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27th March

Dear All

Please find below the update 14 from HOPE.

News from HOPE

- HOPE's on-going Online UK Education Fair is welcomed by students and parents, and each webinar is well attended by over 50 targeted audience with highest 85. We are very grateful to those who support our fair and other promotion event at this difficult time.
- Outbreak of Covid-19 in China is gradually under control and the focus is now to control the importation cases from overseas, particularly from returning students. HOPE is spending a lot of time to comfort the parents and students of young age by keeping close contact with our partner schools and providing them with decent information either they decide to stay overseas or they are already on their way back home.
- The effect on study abroad business is now obvious and may last longer than expected. Summer camp programme or summer pre-session English course will be very difficult to run as usual. If you have any good online course we can help to promote, please do let us know.
- After the online fair, we will continuously work with you to run various online seminars with different themes, including offer conversion, pre-departure briefing, new policy releasing and demo class or fee-paying online training for students. Please contact Alice Zhang, International Partnership Manager at a.zhang@hope-studyabroad.com for arrangement.

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Kind regards

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Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China National Immigration Administration Announcement on the Temporary Suspension of Entry by Foreign Nationals Holding Valid Chinese Visas or Residence Permits

2020/03/26

March 26, 2020

In view of the rapid spread of COVID-19 across the world, China has decided to temporarily suspend the entry into China by foreign nationals holding visas or residence permits still valid to the time of this announcement, effective from 0 a.m., 28 March 2020. Entry by foreign nationals with APEC Business Travel Cards will be suspended as well. Policies including port visas, 24/72/144-hour visa-free transit policy, Hainan 30-day visa-free policy, 15-day visa-free policy specified for foreign cruise-group-tour through Shanghai Port, Guangdong 144-hour visa-free policy specified for foreign tour groups from Hong Kong or Macao SAR, and Guangxi 15-day visa-free policy specified for foreign tour groups of ASEAN countries will also be temporarily suspended. Entry with diplomatic, service, courtesy or C visas will not be affected. Foreign nationals coming to China for necessary economic, trade, scientific or technological activities or out of emergency humanitarian needs may apply for visas at Chinese embassies or consulates. Entry by foreign nationals with visas issued after this announcement will not be affected.

The suspension is a temporary measure that China is compelled to take in light of the outbreak situation and the practices of other countries. China will stay in close touch with all sides and properly handle personnel exchanges with the rest of the world under the special circumstances. The above-mentioned measures will be calibrated in light of the evolving situation and announced accordingly.

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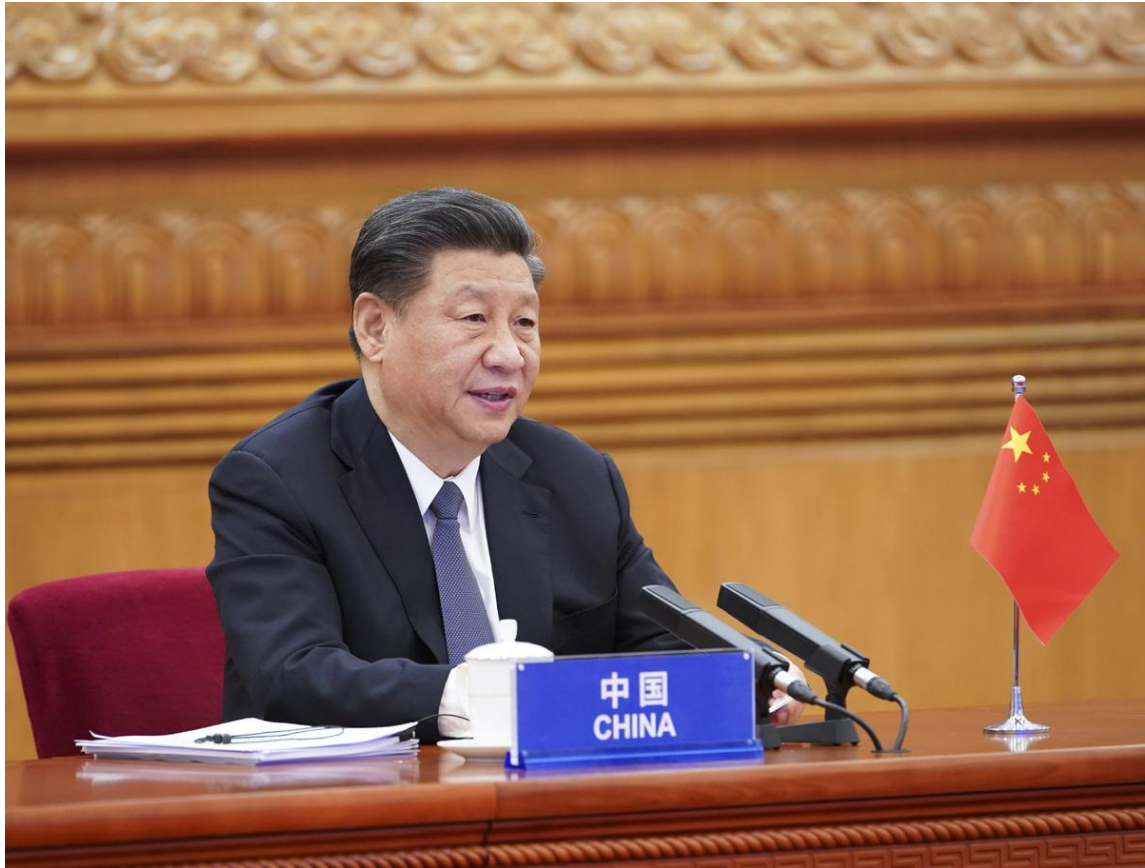
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Full text of Xi's remarks at Extraordinary G20 Leaders' Summit

