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Thailand

Many provinces suffered from severe floods. On 14 October 2019, torrential rainfalls caused floods at the centres of Chiang Mai and Prachuap Khiri Khan provinces as an incoming high-pressure system sparked volatile weather patterns.

Floods covered widespread areas in Muang district, Chiang Mai province making some roads impassable to small vehicles. Meanwhile, floodwater up to 30 centimetres deep covered roads in municipal areas of Muang district, Prachuap Khiri Khan province. However, there was no damage reported in those areas.

Source: Bangkok Post. (2019, Oct 14). *Floods hit Chiang Mai, Prachuap Khiri Khan.*

Thundershowers were forecasted in the upper part of country. The Thailand Meteorological Department announced on 15 October 2019 that the upper part of the country is expected to face thundershowers while the Northwest, the lower Central region and the East, including Bangkok and its vicinity are likely to have heavy rains and gusty wind.

Source: The Nation. (2019, Sep 15). *Thundershowers forecast for upper Thailand, heavy rain in some parts.*

Japan

An earthquake of 5.7 magnitude struck Chiba and Tokyo prefectures. According to the Meteorological Agency, the earthquake hit the Kanto region at about 6:22 p.m. (local time) on 12 October 2019.

The quake recorded a 4 on Japan's quake intensity scale which peaks at 7 in the southern part of Chiba prefecture and 3 in 23 wards of central Tokyo. No tsunami warning was issued.

Source: The Japan Times. (2019, Oct 12). *Magnitude 5.7 earthquake jolts Chiba-Tokyo area*; CNA. (2019, Oct 12). *Magnitude 5.7 earthquake strikes off Japan's Chiba prefecture.*

Japanese rescuers scrambled as the death toll of typhoon Hagibis rose to nearly 70. As of 15 October 2019, a powerful typhoon Hagibis killed at least 68 people and froze numerous areas over the weekend while the rescuers worked around the clock in search of survivors.

The typhoon brought the record-breaking rainfalls and caused mudslides as well as electricity and water outages in various parts of the country.

The highest death toll was reported in the Fukushima prefecture where the typhoon destroyed some 14 floodbanks resulted by heavy flooding.

Train services returned to normal after the typhoon. However, some sections ran only limited services or remained closed.

Source: The Japan Times. (2019, Oct 15). *Typhoon Hagibis death toll rises to at least 68 as rescuers race against the clock to find survivors.*

Republic of Korea

Typhoon Hagibis brought strong winds to South Korea. According to the Korea Meteorological Administration (KMA), strong winds under the indirect influence of typhoon Hagibis with speeds of 20-30 meters per second hit Busan and other southeastern areas.

Gale and high tide alerts were issued in those areas. Fishing boats were prohibited to leave ports and campers were advised to evacuate to safe zones.

Source: Yonhap News Agency. (2019, Oct 12). (5th LD)
Typhoon-caused strong winds hit S. Korea

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