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Cambodia

Many houses in Takeo province were destroyed by a lightning strike. On 9 March 2020, Tram Kak district in Takeo province was struck by lightning. Due to this, seven houses were damaged and one person died.

Lightning strikes often occur during the rainy season from May to October.

The Ministry of Water Resources and Meteorology issued a new notice on weather conditions in Cambodia starting from 11 March until 16 March 2020. The temperature on the central plains will range from 26 - 39 degree Celsius, with moderate rainfall to be expected.

Source: Khmer Times. (2020, Mar 11). *Lightning kills one, damages seven properties.*

Philippines

Several parts of the Philippines were struck by earthquakes. According to the Philippine Institute of Volcanology and Seismology (PHIVOLCS), a 5.0-magnitude earthquake rattled Zambales

on 13 March 2020 at the depth of 27 kilometres.

One day later, Sultan Kudarat recorded an earthquake with a magnitude of 4.2 at 2:37 a.m. Then, a 4.6-magnitude earthquake struck Pangasinan at 8:13 a.m. (local time).

Fortunately, there was no aftershock or damage reported.

Source: Manila Bulletin. (2020, Mar 13). *Magnitude-5 quake hits Zambales*; Manila Bulletin. (2020, Mar 14). *4.2-magnitude quake hits Sultan Kudarat*. (2020, Mar 14). *4.6-magnitude quake jolts Pangasinan*; Manila Bulletin. .

Thailand

A summer storm hit the northeastern provinces of Thailand on 14 March 2020. In Buri Ram province, there were four villages in Khu Muang district, namely Sa Bua, Non Ya Nang, Phak Kat Ya and Non Muang, swept away by the storm causing houses and school buildings to be damaged.

Meanwhile, many villages in Khong district, Nakhon Ratchasima province were also hit by a storm. A number of houses and structures were demolished.

The storm uprooted the trees falling on power transmission lines belonging to the Provincial Electricity Authority. This caused a blackout for more than five hours in the affected area.

The officials warned of the further storm.

Source: Bangkok Post. (2020, Mar 15). *Buri Ram villages hit by storm*; Bangkok Post. (2020, Mar 15). *Summer storm lashes Korat villages.*

Japan

Central Japan was struck by a 5.5-magnitude earthquake. On 13 March 2020 at 2:18 a.m. (local time), an earthquake with a magnitude of 5.5 shook Ishikawa Prefecture at a depth of 12 kilometres.

The quake was felt across a wide area from the west to the northeast of the country.

A Meteorological Agency warned people living in the affected area to prepare for another possible quake with a similar intensity over the next week.

Source: The Japan Times. (2020, Mar 13). *Magnitude 5.5 quake rattles central Japan; no tsunami warning issued.*

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