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President Xi Jinping speaks during the G20 Extraordinary Leaders' Summit on COVID-19 on Thursday. The president participated in the summit, which was in the form of a videoconference, at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing. LI XUEREN/PANG XINGLEI/XINHUA

BEIJING -- President Xi Jinping on Thursday delivered a speech titled "Working Together to Defeat the COVID-19 Outbreak" at the Extraordinary G20 Leaders' Summit via video link in Beijing.

The following is an English translation of the full text of the speech:

Working Together to Defeat the COVID-19 Outbreak

Remarks by H.E. Xi Jinping

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President of the People's Republic of China

At the Extraordinary G20 Leaders' Summit

Beijing, 26 March 2020

Your Majesty King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud,

Dear Colleagues,

It is good to join you. Let me begin by expressing my sincere appreciation to His Majesty King Salman and Saudi Arabia for having done tremendous work of communication and coordination to make this summit possible.

Facing the COVID-19 outbreak that caught us all by surprise, the Chinese government and Chinese people have been undaunted as we took on this formidable task. From day one of our fight against the outbreak, we have put people's life and health first. We have acted according to the overall principle of shoring up confidence, strengthening unity, ensuring science-based control and treatment and imposing targeted measures. We have mobilized the whole nation, set up collective control and treatment mechanisms and acted with openness and transparency. What we fought was a people's war against the outbreak. We have put up a strenuous struggle and made tremendous sacrifices. Now the situation in China is moving steadily in a positive direction. Life and work are quickly returning to normal. Yet, there is no way we will lower our guard or relax control.

At the most difficult moment in our fight against the outbreak, China received assistance and help from a lot of members of the global community. Such expressions of friendship will always be remembered and cherished by the Chinese people.

Major infectious disease is the enemy of all. As we speak, the COVID-19 outbreak is spreading worldwide, posing enormous threat to life and health and bringing formidable challenge to global public health security. The situation is disturbing and unsettling. At such a moment, it is imperative for the international community to strengthen confidence, act with unity and work together in a collective response. We must comprehensively step up international cooperation and foster greater synergy so that humanity as one could win the battle against such a major infectious disease.

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For that to happen, I would like to put forth four proposals.

