are advised to stay away from the shoreline and not to engage in water sports.

The Observatory makes a special appeal to the members of the public to stay in safe place indoor, and not to go outside.

In the past hour, the maximum sustained winds recorded at Waglan Island, Tate's Cairn and Green Island were 159, 144 and 128 kilometres per hour with maximum gusts exceeding 183, 183 and 156 kilometres per hour respectively.

(Precautionary Announcements)

- 1. Do not go outside. If you are reasonably protected, stay where you are. Do not 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 easily if hit by a flying object. Make sure you have a safe place to shelter. You should only fix broken windows and doors when there is no danger in doing so.
- 3. People outdoors should find a safe place now and remain there until the danger is over.
- 4. 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 22:50 HKT on 01.09.2023 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 p.m., Super Typhoon Saola was centred about 30 kilometres south-southwest of Hong Kong Observatory (near 22.0 degrees north 114.1 degrees east) and is forecast to move west at about 14 kilometres per hour across the vicinity of the Pearl River Estuary.

The eyewall of Saola is now moving across Hong Kong. Hurricane force winds are affecting many

places. Saola is closest to Hong Kong at present, skirting around 30 kilometres to the south of the Hong Kong Observatory. The Hurricane Signal, No. 10 will remain in force for some time. Northeasterly winds will change gradually to east to southeasterlies. Areas which were previously sheltered may become exposed. Members of the public should stay on high alert. You are advised to stay where you are if protected and be prepared for destructive winds of Saola.

Under the influence of storm surge, the sea levels over the coastal areas of Hong Kong are rising. At present, the water level at Tolo Harbour rises above 3 metres. The maximum water level is expected to be 5 to 6 metres above chart datum before midnight, and may reach a historical record since the availability of instrumental data in that region. There will be serious flooding in low-lying coastal areas such as Shatin, Tai Po, Sha Tau Kok, Sai Kung, etc. The maximum water level at Victoria Harbour will be some 3 metres above chart datum. The water level at Tai O will also rise to some 3 metres above chart datum around 9 a.m. tomorrow morning (2 September).

Seas will be phenomenal with swells. Members of the public are advised to stay away from the shoreline.

The Observatory makes a special appeal to the members of the public to stay in safe place indoor, and not to go outside.

In the past hour, the maximum sustained winds recorded at Waglan Island, Cheung Chau Beach and Green Island were 159, 141 and 140 kilometres per hour with maximum gusts exceeding 179, 175 and 180 kilometres per hour respectively.

(Precautionary Announcements)

- 1. Do not go outside. If you are reasonably protected, stay where you are. Do not 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 easily if hit by a flying object. Make sure you have a safe place to shelter. You should only fix broken windows and doors when there is no danger in doing so.
- 3. People outdoors should find a safe place now and remain there until the danger is over.
- 4. 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 23:51 HKT on 01.09.2023 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.

Super Typhoon Saola has weakened into a severe typhoon.

At midnight, Saola was centred about 40 kilometres south-southwest of Hong Kong Observatory (near 22.0 degrees north 114.0 degrees east) and is forecast to move west at about 14 kilometres per hour across the vicinity of the Pearl River Estuary.

Saola weakened slightly and started to depart from Hong Kong gradually. However, the destructive storm force and hurricane force winds of Saola are still affecting the territory. The Hurricane Signal, No. 10 will remain in force for some time. East to northeasterly winds will change gradually to southeasterlies. Areas which were previously sheltered may become exposed. Members of the public should stay on high alert. You are advised to stay where you are if protected and be prepared for destructive winds of Saola.

Under the influence of storm surge, the sea levels over the coastal areas of Hong Kong are rising. At present, the water level at Sai Kung is higher than 4 metres above chart datum. There will be serious flooding in low-lying coastal areas such as Shatin, Tai Po, Sha Tau Kok, Sai Kung, etc. The maximum water level at Victoria Harbour will be some 3 metres above chart datum. The water level at Tai O will also rise to some 3 metres above chart datum around 9 a.m. tomorrow morning (2 September).

Seas will be phenomenal with swells. Members of the public are advised to stay away from the shoreline.

The Observatory makes a special appeal to the members of the public to stay in safe place indoor, and not to go outside.

In the past hour, the maximum sustained winds recorded at Ngong Ping, Cheung Chau Beach and Green Island were 148, 138 and 125 kilometres per hour with maximum gusts exceeding 181, 176 and 163 kilometres per hour respectively.

