# The Chinese and Jewish people have worked together to face the epidemic situation

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**Abstract:** Since novel coronavirus pneumonia (NCP) outbreak, China has been responsible for the national people and the international community, and the whole society has mobilized to control the spread of the epidemic to the outside world. It is urgent to save lives. In this fight between mankind and virus, the Chinese and Jewish people stand side by side. They have worked together to face the epidemic situation.

## 1. Global epidemic situation and China's support for countries

As of July 15, COVID-19 occurred in 213 overseas countries and regions, with a total of over 13.23 million confirmed cases overseas and a total of 574,000 deaths. And the UN agency pointed out that in 2019, nearly 690 million people are going hungry, an increase of 10 million people from 2018. Then the downside risks of the global economy are still relatively prominent. It is predicted that the advanced economies in the G20 will shrink by 6.4% in 2020 and rebound to 4.8% in 2021. And the emerging economies in the G20 will shrink by 1.6% in 2020 and rebound by 5.9% in 2021.

At present, the number of new cases keeps dropping, and the number of cured people continues to increase, also the situation of epidemic prevention and control is expanding. To do a good job in controlling the epidemic situation is China's greatest contribution to world public health security and development. People's safety and health should always be the first, and epidemic prevention and control is the most important work at present. The transnational spread of epidemic diseases is not only a non-traditional security issue, but also a problem of prevention and control.

## 2. The Jewish people's support

Since the outbreak of novel coronavirus pneumonia in China, the Jewish people have been actively supporting China to fight against the epidemic. Although they are not in China, their hearts are linked with the hearts of the Chinese and they appreciate China's efforts to prevent the spread of the epidemic too. At this critical moment, their efforts will continue and expand for the Chinese people and stands with them also.

Nearly one thousand Israelis went to the west wall of Jerusalem to pray for China's health and well-being, and for the global fight against the new coronavirus. Besides Hebrew, people also used Mandarin to pray. One of the prayer, Rabbi Elijah, who also organized the event said "we wanted the Chinese to know that Jews have always cared for them, prayed for them and been with them. I hope this unfortunate disaster will disappear from China and all over the world."

In an interview with reporters, the famous Jewish artist Gilad Segev said that some countries demonized the novel coronavirus pneumonia epidemic and rejected the Chinese people, mainly because of the exclusionist ideology, just as many countries in history have opposed Jews. Gillard stressed that Jewish people would always remember that in the darkest and helpless period in Jewish history, the Chinese government and people opened their arms to the Jews. "Now the Chinese people are facing difficulties, and the Jewish people will stand firmly with the Chinese people to confront and overcome the epidemic", he said passionately.

Wei Kaili, founder and chairman of China Israel Academic Exchange Promotion Association,

believes that in the face of the epidemic, human beings are a community of common destiny and need to unite and cooperate to fight against it. "It's a very painful history that happened, that is, Jews were accused of being the source of the virus. When there was a large-scale epidemic in the west, Jews were accused. This happened two thousand years ago. It reminds us that it's dangerous and irresponsible to do so. So we should find a way to deal with viruses and create a better world together. As president Xi Jinping has said, mankind is a community of destiny. This outbreak proves that. I think all countries should work together to fight the epidemic. From this epidemic we can see how important international cooperation is, because if one country fails to act, it will affect other countries in the world."

Then Ronnie, a famous Israeli medical professor and chief executive of Tel Aviv medical center, said that China's medical system was very strong, and he admired the spirit of all the doctors on the front line. All over the world, there will be various crises. The current epidemic in China is likely to happen anywhere. Human beings should try their best to help each other, fully understand and use all our strength to fight the epidemic. And the Jewish people will also provide any help the Chinese people need. He believes that everything in China will be better.

Mr. Greenberg, who was assigned to work in cultural services in China, raised 10000 masks for the Jewish community in Shanghai and gave them to the Shanghai Jewish refugee Memorial Hall. He donated them to the elderly and front-line epidemic prevention personnel in the surrounding communities of the memorial hall, which moved countless Chinese people. He said that he had come to Shanghai with his family since 1998. It can be said that he is half a Shanghainese, and Jews like Shanghai for no reason. Chinese history has always maintained a friendly attitude towards Jews. As early as the Tang Dynasty, a large number of Jews who had left their hometown came to settle in China and integrated into the Chinese family. After the outbreak, he introduced China's anti epidemic measures to foreign friends. "In Shanghai, I see that there is no panic, there is no shortage of living materials, and life is still normal. We put on masks in silence and worked together to deal with this disaster. " Greenberg said that based on his knowledge of Shanghai and China, he is fully confident that the government will deal with the epidemic.