First, we need to be resolute in fighting an all-out global war against the COVID-19 outbreak. The community of nations must move swiftly to stem the spread of the virus. In this regard, I propose that a G20 health ministers' meeting be convened as quick as possible to improve information sharing, strengthen cooperation on drugs, vaccines and epidemic control, and cut off cross-border infections. G20 members need to jointly help developing countries with weak public health systems enhance preparedness and response. I propose a G20 COVID-19 assistance initiative for better information sharing and policy and action coordination with the support of the World Health Organization. Guided by the vision of building a community with a shared future for mankind, China will be more than ready to share our good practices, conduct joint research and development of drugs and vaccines, and provide assistance where we can to countries hit by the growing outbreak.

Second, we need to make a collective response for control and treatment at the international level. This is a virus that respects no borders. The outbreak we are battling is our common enemy. All must work together to build a strongest global network of control and treatment that the world has ever seen. China has set up its online COVID-19 knowledge center that is open to all countries. It is imperative that countries pool their strengths and speed up research and development of drugs, vaccines and testing capabilities in the hope to achieve early breakthrough to the benefit of all. Discussions are also needed regarding the establishment of regional emergency liaison mechanisms to enable quicker response to public health emergencies.

Third, we need to support international organizations in playing their active roles. China supports WHO in leading the global efforts to develop science-based and proper control and treatment and minimize cross-border spread. I call on G20 members to enhance anti-epidemic information sharing with the support of WHO and to promote control and treatment protocols that are comprehensive, systematic and effective. The G20 platform for communication and coordination may be used to increase policy dialogue and exchange, and a high-level meeting on international public health security may be convened in due course. For China, we will be happy to join other countries and scale up support for relevant international and regional organizations.

Fourth, we need to enhance international macro-economic policy coordination. The outbreak has disrupted production and demand across the globe. Countries need to

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leverage and coordinate their macro policies to counteract the negative impact and prevent the world economy from falling into recession. We need to implement strong and effective fiscal and monetary policies to keep our exchange rates basically stable. We need to better coordinate financial regulation to keep global financial markets stable. We need to jointly keep the global industrial and supply chains stable. What China will do in this regard is to increase its supply of active pharmaceutical ingredients, daily necessities, and anti-epidemic and other supplies to the international market. What's more, we also need to protect women, children, the elderly, people with disabilities and other vulnerable groups, and provide for people's basic needs. China will continue to pursue a proactive fiscal policy and prudent monetary policy. We will continue to advance reform and opening-up, widen market access, improve the business environment, and expand imports and outbound investment to contribute to a stable world economy.

I want to call on all G20 members to take collective actions - cutting tariffs, removing barriers, and facilitating the unfettered flow of trade. Together, we can send a strong signal and restore confidence for global economic recovery. The G20 needs to draw up an action plan and promptly set up communication mechanisms and institutional arrangements for anti-epidemic macro policy coordination.

Dear Colleagues,

Now is a crucial moment, a time for us to rise up to challenge and act with swiftness. I am convinced that through solidarity and mutual assistance, we will prevail over this outbreak and we all will embrace a brighter future for mankind!

Thank you.



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Experts share advice on child cases

By Zhou Wenting in Shanghai | China Daily | Updated: 2020-03-27 10:26



A seven-year-old patient thanks his doctor after he recovered from COVID-19 and was discharged from the hospital on March 6, 2020, in Henan province. [Photo provided to chinadaily.com.cn]

Since the paper about the first China study of child COVID-19 cases was published in an international journal, pediatricians overseas have approached the Shanghai-based researchers to seek medical advice.

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Zeng Mei, leader of the research team from the Children's Hospital of Fudan University, where confirmed child COVID-19 cases are received in Shanghai, said in an exclusive interview with China Daily on Tuesday that peers in countries including Italy, the United States and Spain have sought their advice online after reading the paper published in the US-based journal Clinical Infectious Diseases on Feb 28.

Their main queries focused on treatment for such child cases under age 16, infection control, infectivity, transmission route, protection of healthcare workers and quarantine standards, said Zeng, who is also director of infectious diseases at the hospital.

"Our study was intended to provide a scientific basis for early identification, reasonable diagnosis and treatment as well as the prevention and control of the disease among children," said Zeng, adding that her team was delighted that they may contribute to improving clinical practice and safety measures for their counterparts overseas.

