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10<sup>th</sup> May

Please find below the update 20 from HOPE.

### **News from HOPE**

- 1) An online briefing for current HOPE offer holders and potential applicants for next year was organized on the evening of 10<sup>th</sup> May, with HOPE's management team/directors making a joint presentation followed by Q and A to a total of 94 families. The information in the presentation covers the latest news from our partner institutions regarding plans for re-opening and support to international students, policy on alternatives tests of IELTS and pre-session English, quality of online line courses, assessment and graduation arrangement, and how to prepare for Tier 4 visa application. 4 HOPE students currently in the UK from Sheffield University, Queen Mary, JLC and Lucton School were also invited to talk to audience their experience during the pandemic period, giving much confidence to their peers to resume their overseas study plan.
- 2) Three conversion events will be organized by HOPE on 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> June with the former two being university focus and the last one 4-5 boarding schools and state sixth form colleges being invited. Hopefully by then, more news on lifting of lockdown and school re-open dates can be released to further push students back to their original study plan.
- 3) HOPE is collecting data and promotion materials for its social media platforms, including Weibo, Website, Wechat, facebook (for teachinChina project) and short video for Douyin! We have columns on "news from our partner institutions" and "interviews with admission officers" which we hope receive more information from you. My colleague will contact some of you in the near future and please do help us to help you!

Kind regards

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## Shanghai Disneyland reopens with controlled capacity



Experts inspect infrared temperature screen devices at Shanghai Disney Resort.

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The Shanghai Disneyland theme park reopened to visitors with controlled capacity on Monday, after the COVID-19 epidemic in China became more subdued.

This is the first Disneyland theme park in the world that has reopened since the outbreak of the COVID-19.

The Shanghai Disney Resort announced temporary closure in late January in response to the COVID-19 outbreak. It reopened the Disneytown, Wishing Star Park and Shanghai Disneyland Hotel in early March

## Overseas journalists visit Shanghai schools

By Zhou Wenting in Shanghai | China Daily | Updated: 2020-05-11 09:39



The principal of Zhongshan School in Shanghai, third from right, and two students take questions from journalists, on May 7, 2020. Media workers from 24 overseas media organizations visited the school.

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Overseas journalists invited to visit two schools in Shanghai last week described students as "taking the health crisis in their stride" and "undaunted" after classes resumed following more than two months of online study at home.

Forty-nine journalists from eight countries and regions—including Japan, France, the United States, the United Kingdom and Singapore—toured two middle schools on Thursday, the day after students in the third-year of junior high and the second-year of senior high returned to school. Their reports highlighted China's gradual return to school as some educational institutions in other countries hit by the novel coronavirus pneumonia pandemic weigh their own positions.

Students' mental well-being after staying at home since January was a focus of their interviews.

Shanghai High School principal Feng Zhigang told Agence France-Presse that resuming classes was the responsible thing to do, not only for the teenagers' studies, but also for their physical and mental health.



A journalist takes photos of students at Zhongshan School in Shanghai on May 7, 2020, the second day of school for third-year students in junior high school and second-year students in senior high school.

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"(At home) there is a lack of social activities, so long-term online lessons more or less will bring some problems," he said.

The school told the journalists it had emphasized social responsibility in its online classes and encouraged students to embrace changes and adopt a positive mood for study.

Shanghai High School alumnus Hu Weiguo, the head of a Shanghai medical team sent to support Wuhan, the Chinese city hit hardest by the pandemic, gave a speech about the team's experience that students watched online. It motivated them to be hardworking and contribute to society, the school said.

A story by Reuters said students were "thrilled" to return to class after the monthslong lockdown despite having to wear face masks, compulsory temperature checks, strict hygiene procedures, the installation of glass shields on dining tables and constant reminders to keep 1 meter apart.

Zhang Jiayi, a 17-year-old Shanghai High School student, told Reuters they usually looked forward to the holidays, but the holidays had become too long.

"This time, we longed to return to school, where we can see friends and teachers," Zhang said.



Journalists take photos of students at Zhongshan School in Shanghai on May 7, 2020, the second day of school for third-year students in junior high school and second-year students in senior high school. [Photo provided to chinadaily.com.cn]

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Principal Feng told Reuters the school had a psychological guidance team to assist students during the isolation of online classes, but that could never be a substitute for being reunited with friends and teachers in person.

Some students said they were not daunted and had become used to pandemic prevention measures, which had become the new normal in public spaces in Shanghai.

The city's information office said it had helped overseas journalists conduct a number of interviews since January, organizing earlier media tours focusing on the supply of pandemic prevention materials, novel coronavirus pneumonia treatment, the resumption of work and production, and the "cloud lifestyle" and cloud economy. Journalists from 129 overseas media outlets have joined the tours.

Since early February, Shanghai's municipal government has been updating its daily press briefing on the pandemic in English, French, Japanese and Korean on the website of its Foreign Affairs Office

## Are you back to normal in Shanghai?

### 'Live your life, but not exactly as before'



Visitors watch an underwater show at Haichang Ocean Park

Are you back to normal in Shanghai? What does your new normal look like? Such questions have popped up every day from friends and readers abroad for the past month or so, curious about how life looks like after weeks of abnormality.

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I didn't know how to answer ... until last week when I spotted the fried pancake uncle and his long queue of customers in the street downstairs.

It is a scene I had missed for more than three months, and it is a little different from what I remembered.

He always had the longest queue, and still has. He isn't back in his normal spot, but has rented a small eatery nearby for the morning. The owner wanted to cover his losses over the past three months and the pancake uncle needed an approved venue so he could reopen.

He wears a mask and a pair of gloves to make pancakes now. His customers wear masks and try to stay apart from each other. The pancakes taste deliciously familiar and the uncle was excited to see me.

