Preparing for disasters: Flood
A road to resilience in Southeast Asia
Late one rainy afternoon... It's been raining for days! I'm so bored!

Oh I wish it would stop raining so we could play outside!

Possible flooding! Be prepared!

Yay! Soon we can go outside and play in the floodwater!

Flooding can move cars and trees and bring down power lines! Floods can destroy buildings and injure and kill people!!

Oh no! What should we do Fah?!!...

Floods are very dangerous Ton! You should never play or swim in floodwater!

Let's build barriers to try and stop lots of water getting in through the doors, windows and vents!

Good idea Fah!

We need something to help us float Ton, just in case the flooding gets really bad.

I know! We could use my inflatable mattress!

We also need to fill bottles with drinking water.

Ton, can you help me put food supplies and important documents into waterproof containers?

Then we must store them up high.

And the bathtub with water for staying clean!

Sure!
If the water gets to here, we should escape!

Floodwater that is just 15cm deep can sweep you off your feet Ton!

But why Fah? 10cm of water is not very deep!

Uh-oh!

So if the water level rises past this mark we should escape and try to get to a higher level.

A short while later...

Severe flooding is expected! Act now!

Good plan Fah! Where will we go?

To the roof!

Get to the roof!!

Let's take the radio, inflatable mattress, food supplies and drinking water.

Gee! This is exciting!

I think it was better before it flooded.

Later....

All clear! Flood water levels are going down. Check it is safe to return.

Yippee! The flood is over!

But at least we're safe!

Yes! And it's all thanks to you Fah! You always know what to do!

It's far from over Ton. Cleaning and drying everything in this house will take weeks!
Below is a list of things to remember if there is a flood. Study it well, these tips could make all the difference for you and your family!

- Make sure everyone in your household knows where and how to evacuate to
- Take part in risk mapping and flood preparedness planning where you live
- Keep important documents, valuables and chemicals in waterproof containers above flood water
- Prepare sandbags and plastic sheeting, to stop water getting into where you live
- Save drinking and water for sanitation in bottles and containers
- Turn off electricity, gas supply and water
- Prepare a ladder and rope for escaping to the roof
- Never attempt to cross any flowing water, water-covered roads or bridges
- Do not drink from, play or swim in flood water
- Watch out for poisonous snakes

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