(Precautionary Announcements)

- 1. Do not go outside. If you are reasonably protected, stay where you are. Do not 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 easily if hit by a flying object. Make sure you have a safe place to shelter. You should only fix broken windows and doors when there is no danger in doing so.
- 3. People outdoors should find a safe place now and remain there until the danger is over.
- 4. 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 00:45 HKT on 02.09.2023 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 a.m., Severe Typhoon Saola was centred about 50 kilometres southwest of Hong Kong Observatory (near 22.0 degrees north 113.8 degrees east) and is forecast to move west at about 14 kilometres per hour across the vicinity of the Pearl River Estuary.

Saola started to depart from Hong Kong gradually. Winds have weakened over the eastern part of the territory. However, destructive storm force and hurricane force winds of Saola are still affecting Hong Kong. The Hurricane Signal, No. 10 is expected to remain in force for some time. Members of the public should stay on high alert. The Observatory advises members of the public to remain where you are if protected and to pay attention to the destructive winds of Saola.

Under the influence of storm surge, the water level at Sai Kung reached around 4.5 metres above chart datum in the past two hours. The water level at Tai O will also rise to some 3 metres above chart datum around 9 a.m. Saturday morning (2 September).

Seas will be phenomenal with swells. Members of the public are advised to stay away from the shoreline.

The Observatory makes a special appeal to the members of the public to stay in safe place indoor, and not to go outside.

In the past hour, the maximum sustained winds recorded at Ngong Ping, Cheung Chau Beach and Peng Chau were 143, 125 and 115 kilometres per hour with maximum gusts exceeding 189, 169 and 140 kilometres per hour respectively.

(Precautionary Announcements)

- 1. Do not go outside. If you are reasonably protected, stay where you are. Do not 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 easily if hit by a flying object. Make sure you have a safe place to shelter. You should only fix broken windows and doors when there is no danger in doing so.
- 3. People outdoors should find a safe place now and remain there until the danger is over.
- 4. 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 01:47 HKT on 02.09.2023 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 a.m., Severe Typhoon Saola was centred about 70 kilometres southwest of Hong Kong Observatory (near 21.9 degrees north 113.6 degrees east) and is forecast to move west or west-southwest at about 14 kilometres per hour across the vicinity of the Pearl River Estuary, towards the coastal waters of western Guangdong.

Saola is departing from Hong Kong gradually and winds over the eastern part of the territory have weakened. However, hurricane force winds associated with Saola are still affecting the western part of the territory occasionally. Depending on the wind conditions, the Observatory will consider issuing the No. 8 Southeast Gale or Storm Signal to replace the Hurricane Signal, No. 10 between 3 a.m. and 6 a.m.

The sea levels over the coastal areas of Hong Kong are decreasing. The water level at Tai Po reached around 4 metres above chart datum in the past two hours. The water level at Tai O will also rise to some 3 metres above chart datum around 9 a.m. this morning.

Seas will be phenomenal with swells. Members of the public are advised to stay away from the shoreline.

The Observatory makes a special appeal to the members of the public to stay in safe place indoor, and not to go outside.

In the past hour, the maximum sustained winds recorded at Ngong Ping, Cheung Chau and Peng Chau were 134, 116 and 91 kilometres per hour with maximum gusts exceeding 161, 130 and 100 kilometres per hour respectively.

(Precautionary Announcements)

- 1. Do not go outside. If you are reasonably protected, stay where you are. Do not 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 easily if hit by a flying object. Make sure you have a safe place to shelter. You should only fix broken windows and doors when there is no danger in doing so.
- 3. People outdoors should find a safe place now and remain there until the danger is over.
- 4. 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 02:00 HKT on 02.09.2023 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 a.m., Severe Typhoon Saola was centred about 70 kilometres southwest of Hong Kong Observatory (near 21.9 degrees north 113.6 degrees east) and is forecast to move west or west-southwest at about 14 kilometres per hour across the vicinity of the Pearl River Estuary, towards the coastal waters of western Guangdong.

Saola is departing from Hong Kong gradually and winds over the eastern part of the territory have weakened. However, hurricane force winds associated with Saola are still affecting the western

part of the territory occasionally. Depending on the wind conditions, the Observatory will consider issuing the No. 8 Southeast Gale or Storm Signal to replace the Hurricane Signal, No. 10 between 3 a.m. and 6 a.m.

