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China News Covid-19 Special

1. President Xi chairs leadership meetings on epidemic control

On Jan.25, Feb. 3 and Feb. 12, Xi Jinping, general secretary of the CPC Central Committee, chaired 3 meetings on the prevention and control of Covid-19. He ordered Party committees and governments at all levels take Covid-19 outbreak prevention and control as the top priority of their work. The meetings called for all-out efforts to treat the patients, ensure the supply of medical protection materials, improve the admission and survival rates, and reduce the infection and mortality rates. Timely, accurate and transparent release of information to address concerns from home and abroad was also underscored. The need to safeguard economic and social order is emphasized, as well as the promotion of public education and communication.

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-01/25/c_138733715.htm

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-02/03/c_138753250.htm

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-02/12/c_138778337.htm

2. Transcript of State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi's

Exclusive Interview with Reuters

On 14 February, State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi sat down with Reuters Global Managing Editor Alessandra Galloni in Berlin for an exclusive interview. He talked about China's fight against Covid-19.

Further reading on the following website:

<http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/zgyw/t1745264.htm>

3. Various measures taken across China to combat Covid-19

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-02/03/c_138753208.htm

4. "Pairing-up support" fuels fight in epicenter of Covid-19

outbreak

On Feb. 10, China has stepped up its fight against Covid-19 as it released a plan for over half of China's provincial-level regions to aid cities in Hubei, where the epicenter city of Wuhan is located. Besides a massive influx of medical staff and equipment, supplies have poured in as well.

Pairing-up assistance plays an important role in China's development. The pairing of developed and underdeveloped, disaster-hit and other areas is almost ubiquitous in China. Under such a framework, capital, skilled workers and all sorts of resources have been channeled to the country's vast western regions including Tibet and Xinjiang, to help the reconstruction of quake-stricken areas in Sichuan, and the anti-poverty campaigns across China.

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-02/10/c_138771596.htm

5. Full-power manufacturing industry helping fight against Covid-19

Keeping their production lines running 24 hours a day, Chinese manufacturers are powering the fight against Covid-19 outbreak.

Further reading on the following website:

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-02/13/c_138780684.htm

6. Chinese resume work with caution, confidence amid epidemic

On Feb. 10, epidemic prevention measures have been intensified at venues with crowded people across the country, as more people are about to resume work after a prolonged holiday.

http://www.xinhuanet.com/english/2020-02/11/c_138774612.htm

7. World Leaders Commend and Support China's Efforts Against Covid-19 Outbreak

World leaders and heads of international organizations have expressed, through various channels, their sympathies and support for China's fight against Covid-19 outbreak.

Further reading on the following website:

https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/topics_665678/kjgzbdffyq/t1740699.shtml

https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/topics_665678/kjgzbdffyq/t1742291.shtml

https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/topics_665678/kjgzbdffyq/t1742466.shtml

https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/topics_665678/kjgzbdffyq/t1743407.shtml

https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/topics_665678/kjgzbdffyq/t1745065.shtml

8. SIIS Report II: on China's Fight Against COVID-19 Epidemic- A

Decisive Campaign

On Feb.14, Shanghai Institutes For International Studies published a report entitled China's Fight Against Covid-19 Epidemic A Decisive Campaign. This report gives latest answers to the following questions: How soon China will totally conquer Covid-19? When will be the turning point of the epidemic? What new measures and efforts have the Chinese government and people taken to fight against the epidemic and with what effects? What new progresses have been made by the Chinese medical community in epidemic control and treatment to COVID-19 patients? And what lessons can be learned by the international public health circles from this war against an epidemic of even greater impact than the severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) epidemic in 2003?

The full text on the following website:

https://www.fmprc.gov.cn/mfa_eng/topics_665678/kjgzbdffyq/P020200214683963246223.pdf

China-UK Relations

1. President Xi Jinping Speaks with UK Prime Minister Boris

Johnson on the Phone

President Xi Jinping spoke with UK Prime Minister Boris Johnson on the phone on the afternoon of 18 February. President Xi thanked Queen Elizabeth II and Prime Minister Johnson for their sympathies over the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. He pointed out that the UK's donation of medical provisions to China is a testament to the friendship between the two nations and peoples. Prime Minister Johnson extended, on behalf of the UK government and people, sympathies to the Chinese government and people over the COVID-19 outbreak, and highly commended China's comprehensive and effective efforts to respond to the outbreak, share timely information with the world and curb the spread of the virus globally.

