

(Translation)

Ms. Kishori Kishor Pednckar
Mayor of Mumbai

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Honorable Mayor Kishori Kishor Pednckar,

Just as pine and cypress stand out in the chill of winter, true friendship endures in hardship. Friends from the international community are following closely the outbreak of the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19). With love for mankind, empathy for China and deep feelings for Guangzhou, our sister and friendship cities expressed solidarity and best wishes, and provided support to us in various ways. The outpouring love and care from different continents to Guangzhou is not only proof of the strength of friendship cities that stand by and help each other in both good times and bad, but also source of inspiration behind our determination and resilience facing the epidemic. People of Guangzhou will always bear in mind such precious friends who delivered badly needed help to us. On behalf of Guangzhou Municipal Government and 20 million people of our city, and in my own name, I would like to express our heartfelt thanks.

After storm comes the rainbow. Since the outbreak, the Chinese government and people work collectively in the battle against the epidemic. Positive changes occurred as a result of effective control and prevention approaches. Currently, the disease is under control in Guangzhou, companies are resuming production and work, social and economic order is in speedy recovery. The impact of COVID-19 is short-term, and the long-term optimistic outlook on Guangzhou's development remains unchanged. We will seize opportunities brought by Greater Bay Area of Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao, Belt and Road Initiative, etc. As we seek greater reform, openness and innovation in our

drive to build the city into an international metropolis of unique charm and vitality that well integrates into global development system, we are confident of a brighter future for Guangzhou.

In addition to confronting the virus together, Guangzhou is ready to work with international sister/friendship cities for more cooperation and benefits to our people. The city will, as always, take good care of expats in Guangzhou just as it does to local citizens.

Thank you again for your words of support. Wish our friendship everlasting. All the best!

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Mayor of Guangzhou