The sea levels over the coastal areas of Hong Kong are decreasing. The water level at Tai Po reached around 4 metres above chart datum in the past two hours. The water level at Tai O will also rise to some 3 metres above chart datum at around 9 a.m. this morning.

Seas will be phenomenal with swells. Members of the public are advised to stay away from the shoreline.

The Observatory makes a special appeal to the members of the public to stay in safe place indoor, and not to go outside.

In the past hour, the maximum sustained winds recorded at Ngong Ping, Cheung Chau and Peng Chau were 134, 116 and 91 kilometres per hour with maximum gusts exceeding 161, 130 and 100 kilometres per hour respectively.

(Precautionary Announcements)

- 1. Do not go outside. If you are reasonably protected, stay where you are. Do not 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 easily if hit by a flying object. Make sure you have a safe place to shelter. You should only fix broken windows and doors when there is no danger in doing so.
- 3. People outdoors should find a safe place now and remain there until the danger is over.
- 4. 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 02:49 HKT on 02.09.2023 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 3 a.m., Severe Typhoon Saola was centred about 90 kilometres west-southwest of Hong Kong

Observatory (near 21.9 degrees north 113.4 degrees east) and is forecast to move west or west-southwest at about 14 kilometres per hour across the coastal waters of western Guangdong.

Saola is departing from Hong Kong gradually and winds over the eastern part of the territory have slightly weakened. However, hurricane force winds associated with Saola are still affecting the western part of the territory occasionally. Depending on the wind conditions, the Observatory will consider issuing the No. 8 Southeast Gale or Storm Signal to replace the Hurricane Signal, No. 10 between 3 a.m. and 6 a.m.

Under the influence of storm surge, the water level at Tai Po reached around 4 metres above chart datum in the past few hours. The water level at Tai O and Tsim Bei Tsui will rise to some 3 metres above chart datum between 9 a.m. and noon today.

Seas will be phenomenal with swells. Members of the public are advised to stay away from the shoreline.

The Observatory makes a special appeal to the members of the public to stay in safe place indoor, and not to go outside.

In the past hour, the maximum sustained winds recorded at Ngong Ping and Cheung Chau were 105 and 102 kilometres per hour with maximum gusts exceeding 143 and 118 kilometres per hour respectively.

(Precautionary Announcements)

- 1. Do not go outside. If you are reasonably protected, stay where you are. Do not 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 easily if hit by a flying object. Make sure you have a safe place to shelter. You should only fix broken windows and doors when there is no danger in doing so.
- 3. People outdoors should find a safe place now and remain there until the danger is over.
- 4. 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 03:46 HKT on 02.09.2023 by the Hong Kong Observatory.

The No. 8 Southeast Gale or Storm Signal was issued at 3:40 a.m.

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

At 4 a.m., Severe Typhoon Saola was centred about 100 kilometres west-southwest of Hong Kong Observatory (near 21.9 degrees north 113.3 degrees east) and is forecast to move west or west-southwest at about 14 kilometres per hour across the coastal waters of western Guangdong.

Saola continues to move away from Hong Kong. Local winds have slightly weakened, but gale and storm force winds are still affecting many places. The Gale or Storm Signal No. 8 will remain in force at least until noon. Precautions should not yet be relaxed.

Under the influence of storm surge, the water level at Tai Po reached around 4 metres above chart datum in the past few hours. The water level at Tai O and Tsim Bei Tsui will rise to some 3 metres above chart datum between 9 a.m. and noon today.

Seas will still be high with swells. Members of the public are advised to stay away from the shoreline and not to engage in water sports.

In the past hour, the maximum sustained winds recorded at Ngong Ping, Cheung Chau and Tap Mun were 115, 85 and 74 kilometres per hour with maximum gusts exceeding 139, 92 and 89 kilometres per hour respectively.

- 1. Although the tropical cyclone is moving away from Hong Kong, gales are expected to persist for some time. Please continue to stay indoors until winds moderate. Do not touch electric cables that have been blown loose.
- 2. As gales and violent squalls are still occurring in places, precautions should not yet be relaxed.
- 3. 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.
- 4. Tropical cyclone brought different degrees of damages to Hong Kong. There may be hidden danger. Members of the public should remain on the alert for assurance of personal safety.

5. Please listen to radio or watch TV for the latest weather information broadcast. You can also browse the Hong Kong Observatory's website and mobile app for the information.

