

Fewer tropical cyclones affecting Hong Kong in 2010

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Every summer, the local shipping community keeps a close watch on the development of tropical cyclones in the region. The approach of tropical cyclones to Hong Kong may lead to port closure and affects shipping operation as shipping schedules are tight.

Tropical cyclones usually affect Hong Kong between June and October. On average, about 6.4 tropical cyclones would enter within 500 km of Hong Kong in a year. Port operation may be interrupted if a Strong Wind Signal No. 3 or above is in force.

According to Hong Kong Observatory's climate forecasts, there may be a late onset of tropical cyclone season in 2010 and the number of tropical cyclones affecting Hong Kong may be less than normal. Hopefully, there may be less interruption to port operation due to tropical cyclones in 2010.