

Dear alumni, colleagues, and friends,

The sudden outbreak of the COVID-19 epidemic has indeed brought a grave challenge to China and the world. The Chinese government and Chinese people have put up a strenuous struggle and made tremendous sacrifices. Now the situation in China is moving steadily in a positive direction. Life and work are gradually returning to normal.

The COVID-19 epidemic is a big test for the mode and capacity of every country's ability to govern. It also reminds us once again that our interests are closely entwined and so are our futures. As a national leadership training institution, CELAP has already resumed work on 1 April and will continue to push forward leadership training and strengthen international exchange and cooperation. In the meantime, CELAP wish you and your families good health!

CELAP's Efforts in Fighting against COVID-19 Pandemic

Since the outbreak of the COVID-19, CELAP has been steadily coordinating both epidemic prevention and control, and training program preparation.

Departments of Academics, of Teaching Affairs and of Participant Affairs have been working on training plans, curriculum design and program schedule to secure a thorough preparation; Department of International Exchange and Program Development and CELAP Networking Academy have jointly organized online training courses on pandemic prevention and control to the leaders in Jiangkou County, Guizhou Province, as part of CELAP's efforts in helping it with poverty alleviation especially amid the COVID-19 pandemic. Adequate material supplies and equipment such as disinfectant wipes, hand sanitizers and masks are well secured and the campus is regularly disinfected.

CELAP faculty have been doing research on the COVID-19 pandemic prevention and control and offering advice to related government departments. Up to now, over 20 research reports have been published on national and provincial news media. The research results cover a lot of hot topics rising amid the epidemic, such as how to strengthen and improve the role of social psychological service and provide humanistic care after the pandemic; development of community of shared future for mankind amid the fight against the COVID-19; suggestion of including biosafety into National Security System; and how to coordinate issues relating to agriculture, rural areas and farmers amid the epidemic prevention and control.

As a national leadership training institution, CELAP shoulders its social responsibilities in a timely manner. There are 40 CELAP staff contributing to the epidemic prevention of local neighborhoods. Some CPC members at CELAP actively participated in blood donation, hoping to make efforts in maintaining a sufficient blood supply for those in need during the COVID-19 pandemic. Besides, over 270 CELAP staff have donated almost RMB 300,000 to people in heavily infected areas.

During the time of fighting against the outbreak, CELAP has received a lot of concern and blessings from alumni and friends at home and abroad, and thank you all for your sincere encouragement! The following is a letter from one participant from Seychelles.

Hello CELAP,

I Benoit Julius and the People of Seychelles do send you Our BIG CONGRATULATION for your GREAT EFFORT put in the health security of the people of China.

Your success is remarkable especially under the GOOD GUIDANCE of XI JINPING. In Seychelles we have only ten cases for now. We do thank the Chinese Government for the equipment to be used against the COVID-19 that you send us. A most famous demonstration of international solidarity.

China fights against novel coronavirus epidemic

Two sessions to open in late May in Beijing



The third plenary session of the 13th National People's Congress, the country's top legislature, will kick off on May 22, while the third plenary session of the 13th National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, the nation's top political advisory body, will start on May 21, the releases said.

Every year during the two sessions, about 3,000 national legislators and 2,150 national political advisers travel to Beijing to review work reports of the central government, top judicial authorities and the annual budget, and to bring voices from the grassroots and different social sectors to the central leadership.

Work back to normal level in major industrial companies

China is seeing signs of economic recovery amid its fight against the novel coronavirus pneumonia outbreak, according to the country's top economic regulator.

Yuan Da, spokesman with the National Development and Reform Commission, said most Chinese major industrial enterprises have restarted production, and the NDRC will continue to make a big push to ensure orderly resumption of work across the country.

As of April 14, major industrial enterprises had an average work resumption rate of 99 percent and 94 percent of the employees have returned to work, official data showed.

Yuan said electricity consumption in nonferrous metals, medical, electronics, chemicals, steel, machinery and other industrial sectors is basically at or well above last year's level. And civil aviation, ports and water transportation have all resumed normal operations.

China is also working on developing infrastructure construction in key fields such as transportation and energy to boost the economic growth amid the mounting downside pressure. The NDRC said it approved eight fixed asset investment projects in March, with overall investment hitting 77.3 billion yuan (\$11 billion).



A worker works at a workshop of Heilongjiang Kingdom Enterprise Co, Ltd in Qinggang county, Northeast China's Heilongjiang province, April 16, 2020. [Photo/Xinhua]

A worker at the construction site of a new Yangtze River bridge in Wuhan, Hubei province. [Photo by Song Zhentao/Chutian Metropolis Daily]



A testing time for school start

As China has gradually brought the novel coronavirus outbreak under control, primary schools and high schools in many regions have begun opening for the new semester.

Students in their final years of senior and junior high school resumed classes first. Most colleges and universities are planning to start classes on campus next month.

Schools mandated that students and teachers must have their temperatures checked and hands sanitized upon arrival. Each person must also wear a mask throughout the day, except during mealtimes.

The MOE also required schools to roll out contingency plans to cope with the risk of virus transmission before resuming classes, noting that some schools are devising emergency response plans, demanding special vehicles to transfer people with symptoms including fever and cough or confirmed COVID-19 cases to hospitals.

A medical worker teaches students the right way to wash their hands at a primary school in Deqing county, Zhejiang province, on April 27.



Students in their final year of junior high eat lunch at the Gaoxin High School in Weinan, Shaanxi province, on April 7.

Students line up to enter the No 1 School in Xianju county, Zhejiang, on April 20.

