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EMBASSY OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA IN THE HELLENIC REPUBLIC

Mr. Evangellos Tsiobanidis
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March 19, 2020

Dear President Tsiobanidis,

Thank you for your letter dated March 16, 2020, and with pleasure I would like to share with you information regarding the Covid-19 epidemic and especially China's prevention and control efforts.

Viruses do not respect borders. The Covid-19 is a common challenge to the world. China has been at the forefront of the world's combat against the Covid-19. Since the outbreak of the epidemic, Chinese government has adopted the most comprehensive, thorough and strict measures of prevention and control. Thanks to the arduous efforts of the Chinese government and people, the situation in China is increasingly trending in a positive direction.

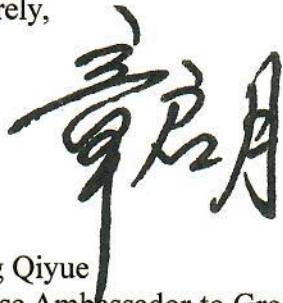
China's prompt and effective check on the spreading of the epidemic has bought precious time for the world. China has also been working actively with the international community in the spirit of openness, transparency and responsibility, sharing its experience and good practices as well as exploring the mechanism of joint prevention and control.

I have noticed the discussions regarding the origin of the virus. Since the start of the Covid-19 outbreak, scientists in China and other countries have worked around the clock to better understand this new virus and to develop effective medicines and vaccines. As a result of their work, we have gained some knowledge about this virus, but many questions remain unanswered, such as the source of infection, pathogenesis and virulence of the virus, risk factors for infection and disease progression etc. I believe that they are matters of science which require professional and science-based research and assessment.

The world is now at a critical stage, and all the countries should join hands in combating the epidemic. We are grateful for the Greek government and people's sympathy and support to China's combating efforts, and with the confirmed Covid-19 cases growing in Greece, the Chinese side wishes to extend our full support and assistance to the Greek government and people.

I firmly believe that through our concerted efforts, we will win the battle against the epidemic. I am looking forward to working with you and your colleagues to further promote our bilateral cooperation in agriculture and other areas in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in Chinese calligraphy, consisting of the characters '章' (Zhang) and '启月' (Qiyue), written in a fluid, cursive style.

Zhang Qiyue
Chinese Ambassador to Greece