

**Tropical cyclone warnings of Signal No. 8 or above issued by the Hong Kong Observatory during the passage of Vicente in July 2012**

Tropical Cyclone Warning issued at 5:52 p.m. on 23 July 2012 by the Hong Kong Observatory.

The No. 8 Northeast Gale or Storm Signal was issued at 5:40 p.m.

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

At 6 p.m., Typhoon Vicente was centred about 170 kilometres south of Hong Kong (near 20.8 degrees north 114.4 degrees east) and is forecast to move west-northwest at about 20 kilometres per hour in the general direction of the coast of western Guangdong.

Vicente continues to move steadily towards the western coast of Guangdong. Local winds are strengthening further generally. On its present forecast track, Vicente will skirt around 150 kilometres southwest of Hong Kong tonight and tomorrow morning. The Gale or Storm Signal No. 8 is expected to remain in force overnight.

In the past hour, the maximum sustained winds recorded at Waglan island, Sai Kung and Chek Lap Kok were 86, 59 and 42 kilometres per hour respectively.

(precautionary announcements with No. 8 Signal)

1. Complete all precautions in your home. Lock all windows and doors, fit bars into position and insert reinforced shutters and gates if they are available. Adhesive tape fixed to large window-panes in exposed positions will reduce damage by broken glass. Storm water drains should be cleared of leaves and rubbish.
2. Park your car where it is least likely to be damaged.
3. Do not stand near windows on the exposed side of your home. Move all furniture and valuables away from these areas. Make sure you have a safe place to shelter, should windows be broken.
4. Since seas are very rough, you are advised to stay away from the shoreline and not to engage in water sports.
5. 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.
6. Owners of neon signs are reminded that the electricity supply to all neon signs should be switched off now.
7. Please listen to radio or watch TV for the latest weather information broadcast at the 15th, 30th, 45th and 58th minute of each hour. You can also browse the Hong Kong Observatory's web site for the information.

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Tropical Cyclone Warning issued at 6:46 p.m. on 23 July 2012 by the Hong Kong Observatory.

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

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

At 7 p.m., Typhoon Vicente was centred about 160 kilometres south of Hong Kong (near 20.9 degrees north 114.3 degrees east) and is forecast to move west-northwest at about 20 kilometres per hour in the general direction of the coast of western Guangdong.

Vicente continues to move steadily towards the western coast of Guangdong. Local winds are strengthening further generally, with gales over offshore waters and on high ground. On its present forecast track, Vicente will skirt around 150 kilometres southwest of Hong Kong tonight and tomorrow morning. The Gale or Storm Signal No. 8 is expected to remain in force overnight.

In the past hour, the maximum sustained winds recorded at Waglan Island, Sai Kung and Chek Lap Kok were 87, 61 and 45 kilometres per hour respectively.

(precautionary announcements with No. 8 Signal)

1. Complete all precautions in your home. Lock all windows and doors, fit bars into position and insert reinforced shutters and gates if they are available. Adhesive tape fixed to large window-panes in exposed positions will reduce damage by broken glass. Storm water drains should be cleared of leaves and rubbish.
2. Park your car where it is least likely to be damaged.
3. Do not stand near windows on the exposed side of your home. Move all furniture and valuables away from these areas. Make sure you have a safe place to shelter, should windows be broken.
4. Since seas are very rough, you are advised to stay away from the shoreline and not to engage in water sports.
5. 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.
6. Owners of neon signs are reminded that the electricity supply to all neon signs should be switched off now.
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Tropical Cyclone Warning issued at 7:49 p.m. on 23 July 2012 by the Hong Kong Observatory.

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

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

At 8 p.m., typhoon Vicente was centred about 150 kilometres south of Hong Kong (near 21.0 degrees north 114.3 degrees east) and is forecast to move west-northwest at about 20 kilometres per hour in the general direction of the coast of western Guangdong.

In the past few hours, Vicente moved steadily northwestward, edging closer to the western coast of Guangdong. On its present forecast track, Vicente will skirt within about 150 kilometres southwest of Hong Kong tonight and tomorrow morning. The Gale or Storm Signal No. 8 is expected to remain in force overnight.

Local winds are strengthening further generally, with gales over parts of the territory. In the past hour, the maximum sustained winds recorded at Waglan Island, Sai Kung and Cheung Chau were 98, 71 and 63 kilometres per hour respectively.

