

Distinguished Mayor Frank Scarpitti,

Since the outbreak of COVID-19 in Wuhan, you have expressed great concern about the epidemic and called on overseas Chinese, organizations and citizens in Markham to offer strong support to us. We are deeply moved to see you shouting "武汉加油 (Wuhan, stay strong!)" in a video. On behalf of Wuhan Municipal People's Government and over 10 million Wuhan citizens, I would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Markham for your kind and selfless assistance. I would also like to express sincere thanks to the Canada Hubei Chamber of Commerce and other organizations, as well as Joe Lu and other friends for their continuous concern and all-out assistance.

Since 2006 when Wuhan and Markham became sister cities, we have maintained close exchanges and frequent cooperation in such sectors as science, technology, economy, trade, and education. At present, the seven batches of emergency supplies donated by Markham have been distributed to the front line of epidemic prevention and control in Wuhan, including the Central Hospital and others, contributing strong support for us to win the battle against COVID-19.

Let's pull together to combat over COVID-19 and bring everything back to normal soon. As we firmly believe, under the strong leadership of our President Xi Jinping, with Chinese people united as one, and with the concern and support from communities at home and abroad, including our friends in Markham, the people of Wuhan will surely claim full victory combating the epidemic!

Thank you again for your concern and support. Wish you good health and happiness! May Markham prosper!



Zhou Xianwang Mayor of Wuhan February 27, 2020