

From: Nishi Dholakia <redact>
Sent: 09 April 2020 02:23 AM
To: <redact>
Cc: John Edwards; <redact>
Subject: <redact>
Attachments: Roadmap - 20200408.docx; ATT00001.htm

No action for any of you, but in case it comes up when I'm not on shift. Will also mention to <redact> in my handover to <redact> at the weekend.

<redact> (some of you will know <redact> from the '48 group' of friends of China) has introduced me to <redact>, who is trying to connect us with ventilators.

We've given <redact> the list of 11 questions and I've been in regular touch with <redact>, who is exploring some sort of MoU (as per the attached). (<redact> has also resent the 11 questions, and has stressed <redact> doesn't have a financial interest)

I don't think anything will come of this, because <redact> doesn't seem to be able to provide the documentation. And we absolutely shouldn't be signing MoUs with random people as 'technical advisers' <redact>

But given the direct channel to Barbara tba.

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Nishi Dholakia 戴宁西
SRO Procurement Medical Supplies
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From: Barbara Woodward <redact>
Sent: Friday, April 10, 2020 2:33 pm
To: <redact> Simon Manley <redact> Menna Rawlings <redact> Thomas Drew <redact>
Cc: <redact>; Alex Pinfield <redact> Antonia Romeo <redact> Barbara Woodward <redact> Caroline Wilson <redact> Danae Dholakia <redact> David Quarrey <redact> Giles Montagnon <redact> <redact> Helen Bower-Easton <redact> James Kariuki <redact> John Edwards; <redact> Kate White <redact> Kumar Iyer <redact> Nishi Dholakia <redact> <redact> Richard Burn <redact> Rupert Ainley <redact>
Subject: CHINA NETWORK COVID PROCUREMENT UPDATE - 10 APRIL 1400 CST/0700 BST

Action Points / Other Issues

Ongoing

- CBBC, CBI, Chambers and 48 Group to run information on websites for any members with customs/shipping difficulties for urgent medical supplies.

Barbara

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From: <redact>

Sent: 26 February 2020 07:00 PM

To: <redact>

Subject: FW: Invitation on Attending 'Fight Against the Virus with China' Event - 28 February, Guildhall

Attachments: Invitation to the Fight against the Virus with China Event.pdf

From: CCCUK Event <redact>

Sent: 25 February 2020 13:51

To: CCCUK Event <redact>

Subject: Invitation on Attending 'Fight Against the Virus with China' Event - 28 February, Guildhall

Good morning,

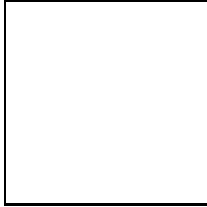
China Chamber of Commerce in the UK is honoured to formally invite you to attend the event on '*Fight against the Virus with China*', on **Friday 28th February 2020, 4.30pm-7.00pm** at **Guildhall, Gresham Street, London EC2V 5AA**. It is to act in cooperation with the tremendous efforts China has been making against the COVID-19 epidemic and to show the UK's confidence and support for China.

This event will be co-hosted by the China Chamber of Commerce in the UK and the City of London, and supported by the China-Britain Business Council, the 48 Group Club, China Media Group, Great Britain China Centre and Institute of Directors.

H.E. Liu Xiaoming the Chinese Ambassador to the UK, Alderman William Russell the Lord Mayor of the City of London, Mr. Fang Wenjian the Chairman of the CCCUK, Mr. Richard Burn Her Majesty's Trade Commissioner, Lord Sassoon President of the China-Britain Business Council, Mr. Stephen Perry Chairman of the 48 Group Club and other distinguished guests will attend the event.

For details of the event and to register, please refer to the attached invitation letter. We look forward to welcoming you on the day.

Kind Regards,



CCCUK Secretariat

1 Lothbury
London, EC2R 7DB

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On 10 Apr 2020, at 02:58, Barbara Woodward <redact> > wrote:

<redact>

Good morning and thank you for your e mails. I'm afraid I can't keep up, so I apologise for not answering them all. But please be assured that the team here is getting a supply of ventilators and PPE back to the UK, mostly purchased, and some donated, bringing ventilator components on stream for Chinese ventilator manufacturers (unblocking their supply chain problems) and looking ahead to supply future NHS needs. So far, HMG's purchases from China account for over 90% of ventilators delivered to the NHS.

We know there are many people offering to help and we leave no stone unturned. But we are not in a position to sign anything except contracts for verified purchases. We are not dealing in letters of intent and MOUs, I'm afraid.

