## Fight Against the Epidemic Together

After an initial outbreak of the novel coronavirus pneumonia in early 2020, the global spread of the novel virus has brought to Macao one of the greatest challenges and trials since its return to the Motherland. With regard to this major public health emergency which is characterized as great spreading speed, enormous infecting range and extreme difficulty in preventing and control, the Macao SAR Government has actively taken full and strict measures to tackle it. Adhering to the mission of "Citizens' lives, health and safety come first", the SAR government put forward comprehensive strategies and resolute decisions to actively respond to the practical situations which effectively contained the scattering and spreading of the epidemic.

Under the leadership of the new SAR government, doctors, nurses and front line staff, keeping the mission firmly in mind, have devoted themselves in fighting against the epidemic jointly with the volunteers and personnel from the private medical sectors. They have been undertaking strenuous tasks, ranging from port quarantine, disease prevention and control, diagnosis and treatment, medical material supply, to the face mask plans and community publicity campaigns, and so on. In the process of fighting the virus, although everyone was under unprecedented pressure, they have exerted themselves to keep their spirits extremely high and to fulfill their tasks concertedly, which could reflect not only their passion and kindness, but also their great bravery and perseverance.

The civil servants from the other professional departments have also played an important role in safeguarding the city. The personnel of the Fire Services Bureau, the Public Security Police Force, the Macao Government Tourism Office, the Social Welfare Bureau, the Macao Post and Telecommunications Bureau, the Customs Services and other bureaus have also spared no effort and done their utmost night and day to fight against the disease. At the same time, thanks to the strong support of civil servants and other civil services for the affairs of news, civil service, municipal administration, economy, education, culture, sports, maritime affairs, transportation, civil aviation, identification, Office for Personal Data Protection and Science and Technology Committee, various anti-epidemic jobs have been carried out efficiently.

In this rigorous trial, the citizens of Macao have made arduous efforts to make their way out of the difficulties in line with their determination to work together. In this respect, all sectors of the community and all citizens have united as one and made the concerted efforts to fight against the virus by actively supporting and cooperating with the SAR Government. In this special period of time, Macao people showing their spirit "Fight against the epidemic together", have decorated the city with absolutely magnificent scenery and splendid humane warmth.

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