

# ***Epidemic Prevention Activities to Stave Off “COVID-19” in the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (Summary)***

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Currently, as the new coronavirus infection (hereinafter referred to as “COVID-19”) spreads rapidly throughout the world, the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (hereinafter referred to as the DPRK) has yet to encounter a single case of the infectious virus. In the DPRK, no expense is being spared on epidemic prevention activities to stave off COVID-19, and preemptive and conclusive countermeasures for disease prevention being taken.

During the infancy of the COVID-19 outbreaks occurring in neighboring countries, the DPRK Government converted the hygienic and anti-epidemic system to the state emergency anti-epidemic system, introducing strict controls to ensure that units and residents remained strongly disciplined in adhering to the state emergency measures. In addition, the importance of hygiene was actively publicized around the country.

In the DPRK, with further strengthening and expansion of our efforts and a resilience to avoid letting our guard down, activities to stave off this epidemic are continued, as citizens in all corners of the country do their best to participate as subjects in the epidemic prevention projects. Goods entering from overseas are disinfected and inspected and quarantine activities are carried out meticulously. The roles of local doctors have been enhanced to include overseeing inspections in their residential areas, conducting medical checkups responsibly, especially for the elderly and children, and actively engaging in health management and preventative treatment activities for patients afflicted with chronic diseases. In the DPRK, we all maintain our homes, villages, places of work and towns in a sanitary and cultural manner, while residents of all ages, from children to the elderly, wear masks and thoroughly disinfect their hands. Also, starting with stringent restrictions on large, public gatherings, we are consciously and sincerely participating in quarantine activities to thwart COVID-19. Moreover, the nation is working to guarantee that all necessary conditions are in place for the prevention of infectious diseases so as to advance scientific research projects.

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