Arrangements for the Legal Aid Appeal Hearings & Legal Aid Review Hearings ("legal aid appeal hearings") when Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal or Rainstorm Warning Signal is hoisted or announcement of "Extreme Condition"

- 1. When Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 3 (or lower) is hoisted or Amber / Red Rainstorm Warning Signal is issued by the Hong Kong Observatory, the legal aid appeal hearings will be **held as scheduled**;
- 2. If Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 8 (or higher), Black Rainstorm Warning Signal or an "Extreme Condition" announcement is cancelled at or before 6:00 a.m., all hearings on **that day** will be **held as scheduled**. If such Signal or announcement is cancelled at or before 11:00 a.m., all hearings in **that afternoon** will be **held as scheduled**;
- 3. If Pre Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 8 Special Announcement is issued that Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No.8 will be hoisted between 6:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon, all hearings in **that morning** will be **adjourned until further notice**. If such Special Announcement is issued that Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 8 will be hoisted after 11:00 a.m., all hearings in **that afternoon** will **also be adjourned until further notice**;
- 4. If Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 8 (or higher) is hoisted, Black Rainstorm Warning Signal or an "Extreme Condition" announcement is issued between 6:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon, all hearings in **that morning** will be **adjourned until further notice**. If such Signal or announcement is issued or remains in force after 11:00 a.m., all hearings in **that afternoon** will **also be adjourned until further notice**;
- 5. For adjourned hearings, we will arrange a new hearing date and inform the concerned parties in due course. For enquiries, please call our staff at 2867 3038 (Headquarters) or 2399 2299 (Kowloon Branch Office) after our office has resumed open as usual. Please do not call the Judiciary for enquiry;
- 6. If Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 8 (or higher) is hoisted, Black Rainstorm Warning Signal or an "Extreme Condition" announcement is issued while a hearing is in progress, the Registrar will **decide whether to adjourn or continue with the hearing**.

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