Tropical Cyclone Warning issued at 04:46 HKT on 02.09.2023 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 a.m., Severe Typhoon Saola was centred about 120 kilometres west-southwest of Hong Kong (near 21.8 degrees north 113.2 degrees east) and is forecast to move west-southwest at about 14 kilometres per hour across the coastal waters of western Guangdong.

Saola continues to move away from Hong Kong. Local winds have weakened, but gale force winds are still affecting many places. The Gale or Storm Signal No. 8 will remain in force at least until noon. Precautions should not yet be relaxed.

Under the influence of storm surge, the water level at Tai O and Tsim Bei Tsui will rise to some 3 metres above chart datum between 9 a.m. and noon today.

Seas will still be very rough with swells. Members of the public are advised to stay away from the shoreline. Do not engage in water sports.

In the past hour, the maximum sustained winds recorded at Ngong Ping, Cheung Chau and Tap Mun were 109, 73 and 71 kilometres per hour with maximum gusts exceeding 135, 87 and 83 kilometres per hour respectively.

- 1. Although the tropical cyclone is moving away from Hong Kong, gales are expected to persist for some time. Please continue to stay indoors until winds moderate. Do not touch electric cables that have been blown loose.
- 2. As gales and violent squalls are still occurring in places, precautions should not yet be relaxed.
- 3. 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.

- 4. Tropical cyclone brought different degrees of damages to Hong Kong. There may be hidden danger. Members of the public should remain on the alert for assurance of personal safety.
- 5. Please listen to radio or watch TV for the latest weather information broadcast. You can also browse the Hong Kong Observatory's website and mobile app for the information.

Tropical Cyclone Warning issued at 05:45 HKT on 02.09.2023 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 6 a.m., Severe Typhoon Saola was centred about 120 kilometres west-southwest of Hong Kong (near 21.8 degrees north 113.1 degrees east) and is forecast to move west-southwest at about 14 kilometres per hour across the coastal waters of western Guangdong.

Saola continues to move away from Hong Kong, but gale force winds are still affecting many places. The Gale or Storm Signal No. 8 will remain in force at least until noon. Precautions should not yet be relaxed.

Under the influence of storm surge, the water level at Tai O and Tsim Bei Tsui will rise to some 3 metres above chart datum between 9 a.m. and noon today.

Seas will still be very rough with swells. Members of the public are advised to stay away from the shoreline. Do not engage in water sports.

In the past hour, the maximum sustained winds recorded at Ngong Ping, Tap Mun and Cheung Chau were 99, 70 and 68 kilometres per hour with maximum gusts exceeding 131, 81 and 93 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. Please continue to stay indoors until winds moderate. Do not touch electric cables that have been blown loose.

- 2. As gales and violent squalls are still occurring in places, precautions should not yet be relaxed.
- 3. 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.
- 4. Tropical cyclone brought different degrees of damages to Hong Kong. There may be hidden danger. Members of the public should remain on the alert for assurance of personal safety.
- 5. Please listen to radio or watch TV for the latest weather information broadcast. You can also browse the Hong Kong Observatory's website and mobile app for the information.

Tropical Cyclone Warning issued at 06:45 HKT on 02.09.2023 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 Saola has weakened into a typhoon.

At 7 a.m., Saola was centred about 140 kilometres west-southwest of Hong Kong (near 21.7 degrees north 113.0 degrees east) and is forecast to move west-southwest at about 14 kilometres per hour across the coastal waters of western Guangdong.

Saola continues to move away from Hong Kong, but gale force winds are still affecting many places. The Gale or Storm Signal No. 8 will remain in force at least until noon. Precautions should not yet be relaxed.

Under the influence of storm surge, the water level at Tai O and Tsim Bei Tsui will rise to some 3 metres above chart datum between 9 a.m. and noon today.

Seas will still be very rough with swells. Members of the public are advised to stay away from the shoreline. Do not engage in water sports.

In the past hour, the maximum sustained winds recorded at Ngong Ping, Cheung Chau and Tap Mun were 99, 71 and 69 kilometres per hour with maximum gusts exceeding 125, 91 and 89 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. Please continue to stay indoors until winds moderate. Do not touch electric cables that have been blown loose.
- 2. As gales and violent squalls are still occurring in places, precautions should not yet be relaxed.
- 3. 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.
- 4. Tropical cyclone brought different degrees of damages to Hong Kong. There may be hidden danger. Members of the public should remain on the alert for assurance of personal safety.
- 5. Please listen to radio or watch TV for the latest weather information broadcast. You can also browse the Hong Kong Observatory's website and mobile app for the information.

