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Dear President of Fellow Medical Association,

Many thanks for your continuous support to Chinese Medical Association. Please allow me to share the efforts have made by Chinese Government and the whole society in combating and curbing the COVID-19 with you.

Since the outbreak of COVID-19, the Chinese government and the whole society have taken the most comprehensive, strict and thorough prevention and control measures to fight against this epidemic. WHO officials and many other government and healthcare officials across the globe are applauding China's unprecedented and aggressive response, which shows that China is highly responsible, not only for the Chinese people's health but also for the sake of global public safety.

At this critical moment, Chinese government and the whole society are making all efforts in medical treatment of the patients for reducing severe and fatal cases. A national expert group has been assigned to speed up the research and development of vaccines. In tackling the outbreak, the State Council of China has established a centralized dispatch system for the distribution of medical personnel, medical supplies and citizen's daily necessities. Under the leadership of President Xi Jinping and Chinese government, the prevention and control work has achieved positive results and the epidemic situation has shown positive changes due to concerted hard work. We have full confidence in our ability to prevail over the epidemic at an early date.

The fearless and selfless Chinese scientists, doctors and nurses are the mainstay in this battle, making strenuous efforts to counter the epidemic. CAST is working closely with its member societies and international partners by mobilizing scientists and professionals with expertise on medical treatment, scientific research, policy-making and science communication in the epidemic control. Since the outbreak of the epidemic, CAST has actively coordinated all resources available to fight against the disease through expanding scientific knowledge, producing media resources for public health emergencies, organizing psychological consultations, providing advices to the public on measures to protect health and prevent and control the spread of the virus and so on.

As one of the largest medical associations in China, Chinese Medical Association has made every effort to combat and curb the COVID 2019 epidemic through sending medical experts, collecting abroad donations and protective supplies, providing scientific support, propaganda and advocacy of anti- COVID and COVID infection control knowledge via different specialty societies and medical journals, etc.

Virus knows of no national boundaries, but the worst of times reveals the best in people. Stronger international cooperation is needed to jointly tackle this challenge. In

defeating the epidemic, we would like to remain in close communication and coordination with you and your association and will be open to any suggestions from you. We would also like to strengthen cooperation in epidemic control to jointly protect lives and health of our peoples and uphold global public health security.

with best regards

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the Chinese characters '饶克勤' (Rao Keqin).

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