

Outbreak will not change China's commitments to buy U.S. goods: senior U.S. official

WASHINGTON (Reuters) - The U.S. government expects China to honor its commitments to buy more U.S. goods under a trade deal signed by the world's two largest economies in January despite the fast-spreading coronavirus outbreak, a senior U.S. official said on Thursday.

FILE PHOTO: A truck carrying containers are seen near a Chinese flag at the Yangshan Deep Water Port in Shanghai, China August 6, 2019. REUTERS/Aly Song
The U.S. Treasury official said it was too soon to make accurate forecasts for the impact of the virus on the global economy, but the base case scenario foresees China's growth dropping in the first quarter and then rebounding sharply. The impact could be more significant if the outbreak worsens, said the official, who requested anonymity.

The International Monetary Fund this week said the epidemic had already disrupted economic growth in China and could derail a "highly fragile" projected recovery in the global economy in 2020 if it spread to other countries.

Asked if the outbreak would require changes to the Phase 1 trade deal with China, the official told reporters, "At this stage, we're not expecting changes to implementation of Phase 1 ... We still expect them to meet their commitment, but it's over a period of time."

Under the deal, which took effect this month, China pledged to increase U.S. goods purchases by \$77 billion in 2020 and by \$123 billion by 2021, compared with a baseline of U.S. imports from 2017, the year before the U.S.-China tariff war began.

U.S. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin will discuss the economic impact of the epidemic with senior finance of-



FILE PHOTO: A truck carrying containers are seen near a Chinese flag at the Yangshan Deep Water Port in Shanghai, China August 6, 2019. REUTERS/Aly Song

officials and central bankers from the world's 20 largest economies (G20) in the Saudi capital of Riyadh this week. China said on Wednesday it was not sending senior central bank and finance ministry officials to the meeting due to the virus outbreak.

The Treasury official said lower-level officials would represent Beijing. Mnuchin and the other G20 officials will also discuss efforts underway among Organization

for Economic Cooperation and Development members to draft new international rules for taxation, with an eye to bridging "significant gaps" and reaching a multilateral consensus this year, the official said. Washington plans to explain its proposal for a "safe harbor" that would allow companies to opt out of proposed reforms, the official said. That proposal has drawn sharp criticism from France and other countries and threatens to stall the reform drive.

The rules would affect big U.S. digital companies such as Alphabet Inc's (GOOGL.O), Google, Facebook Inc (FB.O), Amazon.com Inc (AMZN.O), Apple Inc (AAPL.O) and China's Alibaba Group Holding Ltd (BABA.N).



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An Iraqi medical staff member checks a passenger's temperature, amid the new coronavirus outbreak, upon her arrival to Shalamcha Border Crossing



Canadian passengers from the cruise ship Diamond Princess arrive to board a plane at Hanaeda airport in Tokyo, Japan February 21, 2020. REUTERS/Kim Kyung-Hoon



Injured men receive assistance during a protest against the arrival of a plane carrying evacuees from coronavirus-hit China's Hubei province in the village of Novi Sanzhary in Poltava region, Ukraine February 20, 2020. Local residents blocked the road leading to a sanatorium where the evacuees are due to be held in quarantine for at least two weeks. REUTERS/Valentyn Ogirenko



Women clean a classroom to protect against the recent coronavirus outbreak, in preparation for students' return to school in Hanoi



A Vietnamese health worker wearing a protective suit guards near container trucks at Huu Nghi border gate connecting with China, in Lang Son province



Iraqi medical staff check passengers' temperature, amid the new coronavirus outbreak, upon their arrival at Najaf airport



Drivers wearing protective suits have their documents checked before crossing the border at Huu Nghi border gate connecting with China, in Lang Son province

**Many Have Decided To Ride Out The Emergency
Americans In Wuhan Prepare To Flee Outbreak—While Others Stay**



An American in Wuhan Prepares To Return To The U.S.

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SHANGHAI—Hundreds of Americans were preparing to fly out of Wuhan, bound for California, as fears grew at the epicenter of China's health crisis. But more U.S. citizens aren't leaving, having failed to secure a seat on the single U.S.-bound flight—or decided to ride out the emergency where they are.

A State Department evacuation flight promised relief for a segment of Wuhan's roughly 1,000 Americans, as a lockdown triggered by a coronavirus outbreak turned the focus to the dangers of contagion and a long quarantine in China's eighth-most-populous city. Roads, restaurants and many shops in Wuhan, a city of 11 million, are now shut as China tries to contain the virus.

A U.S. charter jet was expected to arrive at Wuhan's closed airport on Tuesday and quickly depart for the U.S., ferrying 230 or so U.S. diplomats, their family members and an "extremely limited" number of private citizens back to the U.S., according to a State Department notice and passengers who have been in contact with the U.S. Embassy in China.

