The Hebrew announcement is followed by an English one.
Dear members of the Hebrew University community,

We are continuing to regularly monitor the updates and developments on the issue of the Corona virus, and follow the instructions of the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Following our previous announcement on the Corona virus, we would like to address the experience of our Chinese and other Asian students and researchers.

In recent days, there have been articles in the media about misconduct and even aggressive behavior experienced by people from China and other East Asian countries, among them students and researchers of the Hebrew University, in Jerusalem, Israel and worldwide. Moreover, a number of students have contacted us directly regarding that matter.

The Hebrew University strongly condemns such abusive behavior and statements. The Hebrew University is home to numerous students and faculty from China and East Asia, who are active members of our academic community. Please consider the difficulties that they are experiencing in the current circumstances, and as such we wish to support them on regular days and even more so during such a complex time. Please do your utmost to respect, support and help them whenever necessary and possible.

We would like to mention that students and researchers from China who are at the Hebrew University and who are interested in receiving counseling, support or assistance are invited to contact the Student Life Unit at the Rothberg School for Overseas Students, Ms. Sigal Kleinerman, Email: sigalkl@savion.huji.ac.il and the International Office, Ms. Shachar Kessler, Email: shachark@savion.huji.ac.il

In addition to supporting students and researchers from China who are members of the university community, the university also places great importance in supporting our academic partners in China. This week a letter was sent by the President of the Hebrew University, Prof. Asher Cohen, and Vice President for International Affairs, Prof. Oron Shagrir, to the heads of academic institutions in China with whom we collaborate. In the letter, we updated our partners that the students and faculty who came to us from their institutions are healthy, safe and receive support and assistance as needed.

In order to spread the message of support, a video was produced by the International Office, with the participation of students, researchers and staff of the university, available on these links: https://youtu.be/MQHwVs3pmLY (worldwide) and https://mp.weixin.qq.com/s/fTDiFMsNy8P0BR1th9hP5Q (for those who are in China).

You are warmly invited to distribute it amongst your acquaintances, in and outside of China.

We will continue to support, honor and strengthen members of the Chinese community at the Hebrew University and in general.

Best Wishes,

Prof. Oron Shagrir, Vice President for International Affairs
Yishai Fraenkel, Vice President and Director-General

带着爱与你们站在一起，中国加油！