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Mrs Huang Li
President
CCPIT Sichuan Sub Council
China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT)
Chengdu – Sichuan Province
People's Republic of China

Dear Mrs Huang Li,

SAARC CCI Extends Its Fullest Support and Best Wishes to China for a Speedy Recovery from Coronavirus Epidemic

Throughout the history of the world, China has been known for her great wisdom, unparalleled commitment, bravery and fight till the end. China's rapid growth in every sphere of development has been remarkable. Research and innovation, high technology, engineering and construction, education and health care, services and agriculture, in all these sectors, China has achieved extraordinary momentum within a short period of time. China now is the second largest economy in the world.

The friendship between the people of China and South Asia dates back to 3rd century BC. Thousands of years old China - South Asia cooperation in economic, social, cultural and political spheres continues to grow by leaps and bounds with the passage of time. During the ancient Silk Road times of Han dynasty in China around 2000 years ago and under the current Belt and Road Initiative of China, the interactions among the people of South Asia and China have been effective in terms of international trade owing to the geographical location of South Asian region connecting the far east and west of the globe.

The economic ties between the SAARC Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SAARC CCI) and the CCPIT Sichuan Sub Council have significantly been improved over the past few years. Through the annual trade fairs, investment forums and business leaders' meetings jointly organized by the CCPIT Sichuan Sub Council and the SAARC CCI, the trade and economic relationships among

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China and South Asia have effectively been augmented. We have been working together in a spirit of friendship, trust, and mutual understanding in achieving our common goal of socioeconomic development in China and the SAARC countries.

Happiness, success, agony and suffering are natural and inevitable aspects of human lives. The strength of humanity is the iron will to overcome the sufferings and to advance towards the highest possible happiness. History of humanity is the struggle to heal the world from all types of melancholies.

Despite the gravity of the Coronavirus epidemic, China, along with other countries in the world, has been working hard to heal the people and sweep the virus out of the surface of our mother earth. We are certain that China, together with South Asia and other countries in the world, will be able to overcome this epidemic sooner rather than later. With all our collective efforts and new technological advancements in biological spheres, we are going to defeat the Coronavirus forever and will never allow such a situation to happen again.

On behalf of the SAARC CCI and people of South Asian nations of Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, we wish infected people a very speedy recovery whilst wishing eternal peace in heaven for the people who passed away. The SAARC CCI would like to extend its fullest support to China in her great efforts to overcome the dilemma of Coronavirus epidemic.

May all the people in China, South Asia and the world be blessed with good health, happiness and peace!

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