(precautionary announcements with No. 8 Signal)

1. Complete all precautions in your home. Lock all windows and doors, fit bars into position and insert reinforced shutters and gates if they are available. Adhesive tape fixed to large window-panes in exposed positions will reduce damage by broken glass. Storm water drains should be cleared of leaves and rubbish.
2. Do not stand near windows on the exposed side of your home. Move all furniture and valuables away from these areas. Make sure you have a safe place to shelter, should windows be broken.
3. Since seas are very rough, you are advised to stay away from the shoreline and not to engage in water sports.
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 are reminded that the electricity supply to all neon signs should be switched off now.
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Tropical Cyclone Warning issued at 9:01 p.m. on 23 July 2012 by the Hong Kong Observatory.

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

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

At 9 p.m., Typhoon Vicente was centred about 140 kilometres south of Hong Kong (near 21.0 degrees north 114.2 degrees east) and is forecast to move northwest or west-northwest at about 20 kilometres per hour in the general direction of the region to the west of the Pearl River Estuary.

In the past few hours, Vicente slightly intensified and in general moved northwestward, edging closer to Hong Kong. Vicente is expected to skirt about 100 kilometres to the southwest of Hong Kong, in the general direction of the region to the west of the Pearl River Estuary. If local winds further strengthen, the Observatory may consider the necessity of issuing higher tropical cyclone signals. The public should be on alert and pay attention to the latest news on the tropical cyclone.

In the past hour, the maximum sustained winds recorded at Sai Kung, Cheung Chau and Chek Lap Kok were 75, 72 and 54 kilometres per hour respectively.

(precautionary announcements with No. 8 Signal)

1. Complete all precautions in your home. Lock all windows and doors, fit bars into position and insert reinforced shutters and gates if they are available. Adhesive tape fixed to large window-panes in exposed positions will reduce damage by broken glass. Storm water drains should be cleared of leaves and rubbish.
2. Please listen to radio or watch TV for the latest weather information broadcast at the 15th, 30th, 45th and 58th minute of each hour. You can also browse the Hong Kong Observatory's web site for the information.
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. Do not stand near windows on the exposed side of your home. Move all furniture and valuables away from these areas. Make sure you have a safe place to shelter, should windows be broken.
5. Since seas are very rough, you are advised to stay away from the shoreline and not to engage in water sports.
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Tropical Cyclone Warning issued at 9:58 p.m. on 23 July 2012 by the Hong Kong Observatory.

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

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

At 10 p.m., typhoon Vicente was centred about 130 kilometres south of Hong Kong (near 21.1 degrees north 114.0 degrees east) and is forecast to move northwest or west-northwest at about 20 kilometres per hour in the general direction of the region to the west of the Pearl River Estuary.

In the past few hours, Vicente slightly intensified and in general moved northwestward, edging closer to Hong Kong. Vicente is expected to skirt about 100 kilometres to the southwest of Hong Kong, in the general direction of the region to the west of the Pearl River Estuary. If local winds further strengthen, the Observatory may consider the necessity of issuing higher tropical cyclone signals. The public should be on alert and pay attention to the latest news on the tropical cyclone.

In the past hour, the maximum sustained winds recorded at Ngong Ping, Waglan island and Tate's Cairn were 125, 112 and 106 kilometres per hour respectively.

(precautionary announcements with No. 8 Signal)

1. Complete all precautions in your home. Lock all windows and doors, fit bars into position and insert reinforced shutters and gates if they are available. Adhesive tape fixed to large window-panes in exposed positions will reduce damage by broken glass. Storm water drains should be cleared of leaves and rubbish.
2. Please listen to radio or watch TV for the latest weather information broadcast at the 15th, 30th, 45th and 58th minute of each hour. You can also browse the Hong Kong Observatory's web site for the information.
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. Do not stand near windows on the exposed side of your home. Move all furniture and valuables away from these areas. Make sure you have a safe place to shelter, should windows be broken.
5. Since seas are very rough, you are advised to stay away from the shoreline and not to engage in water sports.
6. Owners of neon signs are reminded that the electricity supply to all neon signs should be switched off now.

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Tropical Cyclone Warning issued at 10:52 p.m. on 23 July 2012 by the Hong Kong Observatory.

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

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

At 11 p.m., Typhoon Vicente was centred about 130 kilometres south-southwest of Hong Kong (near 21.2 degrees north 113.9 degrees east) and is forecast to move northwest or west-northwest

at about 20 kilometres per hour in the general direction of the region to the west of the Pearl River Estuary.