The flight is intended primarily to evacuate staff of the U.S. Consulate in Wuhan during a temporary shutdown of the diplomatic mission.



The plane will land in Ontario, Calif., a city about one hour east of Los Angeles, a State Department spokeswoman said Monday. She added that all travelers would be screened for symptoms before departing. During a refueling stop in Anchorage, passengers will disembark into a terminal closed to the general public and receive another health screening before continuing on to California, said Anne Zink, Alaska's chief medical officer.

Medics will be on the flight, Dr. Zink said. If a passenger shows symptoms between Wuhan and Anchorage, health

officials will determine what to do on a case-by-case basis, she said, adding that Anchorage hospitals were prepared to treat any ill passengers.

Vermont native Priscilla Dickie, 35 years old, and her 8-year-old daughter have seats—but she wasn't sure how she would get to the airport, around 20 miles away, with almost all Wuhan transport shut down. "I have secured a seat, but the problem is transportation," she said. Ms. Dickie figured she saw only one car on the roads on Sunday.

Benjamin Wilson is hunkering down. Mr. Wilson, who is from Louisiana and father to a 7-year-old girl, is married to a Wuhan native. The plane wasn't taking Chinese nationals.



"I would consider sending my daughter, if that were an option," he said. "But I wouldn't leave my wife. But if my wife and daughter could travel together, then absolutely yes."

Wuhan, a transportation hub in central China, is often compared with Chicago, but lacks the comforts that many American expatriates enjoy in more affluent Beijing and Shanghai. Many expatriates are accustomed to traveling to more developed cities for routine medical treatment.

A sprawling metropolis straddling the banks of the Yangtze River, Wuhan is at heart a factory town—what the Chinese government classifies as a second-tier city. Budweiser beer has been brewed there since 1995.

"It's got the size of New York, but the personality of a backwater town. We always say, it's country come to town,"

said James Dickie, who was married to Priscilla and lived in Wuhan for five years.

Many of the U.S. citizens now in Wuhan and elsewhere across hard-hit Hubei province had flown in to the city before the lockdown to celebrate Saturday's Lunar New Year with family. Many had heard about a virus, but figured that it was mild and under control.



"When I went to sleep at 10 p.m., everything was normal," said Rong Shuo, a 38-year-old lawyer and American citizen who arrived in Wuhan last week from her home in San Jose, Calif. On Thursday morning, "when I woke up at 5 a.m., the city was in shutdown mode," she said. Abruptly announced citywide blockades were under way.

Some Americans said that remaining in Wuhan with loved ones seemed like a safer prospect than getting on an airplane full of people who could be sick or carrying the virus—and who are expecting to face quarantine once they land in the U.S.

"As of right now, my dad is adamant about staying where he is," said a Brandeis University student who had failed to coax her father back from Wuhan after he flew there for business. "He's worried about getting sick from people on the plane and potentially bringing it back to us."

The desperation of some Americans to get out was illustrated by a flood of calls to the U.S. Embassy in Beijing after a weekend report about an evacuation being planned for Sunday was published in The Wall Street Journal, according to a person familiar with the situation and several people who made the calls.

A State Department spokesperson declined to confirm the destination of the

flight or whether the passengers would be quarantined upon arrival. "We have been in contact with potential passengers regarding logistics and anticipated screening procedures," the spokesperson said.

While the timeline has shifted repeatedly, word of brewing evacuation plans set off a scramble for information that Americans said was complicated by their own language challenges, local internet controls, limited information from the embassy and the Lunar New Year holidays.

"All my friends in the U.S. were saying, 'You've got to get on that plane,'" said Carrie Wang, a Wuhan native who lives near Phoenix and arrived in China last week to spend the holiday with her family.

The computer company executive said she emailed the embassy in an effort to secure a spot but also knew her odds weren't good, with just one flight planned.



By Monday night she hadn't heard anything, so she resigned herself to a shut-in life, with enough food to last a couple of weeks. "I'm with my family and I could work," she said. "I might treat this as an extended overseas trip."

Mr. Wilson, the Louisiana native, is doing his best to keep his family safe. When he steps outdoors in Wuhan, he wears gloves, a rain jacket and pants on top of his regular clothing, and a mask over his mouth. He touches as little as possible and is buying only food that comes wrapped in plastic. When he returns home, he wipes everything down in antibacterial soap. The mask goes in the trash.

"I'm not scared to go outside," he said. "I'm just trying to minimize exposure to other people." (Courtesy msn.com)



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Traditional Chinese Medicine Used In Fight Against Novel Virus



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OVERVIEW

Traditional Chinese medicine has never missed a single fight against epidemics throughout Chinese history. After over 2,000 years, the long-tested oriental wisdom is still making its due contributions to the well-being of Chinese people.

