

## **Typhoon Signal Number 10**

The highest tropical cyclone warning signal in Hong Kong is Hurricane Signal Number 10, which means that hurricane force winds are expected or already blowing. Since 1946, the Number 10 Signal has been issued 16 times. The most recent T10 typhoon hitting Hong Kong was Typhoon Mangkhut, which struck Hong Kong in September 2018, felling tens of thousands of trees, causing severe flooding in many parts of Hong Kong, and bringing traffic to a standstill. There have been other typhoons in Hong Kong's history, however, which have caused even more damage. For instance, Typhoon Wanda in 1962 created storm surges that caused rows of squatter shacks to collapse, claiming over 100 lives and resulting in heavy property damage. To provide more information about the persistent threat of typhoons to our city, the new permanent exhibition will have a corner titled "Typhoon Signal Number 10", shedding light on the relationship between climate change and social development, and focusing on the following five major typhoons:

1. Wanda (1962)
2. Ruby (1964)
3. Rose (1971)
4. Hope (1979)
5. Ellen (1983)

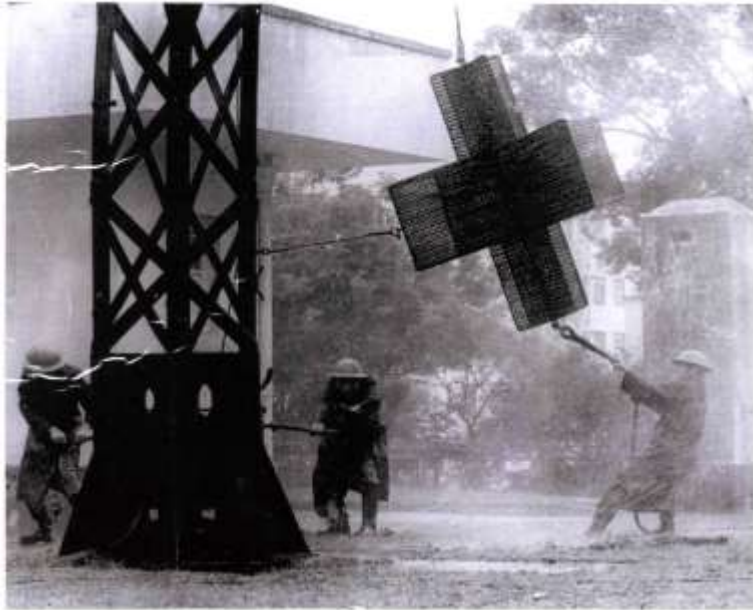
You may wonder why all these typhoons have taken female names! Starting in 1952, female names were used by the Hong Kong Observatory for typhoons; male names were added in 1979. Since 2000 typhoons have no longer been limited to female or male names and can be endowed with regional characteristics.



Poster of a 1959 Cantonese movie, titled “Typhoon Signal No. 10”, about how the people in a neighbourhood came to the assistance of each other under the threat of a severe typhoon.



Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 10, used by the Hong Kong Observatory until 2002, was made of iron and weighed up to 25 kilograms.



Hong Kong Observatory staff hoisted Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 10 manually in the old days.



Hong Kong in the aftermath of Typhoon Wanda in 1962.



Hong Kong in the aftermath of Typhoon Ruby in 1964.



Hong Kong in the aftermath of Typhoon Rose in 1971.



Hong Kong in the aftermath of Typhoon Hope in 1979.



Hong Kong in the aftermath of Typhoon Ellen in 1983.