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Respected President Amelia Choi,

We are so sorry to learn the spread of COVID-19 in Canada recently. On behalf of the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC), I would like to express our sincere sympathy to you and, through you, to all friends of Federation of Canada-China Friendship Associations.

Under the leadership of President Xi Jinping, the Communist Party of China (CPC) and Chinese government have taken comprehensive and rigorous prevention & control measures since the outbreak of COVID-19 with a highly responsible attitude towards people's health. People from all over the world also extended their helping hands to the Chinese people with sympathy messages as well as donations of money and medical supplies. By far, the work of prevention & control in China has achieved initial results, leading to a promising final victory in the battle against COVID-19.

COVID-19 is an enemy of all human beings. Recently, some US politicians irresponsibly called this virus as "Chinese Virus" or "Wuhan Virus". Such remarks to stigmatize China and politicize epidemic control not only serve no help for the fight against the virus in a science-based manner, but also hurt the people to people friendly feelings, and therefore affect the international cooperation against the pandemic. We must oppose such racist words and save the international joint endeavor to combat the virus.

As a poet once said several hundred years ago, we are waves of the same sea, leaves of the same tree, and flowers of the same garden. I want to add that we are residents of the same planet. Only when international community stand together, can our peoples live better lives and our world become a better place. For that, CPAFFC and myself would like to work hand in hand with all Canadian friends in current difficult times so as to embrace the victory against the virus at the earliest date.

Yours sincerely,

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