Further reading on the following website:

<http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/zgyw/t1746796.htm>

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson Appreciated and Expressed Support for China on Fighting against Covid-19 Outbreak

Further reading on the following website:

<http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/zywl/t1743519.htm>

2. Queen Elizabeth II Conveys Her Condolences and Blessings to the Chinese People in Their Efforts to Contain the Spread of the Novel

Covid-19 Epidemic

On February 6, The Duke of York said that the Queen was very concerned about China's Covid-19 epidemic, and that at the critical time of fighting Covid-19, she expressed sincere sympathy for Chinese people, and would pray for the speedy control and victory over the virus.

Further reading on the following website:

<http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/dshdjh/t1743897.htm>

3. Director of the Central Commission for Foreign Affairs Office

Yang Jiechi Speaks to UK Cabinet Secretary and National Security

Adviser on the Phone

On Feb. 4, Yang Jiechi, Member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and Director of the Office of the Central Commission for Foreign Affairs, spoke to Mark Sedwill, Cabinet Secretary and National Security Adviser of the United Kingdom (UK), on the phone.

Yang updated Sedwill on China's ongoing fight against Covid-19 outbreak. Sedwill noted the UK's full acknowledgement of China's tremendous efforts and effective measures to bring the outbreak under control.

Further reading on the following website:

<http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/zywl/t1740953.htm>

4. Vice Foreign Minister Qin Gang Meets with UK Ambassador to China Barbara Janet Woodward

On February 6, Vice Foreign Minister Qin Gang met with UK Ambassador to China Barbara Janet Woodward.

Qin Gang briefed on the latest development of prevention and control of the pneumonia epidemic caused by Covid-19. Barbara Janet Woodward said, the UK side attaches importance to the Chinese side's concerns, fully supports the Chinese government in taking active and strong measures for the epidemic, and is willing to do its best to provide help.

Further reading on the following website:

<http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/zywl/t1742452.htm>

5. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming Holds a Press Conference on China's fight against Covid-19 epidemic

On February 6, Ambassador Liu Xiaoming held a press conference at the Chinese Embassy on China's fight against Covid-19 epidemics. More than 50 journalists from 27 media agencies attended the press conference.

Further reading on the following websites:

<http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/dshdjhh/t1741619.htm>

<http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/dshdjhh/t1742409.htm>

6. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming: Gather Our Confidence to Deliver

Abundant Outcomes

On Jan 30, Ambassador Liu Xiaoming made a speech entitled Gather Our Confidence to Deliver Abundant Outcomes at the HSBC Chinese New Year Lunch.

The ambassador summarised China's overall performance in 2019 and suggested how to seize opportunities in China and take full advantage of them.

Further reading on the following website:

<http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/dshdjhh/t1737737.htm>

7. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming: China Remains Committed to

Peaceful Development and Win-Win Cooperation

On February 5, Ambassador Liu Xiaoming made a speech entitled China Remains Committed to Peaceful Development and Win-Win Cooperation at the Dinner hosted by the Official Monetary and Financial Institutions Forum.

The ambassador talked about the future of China's development.

Further reading on the following website:

<http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/dshdjhh/t1741182.htm>

8. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming: Friends of China-UK Cooperation

On February 12, Ambassador Liu Xiaoming made a speech entitled Friends of China-UK Cooperation at the Conservative Friends of the Chinese New Year Celebration.

The ambassador briefed on the relations between China and the UK in 2019 and expressed his hope for further development of the relations.

Further reading on the following websites:

<http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/dshdjhh/t1744203.htm>

9. Ambassador Liu Xiaoming: Have Confidence in China's Economy and a Better Future for China-UK Relations

On February 13, Ambassador Liu Xiaoming made a speech entitled Have Confidence in China's Economy and a Better Future for China-UK Relations at the Aberdeen Standard Investments Breakfast.

The ambassador shared his views on China's economy and China-UK relations.

Further reading on the following websites:

<http://www.chinese-embassy.org.uk/eng/dshdjhh/t1744672.htm>

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