The Chancellor had a positive conversation with Vice Premier Hu Chunhua yesterday building on the PM's two conversations with President Xi.

Meanwhile, if you are able to access your membership from your phone, I wonder if you and the 48 Group would be able to support this initiative which we are taking with others, including the CBBC, British Chamber and CBI, to help companies get supplies through Chinese customs and on to planes back to the UK.

I wonder if you would be able to post a notice and the attachments prominently on your websites or circulate the following to your members (whichever works) along the following lines:

CUSTOMS CLEARANCE AND SHIPPING URGENT MEDICAL EQUIPMENT FROM CHINA

The British Embassy, Beijing, is aware that many companies are having difficulties clearing Chinese customs and shipping urgent medical equipment purchased in China. We have drawn up and attached a checklist of necessary **customs clearances** that companies **need** to secure during equipment procurement (PDF att).

If a company has a very **small volume** to **ship**, in the first instance please note that a number of agents including DHL are still operating in China.

If that route does not prove fruitful and if the small package is urgent, the Embassy can try to include it onto flights being chartered for centrally procured equipment for the NHS and DHSC. This will depend on available space and an understanding that HMG-procured equipment will take priority on these flights. In this case, please contact: <redact>

If companies are trying to **ship equipment in large volumes**, the Embassy recommends that they charter a flight. DHL is still working and other carriers, including Cathay Pacific, have also offered cargo routes. Please see attached "Quick Guide".

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The background is that, alongside the substantial amounts of equipment on planes that we are chartering, we are receiving requests from companies which we would like to help but which are currently disrupting the urgent flow of equipment we are shipping back to the NHS.

With best wishes for Easter

Barbara

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From: Richard Burn <redact>

Sent: 04 March 2020 07:50

To: <redact>

Cc: John Edwards <redact>

Subject: Re: Corola

Hi <redact>

Will discuss with John and get back to you. We need to have something to say if we write to the Chambers etc - I agree we can't just write to 48 Group.

Richard

Sent from my iPhone

On 4 Mar 2020, at 01:55, <redact> wrote:

Richard, John,

Barbara would be grateful for your views on writing to members of the 48 Group please. If she does, she thinks she should also write to the Chamber etc. If you agree, grateful for a draft please.

Many thanks,

<redact>

<redact> , Personal Assistant to the Ambassador | British Embassy | 11 Guang Hua Lu | Beijing

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From: Barbara Woodward <redact>

Sent: 13 March 2020 07:49 AM

To: <redact>

Subject: RE: Coronavirus

<redact> - could you attach the Grazie and Y Post articles and send to <redact> .

Dear <redact>

Greetings from Beijing where we have sunshine and signs of spring with early cherry blossom on the trees. The government's restrictive measures (14 day mandatory quarantine, highly controlled access to residential compounds and working from home) have helped stabilise the numbers here, although of course not everyone is back at their place of work and children are not back at school. For now, the spotlight is on SE Asia, Europe and the US. I hope you are keeping well and safe.

I've attached a rather good piece which the Yorkshire post ran about <redact> who kindly volunteered with <redact> , to travel down to Wuhan by road and help the British evacuation flight. I'd be happy for you to share that with the 48 Group who may not have seen it. Grazia magazine ran a piece on <redact> experience. I am proud of the way all my staff have responded to the various challenges of the outbreak and these are good examples of selfless public service.

Barbara

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From: <redact>
Sent: 04 March 2020 02:18
To: Barbara Woodward <redact>
Subject: <redact>

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From: Barbara Woodward <redact>
Sent: 14 February 2020 10:27
To: <redact>
Subject: FW: Corola

Dear <redact>,

Thank you for your email. I wanted to give you a sense of UK support so far for China's response to the COVID-19 outbreak. The UK stands ready, together with international partners, to continue supporting the Chinese authorities as they deal with this public health emergency of international concern.

The UK has delivered essential medical supplies to Chinese hospitals and healthcare workers, including over 430,000 gloves and over 58,000 wipes, gowns and goggles. has also donated over £50 million in support of tackling the epidemic. This includes the Department of Health and Social Care providing £20m to fund vaccine research; the UK's Wellcome Trust (in partnership with the Department for International Development) providing £10m to accelerate research and support for global efforts; and UK Research and Innovation's Medical Research Council allocating £20m for an initiative inviting researchers to submit proposals for projects to develop vaccines, therapeutics, diagnostics or address the epidemiology, spread or underpinning knowledge of COVID-19.