Tropical Cyclone Warning issued at 07:45 HKT on 02.09.2023 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 8 a.m., Typhoon Saola was centred about 150 kilometres west-southwest of Hong Kong (near 21.7 degrees north 112.9 degrees east) and is forecast to move west-southwest at about 14 kilometres per hour across the coastal waters of western Guangdong.

Saola continues to move away from Hong Kong, but gale force winds are still affecting many places. The rainband associated with Saola will still bring squally heavy showers to the territory. The Gale or Storm Signal No. 8 will remain in force at least until noon. Precautions should not yet be relaxed.

Under the influence of storm surge, the water level at Tai O and Tsim Bei Tsui will rise to some 3 metres above chart datum between 9 a.m. and noon today.

Seas will still be very rough with swells. Members of the public are advised to stay away from the

shoreline. Do not engage in water sports.

In the past hour, the maximum sustained winds recorded at Ngong Ping, Tap Mun and Cheung Chau were 95, 71 and 68 kilometres per hour with maximum gusts exceeding 123, 84 and 93 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. Please continue to stay indoors until winds moderate. Do not touch electric cables that have been blown loose.
- 2. As gales and violent squalls are still occurring in places, precautions should not yet be relaxed.
- 3. 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.
- 4. Tropical cyclone brought different degrees of damages to Hong Kong. There may be hidden danger. Members of the public should remain on the alert for assurance of personal safety.
- 5. Please listen to radio or watch TV for the latest weather information broadcast. You can also browse the Hong Kong Observatory's website and mobile app for the information.

Tropical Cyclone Warning issued at 08:45 HKT on 02.09.2023 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 9 a.m., Typhoon Saola was centred about 160 kilometres west-southwest of Hong Kong (near 21.8 degrees north 112.7 degrees east) and is forecast to move west-southwest at about 14 kilometres per hour across the coastal waters of western Guangdong.

Saola continues to move away from Hong Kong, but gale force winds are still affecting many places. The rainband associated with Saola will still bring squally heavy showers to the territory. The Gale or Storm Signal No. 8 will remain in force at least until noon. Precautions should not yet be relaxed.

Under the influence of storm surge, the water level at Tai O and Tsim Bei Tsui will rise to some 3 metres above chart datum between 9 a.m. and noon today.

Seas will still be very rough with swells. Members of the public are advised to stay away from the shoreline. Do not engage in water sports.

In the past hour, the maximum sustained winds recorded at Ngong Ping, Tap Mun and Cheung Chau were 100, 71 and 70 kilometres per hour with maximum gusts exceeding 121, 86 and 95 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. Please continue to stay indoors until winds moderate. Do not touch electric cables that have been blown loose.
- 2. As gales and violent squalls are still occurring in places, precautions should not yet be relaxed.
- 3. 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.
- 4. Tropical cyclone brought different degrees of damages to Hong Kong. There may be hidden danger. Members of the public should remain on the alert for assurance of personal safety.
- 5. Please listen to radio or watch TV for the latest weather information broadcast. You can also browse the Hong Kong Observatory's website and mobile app for the information.

Tropical Cyclone Warning issued at 09:47 HKT on 02.09.2023 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 10 a.m., Typhoon Saola was centred about 170 kilometres west-southwest of Hong Kong (near 21.8 degrees north 112.6 degrees east) and is forecast to move west-southwest at about 12 kilometres per hour across the coastal waters of western Guangdong.

Saola continues to move away from Hong Kong, but its outer rainbands are still affecting the vicinity of the Pearl River Estuary. Gale force winds are still affecting many places of Hong Kong with occasional storm force winds on high ground. Precautions should not yet be relaxed. The Gale or Storm Signal No. 8 will remain in force before 4 p.m.

Under the influence of storm surge, the water level at Tai O and Tsim Bei Tsui will rise to some 3 metres above chart datum around noon today.

Seas will still be very rough with swells. Members of the public are advised to stay away from the shoreline. Do not engage in water sports.

