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Indonesia

Some regions have suffered from prolonged drought, while rains have begun in some parts of Indonesia. About twenty-three regencies and cities across East Nusa Tenggara were reported no rain as the drought has been hit some parts of East Manggarai regency on Flores Island since June.

East Manggarai secretary instructed the head of the Disaster Mitigation Agency to monitor the drought situation and the Public Works and Housing Agency to standby for coping with drought.

The prolonged dry season has affected thousands of residents in many villages throughout Blitar and also residents in neighbouring regencies, such as Tulungagung, Trenggalek and Pacitan. In the past few months, the agency had distributed clean water to the affected areas.

Meanwhile, people of Balikpapan in East Kalimantan have made use of rainfall in the area to collect as much rainwater as possible.

The rain has started to fall in the city since the end of September and especially in the early mornings.

Source: The Jakarta Post. (2019, Oct 8). *Some regions suffer drought, others starting to enjoy rain as dry season nears end.*

Philippines

A typhoon may approach the Philippines area of responsibility (PAR). A typhoon with international name Hagibis would likely enter the PAR by mid-week.

According to the Philippine Atmospheric, Geophysical, and Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA), the typhoon has been travelling over the Pacific Ocean and still far from the country.

The typhoon Hagibis is a strong cyclone packing maximum sustained winds of 120 kilometres per hour (kph) and gustiness of up to 150 kph. However, the typhoon may not hit land as it could only skirt the eastern border of the PAR.

Source: Manila Bulletin. (2019, Oct 7). *New typhoon to enter PAR mid-week.*

Japan

A storm brought torrential rains and strong winds to many parts of Japan. On 4 October 2019, typhoon Mitag downgraded to an extratropical cyclone heading east through the sea. The typhoon brought powerful winds and stormy weather to Hokuriku and Tohoku regions along the coast.

The Kanto-Koshin and Tokai regions also faced stormy weather. As the result of the storm, the Meteorological Agency warned people of mudslides, floods and overflowing rivers. Bad weather caused power outage in some parts of Chiba Prefecture.

On 3 October 2019, rising water level and overflowing river in Kochi left twenty cars submerged in the water. However, no casualties were reported

Source: The Japan Times. (2019, Oct 4). *Storm brings powerful winds and torrential rain to Tohoku and Hokuriku; Chiba hit by blackouts again.*

Main islands of Japan are risky to be wreaked havoc with extremely large typhoon. According to the Meteorological Agency, the typhoon Hagibis has been gaining force over the Pacific south of Japan. It was forecasted to approach the main islands of Kyushu, Shikoku and Honshu during the coming weekend.

The agency urged caution and called for early preparations in anticipation of the typhoon to hit the main islands on 8 October 2019.

The typhoon may cause high waves in Okinawa and the Ogasawara Islands around the mid-week, and on the Pacific coast of Honshu around 11 October 2019. Meanwhile, heavy rain will start in a wide range from western to northern parts of the country around 12 October 2019.

Source: The Japan Times. (2019, Oct 8). *Extremely large typhoon draws bead on Japan, could hit main islands this weekend.*

Republic of Korea

Super typhoon Hagibis was forecasted to steer clear of the Korean Peninsula.

According to the Korea Meteorological Administration (KMA), the typhoon was expected to be the strongest and largest typhoon to hit the region. Recently, it has been heading northwest of Guam at a speed of 18 kilometres per hour (kph).

The possibility of South Korea coming under direct impact of the typhoon has been declined. Under its indirect influence, strong winds were forecasted to occur nationwide this weekend, particularly the eastern and southern coastal areas. High waves were also expected in the seas.

Source: Yonhap News Agency. (2019, Oct 8). *Super typhoon to steer clear of Korean Peninsula: KMA.*

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