

"Taiwanese spirit..." a girl sighed, watching people surge into the line of a theater, waiting to indulge their entire afternoon in the world of movie — also enjoying the joy of not having to work on a weekday. This is a common scene whenever a typhoon hits. People swarm into theaters and KTVs, often causing reservation websites to crack. As mentioned above, picture one depicts the scene of the overflowing crowd taking over the entire ticket counter. On the other hand, moving to picture two, we can see traffic even on the rainiest day; there are even people riding scooters with only a helmet and a rain coat, carefully moving in the heavy thunderstorm and wind. What are they going out for in such a horrendous weather? They maybe the ones who are going on "leisure activities", or the worse case, going to work. Some jobs do not have the privilege of typhoon breaks, ^{with} those workers being in an extremely dangerous condition under the typhoon weather.

My dad has always been one of a kind — a pilot. As the daughter of an airline pilot, the first thing I ask after hearing the news of a typhoon strike is always whether he has to work during the typhoon breaks. My heart sinks after

his nods, but the only thing I could do is to pray for his safety; while everyone is enjoying their holiday, there are some people who are struggling to survive the weather. "Miserable, but great lessons on landings, I guess!" that's how my dad ^{always} comforts my concerns. Moreover, speaking of economy, typhoon breaks cause a halt in the market, often impacting national economy negatively. Hazardous weather can also pose threat on agriculture sections, leading to a great loss in farmers' produce. However, moving back to the positive influences of typhoon breaks, people can temporarily

withdraw from the busy pace of city, finally getting to take a break from corporate life. Those cozy afternoons with raindrops on the rooftop, subtle light, jazz, and the delicate smell from the candles, are one of the only days when we can fade the pressure away as we sink into the atmosphere of a little "self-care afternoon!" In brief, typhoon breaks can be a perfect time to enjoy peace and, perhaps, have some fun, but sometimes, I remind myself of the people who do not get to relax on those days, and go with a heart of gratitude and respect to those who are trying their best to send their passengers safely to their destination in such harsh weather.