In the past hour, the maximum sustained winds recorded at Ngong Ping, Tap Mun and Cheung Chau were 96, 71 and 64 kilometres per hour with maximum gusts exceeding 113, 87 and 93 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. Please continue to stay indoors until winds moderate. Do not touch electric cables that have been blown loose.
- 2. As gales and violent squalls are still occurring in places, precautions should not yet be relaxed.
- 3. 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.
- 4. Tropical cyclone brought different degrees of damages to Hong Kong. There may be hidden danger. Members of the public should remain on the alert for assurance of personal safety.
- 5. Please listen to radio or watch TV for the latest weather information broadcast. You can also browse the Hong Kong Observatory's website and mobile app for the information.

Tropical Cyclone Warning issued at 10:45 HKT on 02.09.2023 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 11 a.m., Typhoon Saola was centred about 180 kilometres west-southwest of Hong Kong (near 21.8 degrees north 112.5 degrees east) and is forecast to move west-southwest at about 12 kilometres per hour across the coastal waters of western Guangdong.

Saola continues to move away from Hong Kong, but its outer rainbands are still affecting the vicinity of the Pearl River Estuary. Gale force winds are still affecting many places of Hong Kong. Precautions should not yet be relaxed. The Gale or Storm Signal No. 8 will remain in force before 4 p.m.

Under the influence of storm surge, the water level at Tai O and Tsim Bei Tsui will rise to around 3 metres above chart datum around noon today.

Seas will still be very rough with swells. Members of the public are advised to stay away from the shoreline. Do not engage in water sports.

In the past hour, the maximum sustained winds recorded at Ngong Ping, Tap Mun and Tai Mei Tuk were 87, 71 and 66 kilometres per hour with maximum gusts exceeding 112, 84 and 82 kilometres per hour respectively.

- 1. Although the tropical cyclone is moving away from Hong Kong, gales are expected to persist for some time. Please continue to stay indoors until winds moderate. Do not touch electric cables that have been blown loose.
- 2. As gales and violent squalls are still occurring in places, precautions should not yet be relaxed.
- 3. 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.
- 4. Tropical cyclone brought different degrees of damages to Hong Kong. There may be hidden danger. Members of the public should remain on the alert for assurance of personal safety.
- 5. Please listen to radio or watch TV for the latest weather information broadcast. You can also browse the Hong Kong Observatory's website and mobile app for the information.

Tropical Cyclone Warning issued at 11:45 HKT on 02.09.2023 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 noon, Typhoon Saola was centred about 200 kilometres west-southwest of Hong Kong (near 21.7 degrees north 112.4 degrees east) and is forecast to move west-southwest at about 12 kilometres per hour across the coastal waters of western Guangdong.

Saola continues to move away from Hong Kong, but its outer rainbands are still affecting the vicinity of the Pearl River Estuary. Gale force winds are still affecting many places of Hong Kong. The Gale or Storm Signal No. 8 will remain in force before 4 p.m.

Under the influence of storm surge, the water level at Tai O and Tsim Bei Tsui will rise to about 3 metres above chart datum around noon today.

Seas will still be very rough with swells. Members of the public are advised to stay away from the shoreline. Do not engage in water sports.

In the past hour, the maximum sustained winds recorded at Ngong Ping, Tate's Cairn and Tap Mun were 82, 64 and 62 kilometres per hour with maximum gusts exceeding 109, 87 and 73 kilometres per hour respectively.

- 1. Although the tropical cyclone is moving away from Hong Kong, gales are expected to persist for some time. Please continue to stay indoors until winds moderate. Do not touch electric cables that have been blown loose.
- 2. As gales and violent squalls are still occurring in places, precautions should not yet be relaxed.
- 3. 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.
- 4. Tropical cyclone brought different degrees of damages to Hong Kong. There may be hidden danger. Members of the public should remain on the alert for assurance of personal safety.

5. Please listen to radio or watch TV for the latest weather information broadcast. You can also browse the Hong Kong Observatory's website and mobile app for the information.

Tropical Cyclone Warning issued at 12:45 HKT on 02.09.2023 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 1 p.m., Typhoon Saola was centred about 210 kilometres west-southwest of Hong Kong (near 21.6 degrees north 112.3 degrees east) and is forecast to move west-southwest at about 12 kilometres per hour across the coastal waters of western Guangdong.

With Saola continuing to depart from Hong Kong and weaken, local winds are weakening gradually. The Observatory will issue the Strong Wind Signal, No. 3 to replace the No. 8 Gale or Storm Signal at 4:20 p.m. However, the rainbands associated with Saola are still affecting the Pearl River Estuary, and there will still be gale force winds over parts of the territory at first.

