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**TAI PO SAM YUK SECONDARY SCHOOL**  
**14<sup>th</sup> WRITING COMPETITION, 2018**  
**PRIMARY 6 -- ENGLISH**

**Question**

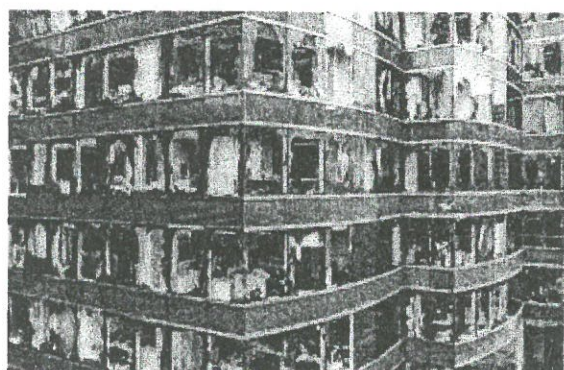
Your friend, Jo, lives in Canada. In an email to you, she said:

"I know that over 2 months ago, Hong Kong experienced a super typhoon. Can you tell me what you did to prepare for it? How powerful was it? And how did you feel at that time?"

You are now going to write a reply. So you first look at the newspaper cuttings below, which may help you.

September 16, 2018 (Sunday)

- 1:10 a.m. – Signal No. 8 is issued as super typhoon Mangkhut is very close to Hong Kong
- 7:40 a.m. – Signal No.9 is issued
- 9:40 a.m. – Signal No.10 is issued. Mangkhut will be the most powerful storm to hit Hong Kong since 1946.



In about 200 words, write an email to Jo, describing to her what you experienced. Sign your name 'Jan'.

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Hi Jo,

Nice to hear from you.

We were warned of the super typhoon around five to six days before it hit. Some Hongkongers immediately rushed to buy strong tape and food supplies when they heard the news, but Dad said typhoon Manghut was nothing to worry about, so we just went about our business as usual. Newscasters warned that typhoon Manghut was getting closer and closer to Hong Kong every day, and the Hong Kong Observatory predicted that the super typhoon would arrive on Sunday. While at home on Saturday, I suddenly remembered that Manghut would hit the next day. We drove off to the shopping mall in a panic, while Dad headed off to help Grandma prepare for the typhoon. When we arrived, there were already a lot of citizens grabbing and snatching at food and tape in the hope of getting ready in time for the incoming storm. The market was nearly sold out, and the nearby bakery had to bake at full speed to supply enough bread for the panicking citizens. When they brought out a huge batch of freshly baked bread, it was all gone in less than five minutes. All the stores selling tape had raised prices to three times of the original price. I imagined how happy tape and food stores were going to be that day.

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At 10:40 am on Sunday, I found out that the Hong Kong Observatory had issued the Typhoon Signal No. 10, and that Manghut was going to be the most powerful storm to hit Hong Kong since 1946. I stared out of the window, the peaceful morning's world spread out before me. Could a typhoon spoil such a beautiful morning? I wondered. As it turned out, it did. As we stayed cooped up at home all day like chickens in cages, strong winds whipped the trees and buildings around us, and we were peppered with messages from friends and family, talking about the mass destruction the typhoon had caused. Windows were broken all over Hong Kong, floods and fallen trees blocked the roads, giving ambulances no way to get through to save people, and even a crane at a construction site fell victim to the deadly winds. Buildings were shaking, and stray animals had no place to hide from the storm. We even recieved a video of water spewing out of a toilet. So terrible was the destruction that all schools were given two days off. However, the police force, fire services and road workers had to slog away those two days, clearing the roads and saving lives. Even now, after nearly two months later, fallen trees, dead plants and broken windows are still a common sight around the city. If only I could help! Hopefully there will be no storm like this again.

Hoping to see you soon,

Jan

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