

March 18, 2020

Your Excellency Mayor Terje Riis Johansen,

Thank you for your letter.

The epidemic is merciless but there is love in the world. At this trying time for Hubei in fighting against COVID-19, we were deeply touched by your letter! On behalf of Hubei Provincial People's Government, I would like to extend our highest respects and heartfelt thanks to the government and the people of Vestfold and Telemark province.

After the outbreak, with the leadership and personal commitment of President Xi Jinping, with the strong support of all sides, we has united as one and taken the most comprehensive, strict and thorough measures to combat the epidemic. These measures have effectively contained the spread of the outbreak. Recently, Hubei has witnessed a positive and encouraging trend in epidemic containment. We have the full confidence and capability to defeat the outbreak.

There is an old Chinese saying: Although the damage is serious, we will still fight for spring return. We look forward to deepening the exchange and cooperation between Hubei and Vestfold Telemark after the outbreak. We sincerely invite you to visit Hubei after the epidemic, writing a new chapter of cooperation in economy and trade, tourism, education and health between our two sides.

Thank you again.

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Vice Governor of Hubei Province