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Newsletter

2019/2020 Australia has gone through a very difficult period! Firstly, during the summer in the southern hemisphere, a devastating bush fire broke out on the east coast of Australia nearly for five months. Soon after, heavy rains in the northern part of Queensland caused as many as 20,000 homes have been destroyed. Then, just the beginning of 2020, new cases of coronavirus infection have appeared in Wuhan, China. Worse still, the Chinese Spring Festival has accelerated the spread of the virus pandemic to the whole country and then around the world. Goon Yee Tong quickly responded to these two unfortunate events and made a donation of \$5,000 to the NSW Chinese Community Bushfire Appeal and the Overseas Chinese Charity Foundation of China respectively.

Furthermore, the situation of the southern part of the Guangdong Province has also become severe due to the virus pandemic. Dongguan's hometown urgently needs a lot of anti-epidemic resources! In view of this, Mr Tong Lau, the former President of GYT, with the strong support from President Colin Chau and other Directors, immediately got the funding of \$10,000 from GYT to support the anti-epidemic work in Dongguan. President Colin Chau and every Directors also took the initiative themselves as well as urging members and friends to donate. From \$10 to \$10,000, GYT has raised \$47,110 in a short period of time.

Obviously, there is a very heavy demand for epidemic prevention masks in China and especially workers in Dongguan who cannot start work without wearing a mask. Former President Justin Chan, with a lot of effort, has managed to use the funds raised from the donations to purchase a total of 40,000 high quality medical masks in Australia. With the assistance from the Dongguan Federation of Return Oversea Chinese, the masks have arrived in Dongguan in a short period of time. According to GYT's instruction, the Dongguan Federation of Return Overseas Chinese will distribute 20,000 masks each to the Dongguan People's Hospital and the Dongguan People's Hospital No 9.

It has witnessed the concerted efforts and helpful spirit of the people of Dongguan from this donation event.

2019 Scholarship Awards

It has originally been scheduled as part of the celebration for the Spring Festival Gala to be held on 1 Feb 2020. However, due to the outbreak of the coronavirus in Australia, it was cancelled for safety measures. The 2019 scholarship awards are: First prize \$3,000 - Roland Cheung (ATAR 99.4), Second prize \$2,000 - Grace Kayee Lu (ATAR 99.35) and Third prize \$1,000 - Darren Mok (ATAR 96.6). Congratulations to the three students for their outstanding achievements.

Chingming Festival

The Chingming Festival Tribute will be cancelled this year due to the outbreak of the coronavirus which most likely not be completely under control in the near future. It is our aim to protect the elderly members under the threat.

Note: GYT office is temporarily closed to the public until further notice due to the coronavirus. Please call on (02) 9281 7206 Monday to Saturday 10:00am – 4:00pm for any enquiries. Alternatively, please email to goonyeetong@optusnet.com.au at any time.

During the holidays from 10 to 13 April and 25 April, the GYT office will be closed.

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