

Typhoon Hato – Crawford Responds

Typhoon Hato has tragically killed at least 12 people after it travelled across southern China on 23 August battering Hong Kong skyscrapers, flooding streets and forcing thousands to flee to shelters.

Hato triggered Hong Kong's most severe typhoon warning, only the third time a storm of such power has hit the financial hub in the past 20 years.

The Hong Kong Observatory advised that the maximum sustained wind speeds at Ngong Ping, Cheung Chau and Waglan Island were 172, 132 and 128km/h respectively.

The high tide, occurring before noon, and the storm surge induced by Hato, caused a rise in sea levels of about 1 metre or more above normal tide levels resulting in serious flooding in some low-lying areas.

In Hong Kong, Hato forced the closure of businesses, government offices, schools and the stock market, leaving the city's normally bustling streets quiet. Airlines cancelled 450 flights and ferry operators halted commuter services and routes to Macau. Power and water supply were under threat as floodwaters rose and people were stranded in car parks.

Crawford has a team of adjusters on the ground responding to a variety of instructions. Transport around Macau is challenging.

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