The UK has also offered specialist medical support via WHO and bio mathematical modelling support to Chinese data specialists.

Most recently, the UK responded to the World Health Organisation's (WHO) Flash Appeal to stop the spread of the disease, providing £5 million to support the developing countries most at risk of coronavirus to quickly identify cases and care for patients.

I am also in touch with British Business in China through the Chamber, CBI and CBBC. Please do let me know of any issues you hear about from the 48 Group.

The British Council has been liaising with education institutions in the UK, keeping them updated on developments in China, and also supporting queries from Chinese students and agents to minimise applications and enrolment disruptions. They continue to provide practical, on the ground support for UK examining bodies working in China, who are hoping to restart testing for Chinese test takers as soon as possible.

Many British companies and sister-cities have already made financial or in-kind donations to China. We are now working with the British Chamber, CBBC, and CBI to see what more we can do to help match supply with urgent needs, to facilitate logistics and to provide guidance to the many more British businesses and institutions who want to help but aren't sure of the best way to do so.

As the crisis unfolds, the UK will continue to explore ways in which our world-leading research base can collaborate with China and other international partners to bring this global health challenge under control.

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From: Richard Burn <redact>

Sent: 16 April 2020 17:01

To: John Edwards <redact>

Subject: RE: Not for sharing

Brilliant – thanks. What are the generic email addresses monitored in Beijing for donations and offers to help? I've got a Chinese BRI entity offering to donate 10,000 masks from 48 Group...

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From: <redact>

Sent: 16 April 2020 15:49

To: Richard Burn <redact>

Cc: <redact>

Subject: Offer of 10k protective masks

Dear Richard,

Good to see you on the BritCham China & Italy collaboration call yesterday. Thank you for the great endeavours being made by your teams to work through this most complex of situations.

I wanted to flag with you an offer of 10,000 protective masks to the UK put forward to The 48 Group by a Chinese organisation fronting a Silk Road NGO network known as Sironet (background attached).

In order to be joined up in the UK's COVID-19 response and to support the proactive measures to source PPE from China, <redact> recommended that I contact you in the first instance. Images of the product and packaging also attached.

NB – <redact> Sironet recently hosted bilateral virtual conferences on the virus with a number of developing nations, and those charged with monitoring and treating refugees, to share their experience. On these video conferences they showcased the experiences of two doctors from Shanghai Minhang TCM Hospital (one is chief physician in respiratory Department, who is in charge of detect and assess suspected cases, the other a physician in the emergency department who treated critical patients) alongside a doctor and a nurse from Shanxi Bethune Hospital, both of them were sent to Wuhan and were working on the frontline.

Please let me know if you would like me to direct this offer to you or a colleague at DIT working on collating and transporting PPE from China.

Best wishes,
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<redact>
<redact>
<REDACT>
Mob: <redact>
email: <redact>

From: Richard Burn <redact>
Sent: Friday, February 21, 2020 10:50:51 AM
To: Caroline Wilson <redact>
Cc: Richard Burn <redact>
Subject: Catching up

Hi Caroline,

When we met at the 48 Group dinner we planned to catch up around the Prosperity Conference in March, but I am in fact now in London (marooned thanks to COVID-19) and would be happy to meet next week if that would be convenient.

I am working to get DIT engaged in a XWH discussion on support for business during the crisis and will update you on that. I can also suggest business leaders you could see in London - Barbara has told me that you are keen to get started with meeting key stakeholders.

I spoke to John Edwards (my successor, now in Beijing) this morning and suggested that he contact you as well: he will be in London for the Prosperity Conference and will be keen to meet you then.

Best wishes

Richard

Richard Burn
HMTC for China
U.K. mobile <redact>
Sent from my iPhone

From: Barbara Woodward <redact>
Sent: 10 April 2020 03:14 AM
To: Danae Dholakia <redact>
Subject: FW: Transport of key health supplies from China
Attachments: 202004050900 checklist.pdf; A Quick Guide to Organising Charter Flights to China.docx

Danae

We spoke. Draft for Simon, Menna and David Quarrey

Simon, Menna and David

Many thanks for picking up our e mail yesterday about getting ahead of the curve on medical supplies. We appreciate your active support very much. So much so, I wonder if I can come to you with another issue to troubleshoot, this time on logistics for air freight.

I attach below an e mail which we sent to CBI, British Chamber, CBBC and The 48 Group (and the Ministers and Private Offices, for information) asking for their support handling the growing number of requests for help from British companies wanting us to ship supplies they have bought, also for the medical frontline. We get the urgency.

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