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CROSS-STRAITS MEDICINE EXCHANGE ASSOCIATION

A Letter of greetings to general practitioners fighting the novel coronavirus pneumonia (NCP) outbreak in mainland of China, Hong Kong SAR, Macao SAR, and Taipei and environs

Our dear general practitioners who are fighting the NCP outbreak in mainland of China, Hong Kong SAR, Macao SAR, and Taipei and environs:

During this very special Lantern Festival Day when families gather together, the critical epidemic prevention and control work remain most important. Many general practitioners who worked in mainland of China, Hong Kong SAR, Macao SAR, and Taipei and environs are practicing our pledged sacred mission of caring and healing and rescuing. We hold on to our post with selfless dedication, bravely fulfilling our responsibilities in preventing and controlling the epidemic, and making positive contributions to the protection of people's lives and health. We would like to extend our season's greetings and the highest respect to the general practitioners and primary healthcare workers across in mainland of China, Hong Kong SAR, Macao SAR, and Taipei and environs who are fighting the epidemic. We express our heartfelt thanks to you and your families who are quietly supporting you and behind you.

During this recent times, the NCP outbreak is rampant. The epidemic becomes the command, NCP prevention and control is our duty and responsibility. Nonetheless, the more difficult the task is, the more we shall forge ahead. General practitioners who worked in this region are committed to bear the national responsibility and are willing to sacrifice for equity, justice, patriotism, humanitarianism for our population. We will persist in our venture to explore, learn and acquire scientific evidence and information. This dedicated spirit has always been embedded in our genes and integrated in our blood.

In this war without gunpowder and ammunition, general practitioners have actively responded to the country's call to abandon the Spring Festival holiday and hang on to their post and report to duty in affected areas despite the physical and mental stress they have to undertake. Putting on their sacred white coat and protective clothing, they fulfil their duties, remain faithful to their commitment, with

their mission firmly in mind, devote themselves to fight the epidemic battle with passion. They are bravely taking on the work of following up fever patients in the community, disseminating appropriate common knowledge of the outbreak to community residents, whilst monitoring development of the outbreak through sentinel surveillance. They keep any danger to themselves, perform with practical actions to fulfil the spirit and pledge of a Doctor: "Bless our lives, heal the wounded and rescue the dying. Dedicate, and love without borders". Indeed all of you have made outstanding contributions to the epidemic prevention and control for members of the community, provided public education and epidemiological screening.

Our battle with this outbreak is still going on and the task for epidemic prevention and control is still extremely important. At the community level, the task for epidemic prevention and control cannot be relaxed and the dissemination of common and accurate knowledge to the public needs to be further strengthened. "The task for epidemic prevention and control has not yet been successful, and comrades still need to work hard." The General Practice Branch of Cross-Strait Medicine Exchange Association will establish two modes of publications to disseminate to the public.: "Epidemic Prevention and control is going on" and "Family Doctors is fighting the Epidemics". We shall focus on the latest developments in epidemic prevention and control and we will demonstrate the strength and charisma of our general practitioners in a timely manner, to introduce role model general practitioners and boost public confidence. It is our sincere wish for colleagues to remain well protected, remain strong, maintain Self-confident. We will work closely and effectively using scientific and evidence-based methods with other professional colleagues and authorities and glide to victory in this war against NCP, win our battle in prevention and control and completely defeat this epidemic.

Finally, the General Practice Branch of Cross-Strait Medicine Exchange Association would like to once again express our highest respect and sincere greetings to all general practitioners fighting with NCP outbreak! Our best regards to you and your family!

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