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Cambodia

Nearly 100 houses in Takeo and Kandal provinces were damaged and 3 people were slightly hurt during heavy storms. The Ministry of Water Resources and Meteorology reported that the storm hit 70 houses, nine of which were completely destroyed in Bati district of Takeo province. The Takeo governor and the officials gave aids to affected families of five communes. The aids included 25 kg of rice, mosquito nets, blankets, mattress as well as financial assistance. In Kandal, the storm destroyed 14 homes in Kandal Stung district but no one was injured.

Source: Khmer Times (2018, Oct 26). *Storms destroy houses in two provinces.*

Indonesia

As of 26 October 2018, the 7.4-magnitude earthquake and tsunami led to 2,081 deaths, 1,309 missing, 4,438 injuries and 206,494 displaced persons in Central Sulawesi. The most affected areas were Palu, Parigi Moutong, Sigi and Donggala. The portal for receiving offers for assistance has been closed while financial

assistance is encouraged due to flexibility reasons and for supporting early recovery plan of the Government of Indonesia. The government is being supported by other international organisations and volunteers for assessing needs in affected areas with focuses on specific clusters to facilitate the recovery efforts. The government supports included provision of relief items such as food, medicine and family kits, building of temporary house, ensuring access to basic health services and updating information to the public and media. In the meantime, the other humanitarian partners also assisted the government by verifying distribution of incoming assistance from donor countries, supporting logistics management, giving educational supplies as well as supporting nutrition of children.

Source: ASEAN Humanitarian Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (AHA Centre) (2018, Oct 26). *Situation Update No. 15 – FINAL M 7.4 Earthquake & Tsunami Sulawesi, Indonesia.*

Malaysia

Another flood relief centre was opened in Larut Matang Selama district, Perak state. This results in four temporary relief centres for flood victims in Perak. The Kampung Matang Gelugor Community Hall is the latest relief centre after flood entered into residential houses in Kampung Matang Pasir. The number of flood victims had increased to 300 people of 86 families at the four relief centres in the flood affected districts of Larut Matang Selama, Kampar and Hilir Perak. Moreover, the flood victims were reported at 47 people in Larut Matang Selama, 46 people in Kampar and the rest in Hilir Perak.

Source: New Straits Times (2018, Oct 25). *New flood relief centre opens in Perak.*

Philippines

There are warnings of possible landslides and flash floods as Typhoon Yutu has been intensified and continues to threaten Northern and Central Luzon.

Typhoon Yutu has entered into the country and was about 875 km at the east of Aparri, Cagayan province. It remains to be strong as same as Typhoon Mangkhut last month. It continues to move west, threatening the same areas hit by Typhoon Mangkhut. The public with particular those in Northern and Central Luzon to be alert against possible landslides and flash floods. The National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council raised the blue alert status since the entry of typhoon for monitoring possible effects and coordinating with agencies.

Source: Manila Bulletin (2018, Oct 29). *Typhoon 'Rosita' intensifies, threatens Luzon.*

Thailand

Thirteen provinces of the South have been warned of heavy rain and possible flash floods. The Meteorological Department has assessed that rains in all regions except in the South will be 10-20% less than the usual average. The warnings of floods are thus to be maintained in the South. Hospitals in flood-risk areas have been ordered to closely follow updates and stock up medications. They are preparing plans to ensure the minimal flood impacts, moving equipment to higher grounds and making mobile units to be ready. Moreover, the Department of Disaster Prevention and Mitigation has coordinated flood alerts for provinces such as Chumpon, Surat Thani, Phuket and Satun. Many of the provinces are on alert for mudslides until 27 October 2018.

Source: National News Bureau of Thailand (2018, Oct 26). *Southern provinces put on alert for flash flooding.*

Viet Nam

The annual flood in the Mekong Delta damaged above 2,000 hectares of rice in 2018 according to the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development. Rice damages were reported in An Giang, Kien Giang, Dong Thap and Long An due to the reasons of embankment at the areas

of rice fields. High tides have also affected agricultural production in the Mekong Delta with Ben Tre, Soc Trang and Can Tho city in particular. Those provinces already have plans to prevent flood damages and have consolidated embankments to protect the summer-autumn as well as autumn-winter rice crops. Local authorities have stepped up information release and harvest to help farmers to minimise losses. It was warned that high tides would increase water levels in rice fields in central and coastal areas of the delta in the remaining months of 2018.

Source: Viet Nam News (2018, Oct 29). *Floods damage 2,000ha of rice in Mekong Delta.*

Super typhoon Yutu was heading for the South China Sea on 27 October 2018 as reported by the National Centre for Hydro-Meteorological Forecasting.

The storm's eye was 880 km at the East of the Luzon Island of the Philippines while the strongest winds near the storm's centre were 185 to 200 km per hour. The storm is predicted to move southwest and hit the Luzon Island before moving further to the Northeast of the Paracel Islands. However, the Centre urged the steering committees on search and rescue of provinces from Quang Ninh to Khanh Hoa to prepare for the storm in collaboration with the National Steering Committee for Natural Disaster Prevention and Control and related units. In addition, the Ministry of Information and Communications as well as all media were asked to increase frequency of broadcasts of forecasts, warnings and instructions.

Source: Viet Nam News (2018, Oct 28). *Yutu storm to hit South China Sea (East Sea).*

P.R. China

The National Meteorological Centre released the blue warning of Typhoon Yutu on 30 October 2018. Typhoon Yutu is predicted to move westward at the rate of 20 km per hour and enter into eastern coastal areas of the South China Sea. Its intensity will diminish. It will turn northward with slowing pace from 1 November 2018.

From 30 to 31 October 2018, the eastern Northwest China and the western Inner Mongolia will be covered by the moderate level of wind whereas the storm level will occur in Bashi Channel and the eastern South China Sea.

Source: China Meteorological Administration (2018, Oct 30).
The National Meteorological Center released blue warning of typhoon to cope with Typhoon Yutu.

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