

The typhoon breaks, which are determined and announced by city governments based on weather forecast, are meant to prevent people from encountering accidents or physical damage in harm weather. However, despite the good intention of this break, people may not behave as intended to stay at home and get away from potential dangers. These pictures demonstrate two different scenes of the public's behavior during typhoon breaks. Some people consider it an opportunity to chill out and take a break from work, and thus they go out for recreational places like the movie theater in the picture in the left, regardless of the strong wind and heavy rain. They head to department stores or such indoor places for fun, seemingly ignoring the government's suggestion to avoid going outside. On the other hand, some have to go out in the pouring rain too, yet for a different reason. Since the demand for service industries ^{will} likely surge during typhoon breaks as a consequence to people packing to such places, employees of these industries are forced to go to work, even if it's raining cats and dogs. The first group of people that go out for fun results in the necessity of the second group of

people to drive/ride in harsh conditions to work, which certainly was not intended during typhoon breaks.

As far as I'm concerned, I believe it's everyone's duty to stay indoors as long as the weather is indeed terrible outside. As I mentioned in the first paragraph, your behavior may not just put yourself in danger but also indirectly force others to take the same risk. That said, the public is not always to blame for their behavior, as the government's improper decisions can baffle them too. Last year, we had typhoon breaks two days in a row, with the first day being sunny and windless the whole day; several years ago, I also experienced the "half-day break," which led to awful traffic jams at noon. Such instances tell us that governments' decisions can have huge impacts on the public's behavior and consequent events too. Taking all perspectives into consideration, I view typhoon breaks as beneficial for all citizens, but both the government and the public have to figure out the optimal choices to keep everyone safe during typhoons and maintain the order in the society.