Seas will still be rough with swells. Members of the public are advised to stay away from the shoreline. Do not engage in water sports.

In the past hour, the maximum sustained winds recorded at Ngong Ping, Tate's Cairn and Tap Mun were 71, 67 and 57 kilometres per hour with maximum gusts exceeding 90, 90 and 70 kilometres per hour respectively.

- 1. Although the tropical cyclone is moving away from Hong Kong, gales are expected to persist for some time. Please continue to stay indoors until winds moderate. Do not touch electric cables that have been blown loose.
- 2. As gales and violent squalls are still occurring in places, precautions should not yet be relaxed.
- 3. 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.

- 4. Tropical cyclone brought different degrees of damages to Hong Kong. There may be hidden danger. Members of the public should remain on the alert for assurance of personal safety.
- 5. Please listen to radio or watch TV for the latest weather information broadcast. You can also browse the Hong Kong Observatory's website and mobile app for the information.

Tropical Cyclone Warning issued at 13:45 HKT on 02.09.2023 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 2 p.m., Typhoon Saola was centred about 230 kilometres west-southwest of Hong Kong (near 21.6 degrees north 112.1 degrees east) and is forecast to move west-southwest at about 12 kilometres per hour across the coastal waters of western Guangdong.

With Saola continuing to depart from Hong Kong and weaken, local winds are weakening gradually. The Observatory will issue the Strong Wind Signal, No. 3 to replace the No. 8 Gale or Storm Signal at 4:20 p.m. However, the rainbands associated with Saola are still affecting the Pearl River Estuary.

Seas will still be rough with swells. Members of the public are advised to stay away from the shoreline. Do not engage in water sports.

In the past hour, the maximum sustained winds recorded at Ngong Ping, Tate's Cairn and Tap Mun were 77, 66 and 60 kilometres per hour with maximum gusts exceeding 97, 84 and 75 kilometres per hour respectively.

- 1. Although the tropical cyclone is moving away from Hong Kong, gales are expected to persist for some time. Please continue to stay indoors until winds moderate. Do not touch electric cables that have been blown loose.
- 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. Tropical cyclone brought different degrees of damages to Hong Kong. There may be hidden danger. Members of the public should remain on the alert for assurance of personal safety.
- 4. Please listen to radio or watch TV for the latest weather information broadcast. You can also browse the Hong Kong Observatory's website and mobile app for the information.

Tropical Cyclone Warning issued at 14:45 HKT on 02.09.2023 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.

Typhoon Saola has made landfall near Yangjiang of Guangdong and weakened into a severe tropical storm.

At 3 p.m., Saola was centred about 240 kilometres west-southwest of Hong Kong (near 21.7 degrees north 111.9 degrees east) and is forecast to move west-southwest at about 12 kilometres per hour across the coast of western Guangdong.

With Saola continuing to depart from Hong Kong and weaken, local winds are weakening gradually. The Observatory will issue the Strong Wind Signal, No. 3 to replace the No. 8 Gale or Storm Signal at 4:20 p.m. However, the rainbands associated with Saola are still affecting the Pearl River Estuary.

Seas will still be rough with swells. Members of the public are advised to stay away from the shoreline. Do not engage in water sports.

In the past hour, the maximum sustained winds recorded at Ngong Ping, Tap Mun and Tate's Cairn were 66, 65 and 62 kilometres per hour with maximum gusts exceeding 91, 76 and 81 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. Please continue to stay indoors until winds moderate. Do not touch electric cables that have been blown loose.

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Tropical Cyclone Warning issued at 15:45 HKT on 02.09.2023 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 4 p.m., Severe Tropical Storm Saola was centred about 260 kilometres west-southwest of Hong Kong (near 21.7 degrees north 111.7 degrees east) and is forecast to move west-southwest at about 12 kilometres per hour across the coast of western Guangdong.

With Saola continuing to depart from Hong Kong and weaken, local winds are weakening gradually. The Observatory will issue the Strong Wind Signal, No. 3 to replace the No. 8 Gale or Storm Signal at 4:20 p.m. However, the rainbands associated with Saola are still affecting the Pearl River Estuary.

Seas will still be rough with swells. Members of the public are advised to stay away from the shoreline. Do not engage in water sports.

In the past hour, the maximum sustained winds recorded at Ngong Ping, Tap Mun and Cheung Chau were 63, 59 and 55 kilometres per hour with maximum gusts exceeding 84, 61 and 73 kilometres per hour respectively.

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