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Yunnan helps Hubei in epidemic relief



Yunnan medical workers in Hubei Photo by Yang Zheng

Editor's note

"When Wuhan wins the battle against the novel coronavirus outbreak, so will Hubei and China," said Chinese President Xi Jinping on February 10, when he conducted an inspection tour in Beijing and delivered instructions on the prevention and control of the novel coronavirus pneumonia (COVID-19). At present, China has been mobilising high-quality resources from across the country and implementing the "pairing-up support" policy to assist Hubei in combating the COVID-19 outbreak. So far, 19 provinces have sent medical teams to 16 prefectural and county-level cities in Hubei. The Hubei city of Xianning has been assigned to Yunnan.

On February 20, another medical team from Yunnan embarked on a journey to Hubei, on behalf of the 48 million people and 26 ethnic groups in the province. It was the seventh medical team from Yunnan to assist Hubei in the epidemic relief efforts. The 176 team members included management and medical personnel. They have been selected to match the current needs for epidemic prevention and control in Wuhan.

So far, Yunnan has sent

a total of 1,100 medical workers, in four batches, to assist Hubei in the epidemic prevention and control.

Some of these wonderful people participated in the battle against the 2003 SARS outbreak, some joined in the 2008 Wenchuan earthquake relief, and others have a wealth of experience working in intensive care units.

Apart from sending medical workers, the general public in Yunnan are also giving practical support to Hubei. On

February 10, nine trucks loaded with 270 tons of watermelons left Ruili for Xianning and Jingzhou in Hubei.

On February 11, a fleet of trucks loaded with 325 tons of potatoes, peas, oranges and tomatoes set off from Lijiang to Wuhan.

On February 12, several trucks loaded with 88 tons of high-quality vegetables departed from Kunming to Wuhan. On the same day, 204 tons of vegetables produced by the Yunnan Agricultural Reclamation Group departed

for Shanghai, Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Chengdu, Changsha and other cities.

On February 12, after a journey of two days and two nights, a group of 16 trucks from Yunnan arrived in Wuhan. The trucks were transporting 267 tons of apples, potatoes, vegetables and brown sugar with a total worth of three million yuan (US\$ 429,436) and were donated by northeast Yunnan's Zhaotong City.

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Cured COVID-19 patients in Yunnan donate plasma to save more

Two recovered coronavirus patients in Yunnan province donated their blood plasma on February 19 in an effort to save others. Ms. Li, a 22-year-old Wuhan native, donated 400 millilitres of plasma at the Kunming Blood Center in the afternoon.

"I am lucky that my plasma can help save others," said Li, who was hospitalized in Kunming for 10 days and has just recovered from the pneumonia. Now, she is in good health thanks to sound care by local medics.

The other recovered COVID-19 patient surnamed Zeng donated 200 mls of plasma at 15:00 in Xishuangbanna Blood Center, having finished a physical checkup. "I'm here to donate plasma with gratitude" said Zeng, wishing the disease will soon be resolved through joint efforts.

Initial results have indicated the effectiveness of plasma transfusion in curing patients diagnosed with COVID-19 infection, said Zhang Dingyu, head of Wuhan Jinyintan Hospital, a major designated hospital to admit confirmed cases, during a provincial press conference recently.

(Wang Shixue)

ECONOMY

China takes targeted actions to help companies resume business



In Chengdu, workers are busy at a car factory. (Xinhua)

The Chinese central government is currently orchestrating epidemic prevention and control efforts while making arrangements to restore the economic and the social order. The country is taking targeted actions to help companies resume production and business in an orderly manner.

On the morning of February 13, our reporters visited the production facilities of Sany Heavy Machinery Limited in the Hunan Ningxiang Industrial Park. In the workshops, which were sterilised every four hours, workers in masks were occupied with producing a batch of cranes. "We resumed production nine days ago, thanks to the government's timely and strong support," said Liang Wengen, Chairman of the Sany Group.

Many local governments are supporting companies in

solving their financial problems so that they can resume business and production. In Zhejiang province, the Huzhou Municipal Government issued eight guidelines aimed at combating the epidemic and supporting a robust development of enterprises. The first guideline concerns financial support and encourages banks and other financial institutions to reduce their usual interest rates by 10 percent.

On February 12, Yunnan province introduced fiscal and taxation policies aimed at stabilising economic operations. According to these new policies, the province will provide enterprises with subsidies and reduce their operational costs. This will promote a steady and healthy socioeconomic development and win the battle against the epidemic.

In some epidemic-affected areas, people have difficulties returning to their jobs, while enterprises, and then specifically the more labour intensive ones, are facing a lack of employees. Many local governments are therefore taking the initiative to help and solve this problem.

In Huzhou, some enterprises have deployed chartered buses to fetch their employees from places where they are located in relatively high concentrations. Municipal governments have offered to carry two-thirds of these particular transport costs. To assist migrant workers in their return to their jobs in the cities, Yunnan province provides them with free medical examinations and collective transport to their companies. In addition, employment agencies in the province are eligible for government subsidies, based on the number of jobs they can secure for job seekers.

Meanwhile, China is promoting online government services which simplify approval procedures and ensure a smooth implementation of investment projects. During the period of epidemic prevention and control, Zhenhai District of Ningbo in Zhejiang province has moved its approval procedures online so that they can be completed in a way that requires zero human contact.

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XI'S REMARKS



The epidemic prevention and control is not only a health issue but comprehensive work which requires all-round support. —From speech delivered by President Xi

Jinping when presiding over a meeting of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of CPC Central Committee on February 3



IN-PICS

New life brings new hope



On February 14, two members of the Yunnan epidemic relief medical team participated in a special operation at the First People's Hospital in Xianning, Hubei. Zhao Li and Zhang Jing, an anaesthesiologist and an assistant anaesthesiologist from the Yunnan Cancer Hospital, assisted the hospital in completing a

caesarean section on a woman with COVID-19. When the newborn started to cry, Zhao and Zhang, both of whom have children, smiled joyfully. When they heard the news about the birth of the baby, other team members shared in the happiness and gave their best wishes to the baby's family.

(Li Rong, Yang Zheng)

SERVICE

Yunnan releases updates on COVID-19 in seven languages

Since the COVID-19 outbreak, the Foreign Affairs Office of the Yunnan Provincial Government has kept foreigners in the province informed of the epidemic situation. The Office now reports the epidemic development in Chinese, English, Vietnamese, Lao, Burmese, Cambodian and Thai languages through its website and its WeChat public account.

The office now releases

daily updates on the latest epidemic updates, governmental prevention and control measures and policies to help foreigners better understand the situation and protect themselves. The office has furthermore recorded videos in English, German and other languages to strengthen communication concerning epidemic prevention and control.

(Wu Ping)

EXPATS IN YUNNAN

Lao student: Feel love and care in Yunnan

On February 3, the workers of Foreign Affairs Team of COVID-19 Prevention and Control Command of Honghe Prefecture visited a Laotian international student quarantined in Honghe University.

The student returned to Honghe University after traveling from Vietnam on January 28, and was found to have fever. For the sake of safety, he was placed under quarantine for medical observation as required.

Being alone away from home, the student felt depressed at first and

requested to go back to Laos. The Foreign Affairs Team cooperated with the Honghe University to provide psychological counseling and necessities to the student. Thanks to the joint efforts, the student's mood and health have recovered.

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