

INVITATION LETTER

Our reference TCS/100-2022 – 09 December 2022

To: **The Directors of
Meteorological, Hydrological and DRR Services of
Typhoon Committee Members**

Subject: **Video Conference (VC)**
The Fifty-fifth Session of the ESCAP/WMO Typhoon Committee (TC55)
07 – 09 March 2023 – hosted by Macao, China

Dear TC Members and Focal Points,

The ESCAP/WMO Typhoon Committee Secretariat (TCS) presents its compliments to the Members of this Committee and has the honour to invite your Government to be represented at the Fifty-fifth Session of the Typhoon Committee which will be held online from 07 to 09 March 2023. The Session is being convened by the Typhoon Committee, under the auspices of the Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), and hosted online by Macao Meteorological and Geophysical Bureau (SMG) of Macao, China. The Provisional Agenda and Tentative Programme are enclosed.

Due to the still ongoing COVID-19 situation around the world and after approval by TC54 Chair and Vice-Chairperson, at this online 55th Annual Session of the Typhoon Committee, the Committee will review the progress made in its programme of work in 2022 and plan for activities to be undertaken in 2023 and beyond. The Session will also cover the new Strategic Plan 2022-2026 and development issues.

In view of the scope of issues to be discussed in the Typhoon Committee Session, we respectfully request that priority consideration be given by your Government to nominate and fully support the attendance of the Session by relevant personnel from your administration, including:

- (a) Permanent Representative with WMO, or his/her designate, or other senior officials;
- (b) Focal points or representatives from the appropriate agencies involved in the working groups on meteorology, hydrology, disaster risk reduction, training and research; and
- (c) Other subject officers involved in the activities, programmes and projects of the Typhoon Committee.

Regarding credentials for the Members' representatives and in view to the current situation, in response to this invitation letter to attend the online Session, Members WMO's Permanent Representatives shall provide the Credential Letter via email only to TCS (info@typhooncommittee.org/denise@typhooncommittee.org), indicating the:

- (a) Nomination of the head of the delegation, and/or
- (b) Identify the "alternate" representative, if any
- (c) Delegates attending the Session who are authorized to vote on behalf of the Members

It would be appreciated if you could complete and submit the online registration form at: <https://reg.smg.gov.mo/s/638d556755ceb25422b934a4> with indication of head of delegation on or before 13 February 2023.

The 55th Session VC will be held via WebEx and Meeting links will be provided to registered participants separately.

For detailed information on the Fifty-fifth Session, please visit the Typhoon Committee website at www.typhooncommittee.org/55th/index.html. Any enquiries regarding the Session may also be directed contact to the Local Organizing Committee (LOC):

- 1. **Ms. Fong Wai Chio, Lucia.** Email: wcfong@smg.gov.mo
- 2. **Mr. Kan Chi Pan, Pan.** Email: cpkan@smg.gov.mo

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I look forward to your active participation and a vibrant dialogue during the Meeting.

Yours sincerely,



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Secretary of Typhoon Committee

Cc: Ms. Outhone PHETLUANGSY, Chairperson of TC
Mr. LEONG Weng Kun, Vice-Chairperson of TC
Dr. T.C. LEE, Chairperson of AWG
AWG members of TC

Encl:
Provisional Agenda
TC55 Tentative Programme