In the past few hours, Vicente continued to move in a more northerly direction, edging closer to Hong Kong. Vicente is expected to skirt about 100 kilometres to the southwest of Hong Kong, in the general direction of the region to the west of the Pearl River Estuary. If local winds further strengthen, the Observatory may consider the necessity of issuing higher tropical cyclone signals. The public should be on alert and pay attention to the latest news on the tropical cyclone.

In the past hour, the maximum sustained winds recorded at Ngong Ping, Tate's Cairn and Waglan Island were 147, 116 and 112 kilometres per hour respectively.

A high water level of about 3.0 metres above chart datum is expected at Quarry Bay between midnight and 3 a.m. The high water level may cause flooding in low-lying areas.

(precautionary announcements with No. 8 Signal)

1. Complete all precautions in your home. Lock all windows and doors, fit bars into position and insert reinforced shutters and gates if they are available. Adhesive tape fixed to large window-panes in exposed positions will reduce damage by broken glass. Storm water drains should be cleared of leaves and rubbish.
2. Please listen to radio or watch TV for the latest weather information broadcast at the 15th, 30th, 45th and 58th minute of each hour. You can also browse the Hong Kong Observatory's web site for the information.
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. Do not stand near windows on the exposed side of your home. Move all furniture and valuables away from these areas. Make sure you have a safe place to shelter, should windows be broken.
5. Since seas are very rough, you are advised to stay away from the shoreline and not to engage in water sports.
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Tropical Cyclone Warning issued at 11:20 p.m. on 23 July 2012 by the Hong Kong Observatory.

The Increasing Gale or Storm Signal, No. 9, was issued at 11:20 p.m.

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Tropical Cyclone Warning issued at 11:53 p.m. on 23 July 2012 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 Vicente moves closer to Hong Kong.

Typhoon Vicente has intensified into a severe typhoon.

At 11 p.m., Vicente was centred about 130 kilometres south-southwest of Hong Kong (near 21.2 degrees north 113.9 degrees east) and is forecast to move northwest or west-northwest at about 20 kilometres per hour in the general direction of the region to the west of the Pearl River Estuary.

In the past few hours, Vicente intensified rapidly into a severe typhoon and moved in a more northerly direction, edging closer to Hong Kong. Parts of the territory is already affected by storm force winds. According to the latest forecast track, Vicente is expected to skirt within 100 kilometres to the southwest of Hong Kong, towards the region to the west of the Pearl River Estuary. As the direction of local winds will turn to east to southeast, places previously sheltered from the winds will become exposed. Members of the public should be on the alert. Do not go outside.

In the past hour, the maximum sustained winds recorded at Ngong Ping, Tate's Cairn and Waglan Island were 147, 116 and 112 kilometres per hour respectively.

A high water level of about 3.0 metres above chart datum is expected at Quarry Bay between midnight and 3 a.m. The high water level may cause flooding in low-lying areas.

(precautionary announcements)

1. Do not go outside. If you are reasonably protected, stay where you are and keep well away from all windows. Close all interior doors and make sure children are confined to the least exposed part of your home. On no account should you touch electric cables that have been blown loose.
2. Stay away from exposed windows and doors because glass, already under strain from wind pressure, will shatter if a flying object should hit it. Make sure you have a safe place to shelter, should windows be broken. You should only fix broken windows and doors when there is no danger in doing so.
3. Since seas are very high to phenomenal and the current is strong with changing direction, you are advised to stay away from the shoreline and not to engage in water sports.
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 12:08 a.m. on 24 July 2012 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 Vicente moves closer to Hong Kong.

At midnight, Severe Typhoon Vicente was centred about 110 kilometres south-southwest of Hong Kong (near 21.4 degrees north 113.7 degrees east) and is forecast to move northwest at about 20 kilometres per hour in the general direction of the region to the west of the Pearl River Estuary at first. Vicente will move towards west-northwest later.

In the past few hours, Vicente intensified rapidly into a severe typhoon, edging closer to Hong Kong. Parts of the territory is already affected by storm force winds. According to the latest forecast track, Vicente is expected to skirt within 100 kilometres to the southwest of Hong Kong, towards the region to the west of the Pearl River Estuary. As the direction of local winds will turn to east to southeast, places previously sheltered from the winds will become exposed. Members of the public should be on the alert. Do not go outside.

In the past hour, the maximum sustained winds recorded at Ngong Ping, Tate's Cairn and Cheung Chau beach were 156, 125 and 114 kilometres per hour respectively.

