

Typhoon Data in Taiwan since 19th Century

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Taiwan is one of the worst typhoon areas in Asia and Pacific region. The name of typhoon is from Chinese language of “Taifeng”. Chinese historians made the special Chinese character “Tai” which means Taiwan’s storm in the Qing dynasty (1644-1911).

Then Taiwan was ruled by Japanese Empire for 1895 to 1945, and the government-general in Taiwan made the modern weather observation system since 1896, therefore we can know the first modern data of typhoon in Taiwan since 1897. According to Central Weather Bureau (1974), 261 typhoon attacked Taiwan from 1897 to 1967.

We will introduce not only the data of typhoon in Taiwan, but also introduce the observation system of typhoon since Japanese Ruled period and the republic of China period.

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