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Cambodia

There were 138 deaths by natural disasters from January to August 2018 including alarming 44 people by recent floods due to the National Committee for Disaster Management. The death was separated into 44 people by recent floods, 88 people by lightning strikes and 6 people by strong winds. More than 50,000 people were displaced as well. People were urged to be cautious until October 2018 because storms and floods could still appear. Prime Minister Hun Sen urged related ministries to prioritise safety for affected people, to provide seeds for compensating damaged crops and to prevent diseases by floods. The aids from the Cambodian Red Cross have been given to the victims but there were difficulties of reaching impacted areas in provinces of Preah Vihear, Pursat and Oddar Meanchey.

Source: Khmer Times (2018, Sep 12). *Flood deaths rise to 44.*

Indonesia

Floods were reported villages in Buntu district, Asahan regency, North Sumatra province. Floods were caused by the overflowing Sei Silau Tua River. It was reported that the flood depth was

around 50-140 cm. A total of 820 people of 205 families were affected. Most of the affected people were by 300 people from 100 families living in Sei Silau Tua village, followed by 280 people of 70 families in Karya Ambalutu village and 140 people of 35 families in Ambalutu village. Local Disaster Management Agency is assessing the situation and had evacuated people in the mentioned villages.

Source: ASEAN Humanitarian Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (AHA Centre) (2018, Sep 15). *Indonesia, Flood in Asahan Regency.*

Malaysia

The Sultan of Johor urged local councils and related rescue agencies in the state to be alert and prepared during the current unpredictable weather. Due to His Majesty, preparation and planning were essential in ensuring that assistance could be immediately given in areas hit by floods. Besides, on 9 September 2018, His Majesty visited flood victims from Kampong Sungai Suloh and Kampong Sungai Ayam who were evacuated to a relief centre in Sekolah Kebangsaan Sungai Suloh, Batu Pahat.

Source: Borneo Bulletin (2018, Sep 13). *Local councils, rescue teams in Johor told to be prepared for floods.*

Philippines

Typhoon Mangkhut resulted in 8 deaths, 21 injured, 2 missing people and 893,844 affected people from 218,492 families across National Capital Region, Ilocos, Cagayan Valley, Central Luzon, CALABARZON, MIMAROPA as well as Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR) as of 18 September 2018. Of the affected people, 236,060 people were being served by evacuation centres. Besides, there were 1,264 damaged houses, affected sections of roads and bridges, class suspensions, flight cancellation and power interruptions in some areas. The cost of damages was estimated at 9,358 million peso (173 million USD) in Cagayan Valley and CAR. In the meantime, around 171,932 farmers were affected in CAR. On 15 September 2018, state of calamity has been declared in

Mayoyao municipality, Ifugao province. The assistances were provided by related units to affected regions.

* 1 USD = 54.21 philippine peso

Source: National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council of the Philippines (2018, Sep 18). *SitRep No. 21 re Preparedness Measures and Effects for Typhoon "OMPONG" (I.N. "MANGKHUT")*

Thailand

The Royal Irrigation Department (RID) ordered close watch over major dams and increase of drainage of the Chao Phraya-Bang Pakong-Prachinburi due to threatening Typhoon Mangkhut.

RID ordered for increasing the volumes of discharges from Pa Sak Cholasit Dam for flowing into Rama 6 Dam in Ayuthaya and dispersing throughout the Khlong Rapiat system. The areas below Nam Oun Dam in Nakhon Phanom have continued to suffer from floods whereas the authorities are adjusting alleviation plans. The areas in the lower Songkram river basin have been placed on alert due to expected heavy rains. The Temporary Crisis Centre has issued the warning of increased rain and threats of runoff and flash floods for 40 provinces in the North and the Northeast.

Source: National News Bureau of Thailand (2018, Sep 17). *Effort being made to handle effects of typhoon Mangkhut.*

Viet Nam

Typhoon Mangkhut is predicted to hit the northern mainland and bring heavy downpours to 27 northern and northern central localities. This typhoon is the strongest in 2018 and will cause heavy rains together with strong winds and waves. Most reservoirs in the Red river delta and from provinces in the North down to the Central are nearly full due to week of heavy rain. Flash floods are predicted in provinces of Quang Ninh, Lang Son, Cao Bang and Thanh Hoa. Deputy Prime Minister Trinh Dinh Dung asked localities to warn offshore vessels, to evacuate people from aquaculture zone and low-lying areas. In addition, special teams will be deployed to check flood-prone areas and relocate people to safer places. DPM has urged the

Central Steering Committee for Disaster Prevention and Control under the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development to closely monitor development of storm and floods for promptly undertaking response measures.

Source: Viet Nam Disaster Management Centre (2018, Sep 15). *Mangkhut forecast to make landfall in the north next week.*

P.R. China

Due to the local authorities on 17 September 2018, 4 people have been confirmed dead in Guangdong province as Typhoon Mangkhut hit the southern China province. This typhoon landed at 5 p.m. on 16 September 2018 on the coast of Jiangmen City in Guangdong. Dead people were reported across the provincial capital of Guangzhou and Dongguan city. Above 3.11 million people had been relocated and over 49,000 fishing boats were called back to port in the province.

Source: Xinhua (2018, Sep 17). *4 dead as Super Typhoon Mangkhut slams south China.*

At least 213 people were injured as Typhoon Mangkhut slammed Hong Kong as of 16 September 2018. Those injured people including 117 men and 96 women have sought medical treatment at public hospitals. The Department of Home Affairs has opened 48 temporary shelters. The government agencies have received reports of fallen trees and floods but there were no reports of landslides. This typhoon caused transportation disruptions by tram and ferry service suspensions and flight cancellations.

Source: Chinadaily (2018, Sep 16). *More than 200 citizens injured as typhoon Mangkhut slams Hong Kong.*

Japan

Agriculture, forestry and fishery industry in Hokkaido has taken at least 39.7 billion yen (355.6 million USD) in the earthquake damages according to the prefectural government estimates. Landslides in Atsuma and two other towns severely damaged forests and farmland. This would need 22.5 billion yen to repair

such damages as well as 14.1 billion yen for rebuilding roads used for forestry work and irrigation fixings. Financial damage to dairy industry will amount to 2.1 billion yen while fishery industry will take 1 billion yen. The amount of damage is likely to increase because the investigation is still underway. The Governor of Hokkaido stressed that Hokkaido needs sufficient support for its recovery and reconstruction.

* 1 USD= 111.96 yen

Source: The Japan Times (2018, Sep 17). *Quake damage to Hokkaido's farm, forestry, fishing sectors estimated at nearly 40 billion yen; dairy farmers in bind.*

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