A high water level of about 3.0 metres above chart datum is expected at Quarry Bay between midnight and 3 a.m. The high water level may cause flooding in low-lying areas.

(precautionary announcements)

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

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

3. Since seas are very high to phenomenal and the current is strong with changing direction, you are advised to stay away from the shoreline and not to engage in water sports.

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 0:45 a.m. on 24 July 2012 by the Hong Kong Observatory.

The Hurricane Signal, No. 10, was issued at 12:45 a.m.

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Tropical Cyclone Warning issued at 1:04 a.m. on 24 July 2012 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 Vicente was centred about 100 kilometres southwest of Hong Kong Observatory (near 21.6 degrees north 113.6 degrees east) and is forecast to move to northwest at first at about 20 kilometres per hour towards the region to the west of the Pearl River Estuary. Vicente will move west-northwestwards later.

Vicente is expected to be closest to Hong Kong in the next few hours, passing within 100 km of the Hong Kong Observatory. The eyewall of Vicente will come near to the southwestern part of Hong Kong, bringing hurricane force winds to those areas. You are advised to remain where you are if protected and be prepared for destructive winds. Listen to broadcast of tropical cyclone warnings.

In the past hour, the maximum sustained winds recorded at Cheung Chau Beach, Tate's Cairn and Waglan Island were 127, 117 and 108 kilometres per hour respectively.

A high water level of about 3.0 metres above chart datum is expected at Quarry Bay between midnight and 3 a.m. The high water level may cause flooding in low-lying areas.

(precautionary announcements)

1. Do not go outside. If you are reasonably protected, stay where you are and keep well away from all windows. Close all interior doors and make sure children are confined to the least exposed part of your home. On no account should you touch electric cables that have been blown loose.
2. Stay away from exposed windows and doors because glass, already under strain from wind pressure, will shatter if a flying object should hit it. Make sure you have a safe place to shelter, should windows be broken. You should only fix broken windows and doors when there is no danger in doing so.
3. Since seas are very high to phenomenal and the current is strong with changing direction, you are advised to stay away from the shoreline and not to engage in water sports.
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 1:49 a.m. on 24 July 2012 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 Vicente was centred about 100 kilometres southwest of Hong Kong Observatory (near 21.7 degrees north 113.4 degrees east) and is forecast to move to northwest at first at about 20 kilometres per hour towards the region to the west of the Pearl River Estuary. Vicente will move west-northwestwards later.

Vicente is currently passing to the southwest of Hong Kong. The eye wall of Vicente comes near the southwestern part of Hong Kong, bringing hurricane force winds to those areas.

Frequent heavy squally showers and thunderstorms are also affecting the territory. You are advised to remain where you are if protected and be prepared for destructive winds, possible flooding and landslip. Listen to broadcast of tropical cyclone warnings.

In the past hour, the maximum sustained winds recorded at Ngong Ping, Cheung Chau and Cheung Chau beach were 180, 141 and 125 kilometres per hour respectively.

A high water level of about 3.0 metres above chart datum is expected at Quarry Bay between midnight and 3 a.m. The high water level may cause flooding in low-lying areas.

(precautionary announcements)

1. Do not go outside. If you are reasonably protected, stay where you are and keep well away from all windows. Close all interior doors and make sure children are confined to the least exposed part of your home. On no account should you touch electric cables that have been blown loose.
2. Stay away from exposed windows and doors because glass, already under strain from wind pressure, will shatter if a flying object should hit it. Make sure you have a safe place to shelter, should windows be broken. You should only fix broken windows and doors when there is no danger in doing so.
3. Since seas are very high to phenomenal and the current is strong with changing direction, you are advised to stay away from the shoreline and not to engage in water sports.
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 2:56 a.m. on 24 July 2012 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 Vicente was centred about 110 kilometres west-southwest of Hong Kong Observatory (near 21.8 degrees north 113.3 degrees east) and is forecast to move to northwest at first at about 20 kilometres per hour. Vicente will move west-northwestwards later.

Vicente will make landfall near the coastal area of Taishan in the next couples of hours. Hurricane force winds are still affecting the southwestern part of Hong Kong at times. The public are advised not to relax their precautions. When the wind strength slightly decreases over the territory, the Observatory will consider issuing the Gale or Storm Signal No. 8 to replace the Hurricane Signal No. 10.

In the past hour, the maximum sustained winds recorded at Ngong Ping, Cheung Chau and Tate's Cairn were 163, 136 and 114 kilometres per hour respectively.

