

**Brief Introduction by China Committee on Religion and  
Peace (CCRP) for Fight against COVID-19 Pandemic  
(Draft)  
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Dear Moderator and all colleagues of Asian Conference of Religions for  
Peace (ACRP),

Good afternoon!

COVID-19 pandemic is the severest infectious disease pandemic that has  
occurred in the world over the past century, which is known to all. On  
behalf of CCRP, I would like to introduce to ACRP Executive Committee  
the work of Chinese religious circles in fight against COVID-19  
pandemic.

At the beginning of 2020, when the Spring Festival, the most important  
festival for the Chinese people, was approaching, the rattling COVID-19  
pandemic broke out menacingly. In face of this unprecedented pandemic,  
the Chinese Government called on the Chinese people to take  
countermeasures without delay, insisted on “Life First”, and united the  
joint efforts of the nationwide people to fight against the vicious  
pandemic. By making arduous efforts, at enormous expenses, China made  
significant strategic achievements in the national fight against the

pandemic. It should be noted that Chinese religious circles and believers exerted great efforts and made active contributions to standing firm for pandemic prevention and control together with the people of the whole country.

During the pandemic, members of CCRP, who represent five major religions in China, took active actions and plunged into the fight against the pandemic in various ways. They donated money and materials for severely-affected areas, gave assistances for vulnerable groups (including women, children and the elderly), provided psychological counseling and community services, guided believers to correctly understand the pandemic, believe in science, stay calm, comply with pandemic prevention requirements and build confidence in the fight against the pandemic, and made due contribution to the best of their ability through explaining the canon and teachings. For example, Buddhist Association of China compiled, printed and issued A Collection for Measures for the Pandemic Prevention and Control in Buddhist Circles, chanted sutras, prayed for blessings, and raised donations and materials cumulatively amounting to RMB450 million earmarked for pandemic prevention. Representatives of Tibetan Buddhism, including the 11th Panchen Erdeni Qoigyigyaibao (Member of CCRP and Vice President of Buddhist Association of China), issued Written Proposal on Pandemic Prevention

and Control. Li Guangfu, Vice President of CCRP and President of Taoist Association of China, took the lead in donating money and materials. China Islamic Association released excerpts from its scriptures via WeChat Official Account to guide the believers to correctly understand and treat the pandemic from the perspective of religious teachings. Chinese Catholic groups actively helped church members read and pray at home. Chinese Christian groups created poems to express care and support to all medical workers, and mobilized volunteers to serve vulnerable groups in the communities.

COVID-19 pandemic is a severe test for our mankind. People all over the world have shared destiny and interrelated interests, and need to join hands, unite in one and help each other. At the initial stage of the pandemic, WCRP, ACRP, Religions for Peace Japan, Religions for Peace Bangladesh and other counterparts expressed their sympathies and concerns to CCRP, for which we felt very grateful. After COVID-19 pandemic spread around the globe, CCRP successively sent soothing letters to WCRP, ACRP and related organizations. Adhering to the philosophy of “All under heaven are of one family” and carrying forward the Chinese people's good traditions of united effort, mutual assistance and love for peace, CCRP overcame such difficulties as the shortage of medical protection materials, the substantial reduction in international air

transport, and the cumbersome customs clearance procedures, donated more than 100,000 medical masks to interreligious peace organizations for pandemic prevention among local religious circles and vulnerable groups, and fulfilled its responsibilities for global public health.

In addition, CCRP also attended many online seminars of WCRP and ACRP under the anti-pandemic themes, and shared with WCRP and ACRP the English website of the anti-pandemic experience introduction specially set up by China Daily, Diagnosis and Treatment Protocol for Novel Coronavirus Pneumonia (English Version), the content of Chinese experience knowledge base in response to COVID-19 pandemic released by B&R Health Professionals Development Alliance”, among others. The day before yesterday, CCRP hosted International Video Seminar on “Solidarity and Cooperation-Multi-Religious Response to COVID-19 and Shared Well-being”, which was designed as a platform for sharing anti-pandemic experience and gaining insights into the approaches to playing an active role of inter-religion cooperation in response to the pandemic and other global challenges.

Virus threats exist without distinction of region, national boundary, religion, ethnic group, race, gender and political stand. Facing the challenge of the COVID-19 virus, the world is a community with a

shared future. Fighting against the pandemic is not only the common responsibility assumed by all countries, but also the responsibility shouldered by religious circles of all countries. We firmly oppose to any form of discriminative and hateful words and deeds, and oppose to rumor and stigmatization. CCRP always believes that as long as all countries are responsible, cautious, caring, persevering and determined to win, we will be able to defeat the pandemic as soon as possible, resume normal work and life, and jointly play an active role in building a community with a shared future for mankind.

Thank you.