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To: All Specified Operators / Supervisors of Drug Dependent Persons Treatment and Rehabilitation Centres (DTRCs)

## **Precautionary Measures during Typhoon**

According to the special weather tips of Hong Kong Observatory and the present forecast track, Super Typhoon Mangkhut's extensive circulation will bring significantly deteriorating weather to Hong Kong on this Sunday with frequent heavy squally showers. Low-lying areas may be affected by floods or seawater intrusion. The Licensing Office of Drug Dependents Treatment Centres (LODTC) of this Department is writing to remind all specified operators / supervisors of DTRCs to get prepared and take precaution against the threat of inclement weather during the coming few days with the following measures:

- (1) DTRCs should maintain operation during the typhoon and ensure sufficient staffing for taking care of the residents, and draw up practicable contingency plans for possible evacuation arrangement in case of emergency;
- (2) Maintain contacts with the guardians / family members / relatives of residents, discuss with them the contingency caring plans and keep close monitoring on the health condition of those with special caring needs or the frail service users;
- (3) Ensure sufficient provision of material supply, such as drinking water, food, drugs and other nursing care products;
- (4) Arrange residents to stay away from windows on the exposed side and to make sure that there is a safe place to shelter should windows be broken;
- (5) Make sure objects likely to be blown away are securely fastened or taken indoors, overhanging facilities and temporary structures outdoors should be securely fastened or placed on the ground, and drains should be cleared of leaves and rubbish; and
- (6) Lock all windows and doors, fix adhesive tapes to large window-panes in exposed positions to reduce damage and injury by broken glass.

For any enquiry, please contact the responsible social worker of LODTC.

Yours sincerely,

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