Tides are currently running about 1 to 1.5 metres above normal. A maximum sea level of 2.8 m and 3.2 m have been recorded at Quarry Bay and Shek Pik respectively.

(precautionary announcements)

1. Do not go outside. If you are reasonably protected, stay where you are and keep well away from all windows. Close all interior doors and make sure children are confined to the least exposed part of your home. On no account should you touch electric cables that have been blown loose.
2. Since seas are very high to phenomenal and the current is strong with changing direction, you are advised to stay away from the shoreline and not to engage in water sports.
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 3:35 a.m. on 24 July 2012 by the Hong Kong Observatory.

The No. 8 Southeast Gale or Storm Signal has been issued at 3:35 a.m. to replace the No. 10 Hurricane Signal.

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Tropical Cyclone Warning issued at 4:03 a.m. on 24 July 2012 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 a.m., Severe Typhoon Vicente was centred about 120 kilometres west-southwest of Hong Kong (near 21.9 degrees north 113.1 degrees east) and is forecast to move northwest at first at about 20 kilometres per hour, making landfall near the coastal areas of Taishan shortly. Vicente will move west-northwestwards later.

Vicente will make landfall shortly near the coastal area of Taishan. Hong Kong is currently being affected by gale to storm force southeasterly winds, with occasional hurricane force winds on high ground and offshore. The public are advised not to relax their precautions.

Present indications are that the Gale or Storm Signal No. 8 will remain in force for some time. The public should listen to the radio or watch TV for information on the tropical cyclone.

In the past hour, the maximum sustained winds recorded at Cheung Chau and Waglan Island were 120 and 103 kilometres per hour respectively.

Tides are currently running about 1 to 1.5 metre above normal. A maximum sea level of about 3 m has been recorded at Tai O.

(precautionary announcements with No. 8 Signal)

1. You should not yet be relaxed and stay indoors until winds moderate and it is safe to go out. On no account should you touch electric cables that have been blown loose.
2. Since seas are still high to very high, you are advised to stay away from the shoreline and not to engage in water sports.
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 5:00 a.m. on 24 July 2012 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 Vicente has weakened into a typhoon and made landfall near the coastal areas of Taishan.

At 5 a.m., Vicente was centred about 140 kilometres west-southwest of Hong Kong (near 22.0 degrees north 112.9 degrees east) and is forecast to move northwestwards at first at about 20 kilometres per hour and will move west-northwestwards later.

Vicente is starting to move away from Hong Kong. However, Hong Kong is still affected by gale to storm force winds, with occasional hurricane force winds on high ground and offshore. The public are advised not to relax their precautions.

Present indications are that the Gale or Storm Signal No. 8 will remain in force for some time. The public should listen to the radio or watch TV for information on the tropical cyclone.

In the past hour, the maximum sustained winds recorded at Cheung Chau and Waglan Island were 109 and 100 kilometres per hour respectively.

Tides are currently running about 1 to 1.5 metre above normal. A maximum sea level of about 3 m has been recorded at Tai O. Water levels are now falling. The next high tide is not expected around noon today.

(precautionary announcements with No. 8 Signal)

1. Precautions should not yet be relaxed and you are advised to stay indoors until winds moderate and it is safe to go out. On no account should you touch electric cables that have been blown loose.

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

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 5:49 a.m. on 24 July 2012 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., Typhoon Vicente was centred about 140 kilometres west of Hong Kong (near 22.1 degrees north 112.8 degrees east) and is forecast to move west-northwest at about 20 kilometres per hour crossing western Guangdong.

Vicente is starting to move away from Hong Kong. Under the influence of Vicente, Hong Kong is still affected by frequent heavy squally showers and gale force winds, with occasional storm force winds on high ground and offshore. The public are advised not to relax their precautions.

Present indications are that the Gale or Storm Signal No. 8 will remain in force for some time. The public should listen to the radio or watch TV for information on the tropical cyclone.

In the past hour, the maximum sustained winds recorded at Waglan Island and Cheung Chau were 96 and 84 kilometres per hour respectively.

(precautionary announcements with No. 8 Signal)

1. Precautions should not yet be relaxed and you are advised to stay indoors until winds moderate and it is safe to go out. On no account should you touch electric cables that have been blown loose.

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

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 6:48 a.m. on 24 July 2012 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 7 a.m., Typhoon Vicente was centred about 160 kilometres west of Hong Kong (near 22.2 degrees north 112.6 degrees east) and is forecast to move west-northwest at about 22 kilometres per hour crossing western Guangdong.

