

As residents of Taiwan, we are no strangers to typhoons, which occur practically every year. However, when facing the government's announcements of whether there would be days off from work or school, the public's attitude and reaction can be sorted into two contrasting types. In scenario one, where the picture shows the lobby of a movie theater crammed with people, it most likely occurred in an area that was mildly affected by the typhoon but still had a day off. There, people celebrated this occasion as a chance to relax and enjoy themselves. On the other hand, the second picture speaks of a completely different story. Ravaged by pouring rain and howling winds, the people risk their safety whenever they venture outside. With most stores closed and public transportation crippled, everyone was probably feeling frustrated and depressed. Though both events happen during typhoons, it's astounding how different people's experiences can be.

Personally, I think that regardless of whether you live in an affected area, it is still better to

stay at home <sup>during days off</sup> due to two main reasons. First of all, you never know when disaster is going to strike. Take my experience for example. Once, during a typhoon, I went to the mall with my friends. However, when I got home, I was horrified to find that the first floor of my house has become flooded. This catastrophe taught me to never underestimate natural disasters. Secondly, in times of calamity, we should be helping out those in need and not gloating about how lucky we are to live in unaffected cities. Whenever we turn on the TV during a typhoon, we can see footage of villages flooded by rivers and roofs ripped off by the wind. This is a time to stand in solidarity with the people who have lost their homes. Moreover, it is better to donate extra money <sup>to charities helping out</sup> than to spend it on luxuries. In conclusion, the government gives us days off during typhoons for us to stay safe at home, where we should keep up with the news and help out in any way we can.