

Mangkhut's path of destruction

Hong Kong, southern China and Vietnam were preparing for the arrival of Typhoon Mangkhut, which cut a swathe of destruction when it struck the northern tip of the Philippines yesterday. The massive storm brought torrential rain across the entire main island of Luzon.

PHILIPPINES

More than four million people were in the path of the typhoon, which entered the Philippines in the early hours. Packing winds of more than 200kmh, it brought torrential rain across the entire main island of Luzon.

Cagayan

- More than 1,000 houses affected
- Power and communication outages reported
- Trees uprooted and roads blocked
- Sheet metal roofs blown off

Manila

- Flooding reported in several areas



HONG KONG

- The Hong Kong government has warned that Mangkhut is expected to pose a severe threat
- The Hong Kong Observatory warned that there could be a typhoon No. 10 signal today - the highest on the city's tropical cyclone warning scale
- Estimated damage is worth US\$26 billion (S\$36 billion)

Sept 15 1.40am
Made landfall in Cagayan province

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CHINA

- Estimated damage is worth US\$100 billion
- In Fujian province, thousands of fishing boats have been called back to port, work has been stopped at construction sites and more than 100 tourist spots have been closed
- In Guangdong province, helicopters and tugboats have been dispatched to move thousands of offshore platform workers to safer areas
- In Hainan province, all tourist sites have been ordered to close today and tomorrow

A man being hit by a wave while attempting to recover salvageable materials in Manila Bay yesterday.

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