The study-based on data from 10 clinical child cases received in Shanghai as well as the provinces of Shandong, Anhui and Hainan between Jan 19 and Feb 3 - found that all those children showed mild symptoms of respiratory diseases or common pneumonia, and none suffered from rapid breathing or hypoxia.

"Fever in these child patients aged between 3 months and 10 years were brought down within 24 hours," she said.

National statistics so far also showed that only nearly 3 percent of the 731 confirmed child COVID-19 cases were severe or critically ill, much lower than the rate of 19.2 percent among patients of all age groups in the country.

Zeng said medical experts are still exploring why child cases are usually mild.

"One reason might be that the age group of adults, including people from 18 to those in their twilight years and elderly people, usually have more preexisting health conditions. Such individuals are more prone to becoming severe cases.

"Also, maybe some children have an immunity to the virus, and this needs to be further explored and verified," she said.

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Their research also found most children became infected after at least one adult in the family became infected, and the incubation period among children was 6.5 days, longer than the 5.4 days reported for adults.

Zeng said there was no need to resort to anti-viral drugs and antibiotics in treating mild child cases, and treatments for the symptoms are recommended.

"We recommended treatment of complications if the disease affects these children's hearts, livers and kidneys, and doctors could consider anti-inflammatory medicines if there are secondary bacterial infections," she said.

Most child patients tested negative for the virus in their noses and throats from the sixth to 21st day - with a median of the 12th day - after they first tested positive, according to the research.

The virus was often detected in their excrement, which tested positive for the virus two to four weeks after infection.



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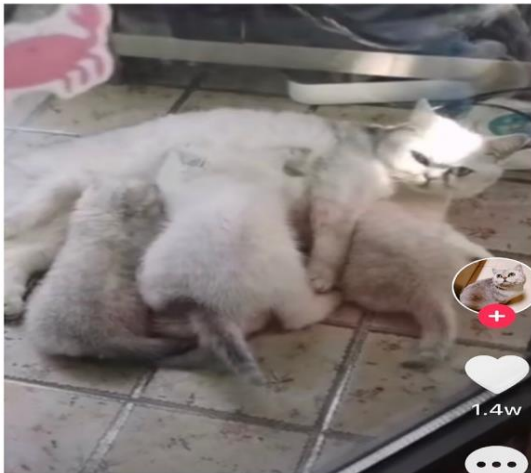
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Brave cat gives birth alone when owners in hospital for nearly two months

By Zhao Shiyue | chinadaily.com.cn | Updated: 2020-03-27 07:30 [f](#) [t](#) [in](#) [+](#)



Lele, a cat in Wuhan, lived alone for nearly two months at a household in the city hit hard by the novel coronavirus outbreak and gave birth to four kittens during the time when its owners were hospitalized for treatment. [Photo/Douyin]

Heroic mother cat Lele gave birth to four kittens at home and lived alone for over 50 days in Wuhan, when its owners, a family of seven, were in hospital for treatment of novel coronavirus.

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In late January, Lele's owner, surnamed Chen, was infected with novel coronavirus and has been in hospital since then. Several days later, Chen's father, and five other family members all tested positive for the virus, leaving pregnant cat mom Lele alone at home.

For fear of cross-infection, Chen didn't ask friends to take care of Lele, but prepared two bags of cat food weighing about 24 pounds and some water at home.

As he gradually recovered in the hospital, worries about Lele, the expectant mother, always haunted him.

Fifty-four days later, when Chen's family got back home, they were surprised to find Lele had already given birth to four kittens.

The four were healthy and active and have been weaning from their mother's milk, while the brave cat looked considerably thinner than nearly two months ago.

According to Chen, Lele survived on the cat food and water found in a fish pond on the balcony. Since no one cleaned up for such a long time, the cat litter box has gone messy and smelly.

In memory of the special experience, Chen named the four kittens "Xiaowu", "Hanhan", "Xiaojia" and "Youyou", which together mean "Wuhan, fighting" in Chinese, hoping the city could stay strong and return to normal soon.

Lele's story went viral on Douyin, the Chinese version of TikTok, and won over 366,000 likes. A Douyin user commented, "God bless the poor cats! Good luck to you." Another netizen commented, "What a kind family! Please don't abandon pets because of the virus outbreak."