## 3. China strengthened communication and mutual assistance with Jewish people

Viruses have no borders. It is necessary to have international health cooperation openly and transparently on the basis of establishing a national system of joint prevention and control. Full cooperation with the Jewish people is China's distinctive proposition and important measure to fight the epidemic. The history of human civilization is a history of fighting against disease. Epidemic is a typical non-traditional security threat, which has the characteristics of sudden, transnational, uncertainty and difficulty in prevention and control. International cooperation beyond prejudice and exclusionist ideology is the only right choice to contain and eliminate epidemic. China has always been at the forefront of cooperating with international organizations and countries around the world to cope with transnational epidemics and provide public goods for global public health governance. In this outbreak, China determined and shared the whole genome sequence of the virus strain in a short period of time, laying the foundation for vaccine and effective drug research and development, and successfully developed a rapid detection kit, providing a scientific basis for other countries to take measures to prevent and control the epidemic. China has taken the initiative to carry out information exchange with the World Health Organization and the international community. It has received a delegation of experts from the World Health Organization to visit and evaluate the epidemic situation in China. It has accepted and carried out epidemic prevention and control work in accordance with the relevant recommendations of the World Health Organization and the world health regulations. China's effective cooperation with the World Health Organization has built the first line of defense against the spread of the epidemic. China has also actively strengthened communication and mutual assistance with the Jewish people, which well explains the essence of international cooperation.

## 4. The era of intertwined traditional and non-traditional security

The sudden outbreak of novel coronavirus pneumonia reminds us again that this is an era of intertwined traditional and non-traditional security, and is also an era of partial problems and global problems transforming each other. No country can be alone, nor can any country win out. And the interests of all countries have been closely integrated. In the global cooperation against the epidemic, China adheres to the concept of a community with a shared future for mankind, adheres to an open, transparent and responsible attitude, actively has international cooperation against the epidemic, especially with the Jewish people, and makes contributions to maintaining and improving the open and cooperative public health governance system. At the same time, the Jewish people, together with China, stand by each other and fight side by side.

Novel coronavirus pneumonia has been the 87 most popular Jewish organizations to express sympathy and support to China through telephone, letter and statement. In the current crisis, many Jewish friends stand firmly with China.

There goes a saying that courtesy calls for reciprocity. The Chinese people will not forget the help extended by the people of the world. Chinese novel coronavirus pneumonia has been jointly published by dozens of Jewish organizations such as the Jewish Public Affairs Commission, and foreign minister Zhao Lijian said on 27, which reflects the friendly ties between Jewish organizations and the Chinese people. This is another example of the friendship between the Chinese nation and the Jewish nation, for which we express our appreciation and heartfelt thanks.

## 5. Summary

Infectious diseases are a common challenge faced by the Chinese and Jewish people and the people of all countries in the world. Solidarity and cooperation are the most powerful weapons to overcome the disease. The Chinese will continue to make efforts together with the Jewish community and the international community to jointly safeguard the health and well-being of mankind. When the domestic epidemic situation has not been completely alleviated, China has been able to help other countries trapped by the epidemic, and China's own anti epidemic experience provides a useful reference for the world's epidemic prevention. A few days ago, the foreign leader of the China-WHO New Coronary Pneumonia Joint Expert Investigation Group and the senior adviser of the World Health Organization General Alward outbreak clearly concluded that China's strategy to respond to the new coronary pneumonia, the rest of the world should follow suit. Looking into the future, unknown diseases are always ahead of human medical standards, and joint efforts to respond to international public health emergencies and improve global public health security mechanisms remain the only correct choice for countries. No winter is insurmountable, and no spring will come. Facing the severe challenge of the new coronary pneumonia epidemic, as long as the Chinese people, the Jewish people, and even the people of the globe work together and are united, they will surely join hands to usher in a moment of victory.

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