WUHAN, Feb. 18 (Xinhua) -- Another 1,701 patients infected with the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) were discharged from hospitals Monday, bringing the total number of discharged patients in China to over 12,000 since the epidemic. When scrutinizing the commonalities of those people, the contributions of traditional Chinese medicine (TCM) can not go unnoticed. "Western medicine offers important life-supporting measures such as respiratory and circulatory assistance, while TCM focuses on improving patients' physical conditions and immune function. They complement each other," said Zhang Boli, an academican of the Chinese Academy of Engineering.



Zhang Boli, an academican of the

Chinese Academy of Engineering, speaks during an interview with Xinhua about the effect of integrated treatment with traditional Chinese medicine (TCM) and Western medicine at Jiangxia temporary hospital in Wuhan, capital city of central China's Hubei Province, Feb. 14, 2020. (Xinhua/Cheng Min)

Last Friday, the first phase of a sports center-turned hospital began operation in Wuhan, the epicenter of the COVID-19 outbreak. It is the city's first TCM-oriented temporary hospital. A total of 800 patients will receive treatment there once the second phase is completed. The medical team of 209 doctors and nurses from 20 TCM hospitals in five provinces led by Zhang have since been carrying out TCM clinical treatment and research at the hospital.

The recommended TCM treatment plan includes multiple herbal prescriptions targeting fever, heavy coughing, loss of appetite, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, shortness of breath and tiredness.

A specific chapter detailing TCM treat-

ment during a patient's medical observation, clinical treatment and recovery was included in the latest version of the COVID-19 diagnosis and treatment scheme released by the National Health Commission. Wuhan's coronavirus control headquarters have since ordered integrated treatment of TCM and Western medicine, especially among non-critical patients, and observation of TCM's curative effects at designated hospitals. Statistics show that 2,220 medics from TCM hospitals and institutions across China have been sent to aid the epidemic fight in Hubei so far. Over 75 percent of COVID-19 patients are receiving TCM treatment in Hubei and over 90 percent in other parts of China.



A medical worker tests the pulse of a patient infected with the novel coronavirus at the Affiliated Hospital of Jiangxi Traditional Chinese Medicine University in Nanchang, east China's Jiangxi Province, Feb. 18, 2020. (Xinhua/Hu Chenhuan)

On Feb. 6 alone, 23 patients in Hubei were discharged after receiving integrated treatment of TCM and Western medicine. Zhang said patients with mild symptoms showed obvious improvement after TCM treatment, and for critical patients, TCM decreased their lung exudation, stabilized blood oxygen saturation and reduced respiratory support and antibiotic use. TCM has never missed a single fight against epidemics throughout Chinese history. TCM classics have provided sufficient evidence of how TCM cured epidemic diseases such as smallpox over the past several thousand years. The 2003 SARS fight was a

recent example. TCM offered timely and effective solutions to the treatment and recuperation of SARS patients.

"Compared with Western medicine, TCM offers highly varied prescriptions to each and every patient based on their unique conditions during different stages of the disease, which is more flexible and targeted," said Xiong Jibai, a TCM expert and consultant to the coronavirus treatment group of neighboring Hunan Province.



Zeng Puhua, vice president of the affiliated hospital of Hunan Academy of Traditional Chinese Medicine, has been working around the clock in the SARS treatment-model hospital of Huanggang since late January.

"Clinical experience has repeatedly proven that TCM plays an active and effective role in the treatment of pneumonia-related epidemics," he said.

According to Hunan's health commission, TCM was used in the treatment of nearly 95 percent of the admitted patients. Among the discharged, over 90 percent underwent integrated treatment of TCM and Western medicine.



Cured novel coronavirus pneumonia patients, who have received integrated treatment with traditional Chinese medicine (TCM) and Western medicine, are discharged from a hospital in Wuhan, central China's Hubei Prov-

ince, Feb. 6, 2020. (Xinhua/Wang Yuguo)

In the city of Bozhou, eastern China's Anhui Province, TCM has shortened the course of treatment and reduced medical expenses for seven discharged COVID-19 patients taking herbal soups or capsules.

"Patients showed quickened fever reduction after using TCM, and obvious alleviation of certain symptoms such as coughing, tiredness and loss of appetite. Some critical patients became non-critical," said Zhang Nianzhi, a chief doctor at the respiratory medicine department of Anhui Provincial Hospital of TCM. Discharged patients are required to stay home for another 14 days. Zhang said a 14-day herbal compound treatment based on TCM theories is prescribed to help them restore their pre-illness state. Zhang has planned to include 100 discharged patients into the herbal compound treatment group, to follow their symptoms, physical and chemical indicators, CT results and living quality for one year. Thirty patients have so far been taking the prescription.

Non-drug treatment such as cupping, acupuncture and scraping is another feature of TCM, which can help patients recover more effectively after being discharged from hospitals, said Tong Xiaolin, an academican of Chinese Academy of Sciences and head of the treatment group of the state administration of TCM. (Courtesy http://www.xinhuanet.com/english)

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