Although Vicente is moving gradually away from Hong Kong and started to weaken, gale force winds are still prevailing over parts of the territory with occasional storm force winds offshore and on high ground and frequent heavy squally showers. Members of the public are advised not to relax their precautions.

Present indications are that local winds have started to weaken. When the wind strength drops below gale force, the Observatory will consider replacing the Gale or Storm Wind Signal No. 8 by Strong Wind Signal No. 3.

In the past hour, the maximum sustained winds recorded at Waglan Island, Cheung Chau and Tate's Cairn were 93, 77 and 76 kilometres per hour respectively.

(precautionary announcements with No. 8 Signal)

1. Since seas are very high, you are advised to stay away from the shoreline and not to engage in water sports.
2. Flights at Hong Kong International Airport may be affected by the weather. Please contact your airline for the latest flight information before departing for the airport.
3. Although the tropical cyclone is moving away from Hong Kong, gales are expected to persist for some time. You are advised to stay indoors until winds moderate and it is safe to go out. On no account should you touch electric cables that have been blown loose.
4. Please listen to radio or watch TV for the latest weather information broadcast. You can also browse the Hong Kong Observatory's web site for the information.

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Tropical Cyclone Warning issued at 7:57 a.m. on 24 July 2012 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 Vicente was centred about 170 kilometres west of Hong Kong (near 22.3 degrees north 112.5 degrees east) and is forecast to move west-northwest at about 22 kilometres per hour crossing western Guangdong.

Under the influence of Vicente, gale force winds are still prevailing over parts of the territory with occasional storm force winds offshore and on high ground and frequent heavy squally showers. Members of the public are advised not to relax their precautions.

With Vicente moving gradually away from Hong Kong and beginning to weaken, local wind speed is expected to gradually decrease. The Observatory will consider at around 10 a.m. replacing the Gale or Storm Wind Signal No. 8 by Strong Wind Signal No. 3.

In the past hour, the maximum sustained winds recorded at Waglan Island, Cheung Chau and Sha Chau were 87, 76 and 73 kilometres per hour respectively.

(precautionary announcements with No. 8 Signal)

1. Since seas are very high, you are advised to stay away from the shoreline and not to engage in water sports.
2. Flights at Hong Kong International Airport may be affected by the weather. Please contact your airline for the latest flight information before departing for the airport.
3. Although the tropical cyclone is moving away from Hong Kong, gales are expected to persist for some time. You are advised to stay indoors until winds moderate and it is safe to go out. On no account should you touch electric cables that have been blown loose.
4. Please listen to radio or watch TV for the latest weather information broadcast. You can also browse the Hong Kong Observatory's web site for the information.

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Tropical Cyclone Warning issued at 8:52 a.m. on 24 July 2012 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 Vicente was centred about 200 kilometres west of Hong Kong (near 22.4 degrees north 112.2 degrees east) and is forecast to move west-northwest at about 22 kilometres per hour crossing western Guangdong.

In the past few hours, Vicente tracked steadily across western Guangdong, moving further away from Hong Kong. Local winds are weakening gradually. The Observatory will replace the Gale or Storm Wind Signal No. 8 by the Strong Wind Signal No. 3 around 10 a.m.

In the past hour, the maximum sustained winds recorded at Kai Tak, Waglan Island and Cheung Chau were 63, 78 and 62 kilometres per hour with maximum gusts 85, 90 and 83 kilometres per hour respectively.

(precautionary announcements with No. 8 Signal)

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

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

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

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

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Tropical Cyclone Warning issued at 9:49 a.m. on 24 July 2012 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 Vicente has weakened into a severe tropical storm.

At 10 a.m., Vicente was centred about 230 kilometres west of Hong Kong (near 22.5 degrees north 112.0 degrees east) and is forecast to move west-northwest at about 22 kilometres per hour crossing western Guangdong.

In the past few hours, Vicente tracked steadily across western Guangdong, moving further away from Hong Kong. Local winds have been weakened. The Observatory will issue the Strong Wind Signal No. 3 shortly.

In the past hour, the maximum sustained winds recorded at Kai Tak, Waglan Island and Cheung Chau were 49, 66 and 69 kilometres per hour respectively.

(precautionary announcements with No. 8 Signal)

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

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

3. Although the tropical cyclone is moving away from Hong Kong, gales are expected to affect parts of Hong Kong. Members of the public should stay alert. On no account should you touch electric cables that have been blown loose.

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