"At first, I was worried about safety, then not having enough customers to cover the costs, and then whether it would require a lot of paperwork to reopen, and now it's great to see many waiting in line looking so familiar despite the masks covering half their faces," he said as he piled on the green onions I always order.

"It's all back. But sometimes I forget my mask at home and have to run back to get it."

I have done that too, many times, suddenly remembering that I need the mask halfway to the office when I see everyone else wearing one in the street.

My dad, who used to complain that a mask makes it difficult to breathe, now complains when he sees crowds in the parks without masks. He even insists that our *ayi* (domestic helper), who has been back for three weeks, divides the food into individual portions at every meal. Hard to imagine, as he is someone who always wanted to share dishes, even at Western restaurants.

"We are back, but we need to be cautious to make it last," he warns me all the time. "Live your life, but not exactly as before."

I have been back in the office since late February, though temperature checks and wearing masks are still required to enter the building.

My delivery guy can finally enter the neighborhood again, though still can't get into our building.



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The shops in the neighborhood started to reopen in early March. The small corner marts at first, then eateries and restaurants, then the barber's, and now the massage and spa salon that I didn't dare to go for weeks.

They are not as crowded as pre-virus, but I see more customers in the shops day by day.

Children are returning to school. Dancing aunties are back in the parks. Bars and clubs have opened and Shanghai Disneyland will reopen on May 11.

Even the sellers and gym promoters who always stop me in the street are back, strangely more comforting than annoying now.

On the surface, masks are the only thing that changed in the street, and increasingly more people are not wearing masks outdoors.

Some friends still work from home, others have moved their business online. My neighbor, who ordered food three times a day, now cooks so well and often shares with me. Even city officials are hitting streaming sites for the first time to help business at department stores



**Playing football seems to rejuvenate team members, who tried to keep fit at home while awaiting the lifting of pandemic restrictions**

## **Culinary guide reveals best Chinese cuisine around the planet**

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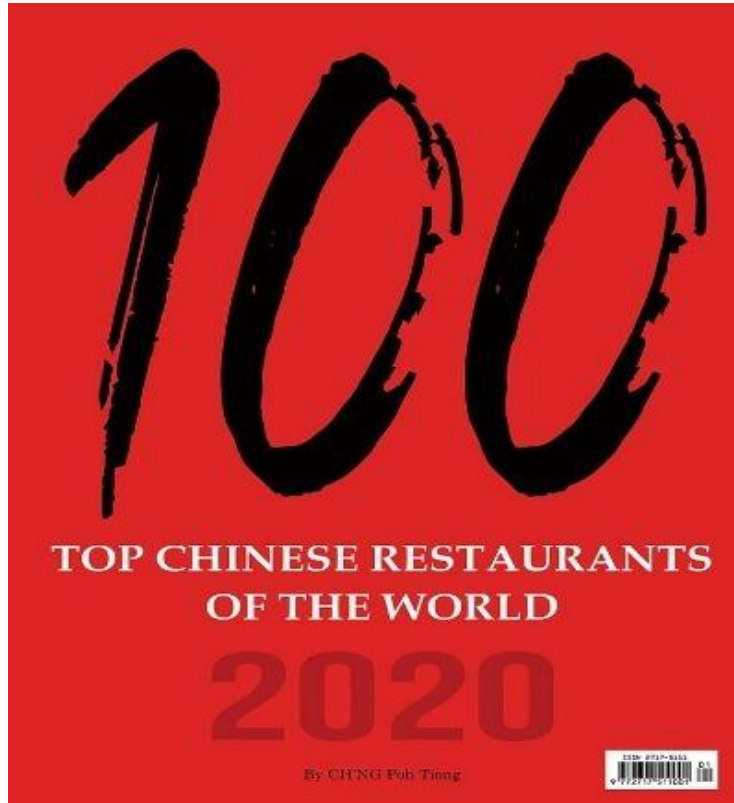
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The *100 Top Chinese Restaurants of the World* guide publishes its second edition, giving the reader a chance to explore Chinese cuisine all over the planet.

An author, lawyer and wine critic, Ch'ng Poh Tiong writes about cuisine from a cultural and historical point of view. In his *100 Top Chinese Restaurants of the World 2020*, just published as its second edition, the restaurants aren't ranked. However, there are accolades for Restaurant of the Year, Dish of the Year (for Dong Shunxiang at Wei Zhuang Hangzhou and his braised sliced pork pyramid), Chinese Cuisine Ambassador of the Year (for Alfred Leung Chi-wai, the founder of Imperial Treasure Restaurant Group), and separate lists for the Top 10, Top 20 and Top 30.

What's fascinating about this book is that it explores Chinese restaurants around the world –and not just the ones you'd expect in Beijing, Shanghai and Hong Kong. Among the cities represented are New York, London, Paris, Mumbai, Yokohama, Bangkok, Ipoh, Kuala Lumpur, Singapore, Foshan, Guangzhou, Hangzhou, Yangzhou, Suzhou... the list goes on.

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Beyond the restaurants themselves, the reader will discover numerous things they may not know: that xiao long bao didn't originate in Shanghai but was already very popular in Kaifeng during the Northern Song dynasty; that the best char siew may actually be in Malaysia; and that there's a teahouse in Yangzhou that makes up to 50,000 bao a day. Time to plan a road trip...

*Print versions of 100 Top Chinese Restaurants of the World 2020 (in English and Traditional Chinese) are available at 13 major bookshops across Hong Kong, while e-versions (English, Traditional Chinese and Simplified Chinese) are available at [100chineserestaurants.com](http://100chineserestaurants.com).*

## Made in China, Beijing



### Dong Shun Xiang's pyramid of braised sliced pork



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## Steamed egg white stuffed with crabmeat



## Imperial Treasure, Paris



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