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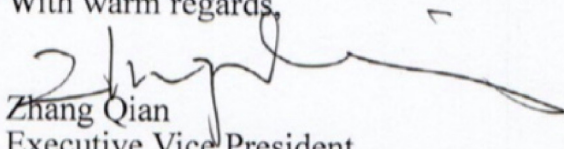
Dear Ms. Amelia Choi,

I am writing to offer our sympathies and support to you and through you to the Canadian people in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. Although we have not met in person, I have been well informed by my staff about the fruitful visit of CCFS to Beijing and Hebei in 2018, sponsored by BPAFFC and headed by yourself. Ontario, where CCFS is based, has enacted a declaration of emergency due to the climbing cases. We noticed that up till today, the confirmed cases in Ontario stand at 1,706. We know Ontario has taken comprehensive and proactive measures to battle the virus.

When the pandemic broke out in China, CCFS was among the first to send messages of sympathy to us. It went even further by launching a nation-wide fund raising campaign and donating masks and goggles to the Bethune International Peace Hospital, located in Hebei. This touching move incarnates exactly the lofty and selfless spirit of Dr. Norman Bethune. In the same vein, we are now firmly standing by CCFS under the current circumstances. We fully understand the challenges confronting you. We have every confidence in the ability of the Canadian people to secure an early victory against the disease.

Please do take very good care of yourself and your loved ones. I hope everyone could emerge from this unscathed. I look forward to meeting you in person in Beijing when both sides completely triumph over the pandemic so that together we could carry on the legacy of Dr. Bethune and pursue the friendship cause between our two nations. As the bilingual Canadian people might put it: "Unis, nous vaincrons".

With warm regards,


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