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Campaign for Medical Professionals Fighting SARS

Dear Students, Scholars and Friends of the George Washington University:

By now you have heard about the seriousness of SARS (severe acute respiratory syndrome). The SARS virus is prevalent in our homeland and has taken many lives. Moreover, many of its victims have been the very people setting out to fight it.

The Chinese Embassy in Washington, DC has set up special account for SARS donations to help those who are combating the disease. Donations will be sent to Chinese Center for Disease Control to bolster their efforts to find out how best to attack the SARS virus, as well as to further protect China's medical contingent from the ravages of the unfamiliar illness they encounter everyday.

Through May 5, 2003, SARS has infected over 4200 Chinese. Among the hardest hit have been the health care professionals, including nurses, doctors and other hospital employees. These people are on the front line of the battle against SARS and they put their lives on the line everyday. The 851 medical professionals who have been infected with SARS to date represent a whopping 20% of the total infected. Without their help the entire country would be in desperate straits, yet fulfilling their duty places these heroes in constant danger.

Even though we live in a foreign land, most of us still have close ties with the homeland. In recent days, CSSA has received many suggestions and requests to organize a donation campaign to help out in some way.

We therefore sincerely hope Chinese students and scholars who study and work at George Washington University to lend a hand to our frontline medical crew back home. We ask you to look at yourself and ask how much you can afford to spare to keep the fight against SARS a strong one. We need to all we can to keep those who are rescuing the homeland do not become the next victims. Although it may seem our individual effort is small, together we can make a difference. We, representing the future of China, have an opportunity to help China's SARS victims and to show the world that the global Chinese family looks after its own.

We will daily post each donator's name with the amount on CSSA website. In addition, the exact information of usage of the fund will be shown on the same web page.

Thank you in advance for your charity and thoughtfulness,

Sincerely yours:

Officers of Chinese Student and Scholar Association (CSSA)

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Donation Details:

Please make the check payable to: China Embassy, and write “Donation for Medical professionals” on the memo section.

1 You can send your check directly to the George Washington University Chinese Student and Scholar Association (CSSA). Please enclose your name, major, hometown and contact information. The GW CSSA will this information along with the contribution amount on the CSSA web site. We will also report our progress to the Chinese embassy. The money will be used to buy medical masks and goggles.

2. If you wish to send your contribution directly to the Chinese Embassy, please send to:

Education Office, Embassy of People’s Republic of China

2300 Connecticut Ave NW

Washington DC 20008

Phone: (202) 8850718

Embassy Contact: Mr. Zhang Yiqun

(The embassy will send you written notes in reply)