

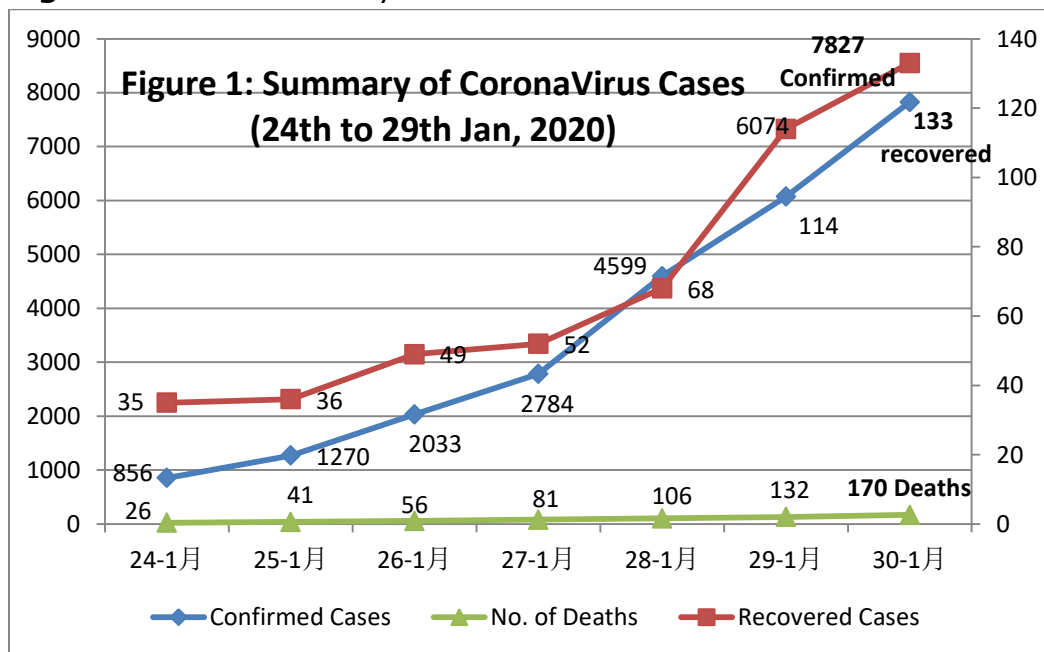
Situation Report 10: China Corona Virus Update Report as at 30th January, 2020.

SITREP No. 10 is produced by the Fiji Embassy in Beijing in collaboration with primary sources ranging from Fiji students on the ground in all Provinces reporting confirmed and suspected cases of the Corona Virus in China, particularly focusing on Wuhan the origin of the Virus since confirmation on the 29th of December, 2019, and the Wuhan and Central National Health Commission (as and when released) and other Secondary sources such as reputable media sources, China Scholarship Council and respective University's in China where our Fiji citizens are currently studying.

1.0 Summary

1.1 As of 18:00hrs today 30th January, 2020 the Chinese Health Authorities have announced that 7,827 confirmed cases of pneumonia caused by the novel coronavirus had been reported all across China.

Figure 1 shows summary of CoronaVirus Cases in China.



1.2 **The latest Data of Virus in China is summarized as follows:**

- **7,827 Confirmed Cases (1753 new cases) – Increase of 63% from last report;**
- **170 Deaths (38 new Deaths) – Increase of 47% from last report;**
- **Most of the new deaths and confirmed Cases were recorded in Hubei (Wuhan City).**
- **133 people have recovered (37% increase from yesterday). Important to note that the recovery cases tells us in some level that as a proportion of reported cases, how effective or fast treatments are working until**

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a definite cure is found. More and more people are now recovering from the Virus - a positive development.

- **The rate of recovery and fatality rate over the number of confirmed cases are currently at 1.7% and 2.2% respectively. During the 2002-2003 SAR Epidemic in Guangdong China, the fatality rate was 10% of those infected (In other word, nearly 800 people died from the 8,000 people reported infected). The 2019-nCov fatality rate to date is 2.2%.**

- 1.3 The Fiji Embassy has noted the coordination and communication channels advised by Headquarters and will now send all Situation reports to Ms. Emali Soderberg and copy in all recommended senior officials of the Ministry as per the email advice. The Fiji Embassy has started to follow this process as of 29th January via sending of Situation Report No. 9.
- 1.4 His Excellency Ambassador Tagicakibau has also responded through mail and provided a brief assessment on some contentious issues.
- 1.5 The Fiji Embassy continues to advise that it is best our Nationals in Wuhan remain and continue to adhere to all safety and precautionary measures as advised by the authorities and Embassy. There is a “very high risk” in travelling to another province or to Fiji for that matter. “Moving out” our Nationals is not the safest option as scientifically proven in such crisis. The Fiji Embassy in the safest interest of all our citizens in Wuhan will continue to monitor and review our advice based on statistical and scientific data and other key trends.
- 1.6 The Fiji Embassy has circulated summarized SitRep 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 to all Fijians in China for their information.

2.0 Highlights

- 2.1 A Pakistani and two Australians — have been diagnosed with the novel coronavirus in Guangdong province. All of whom have been hospitalized and are in stable condition. The Pakistani was studying at a university in Wuhan, Hubei province before traveling to Shenzhen in Guangdong on Jan 21 and Guangzhou in Guangdong on Jan 24, and fell ill on Jan 26. Two Australians were traveling in Wuhan before

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coming to Guangdong and fell ill. All are currently being treated in Shenzhen, Guangdong Province.

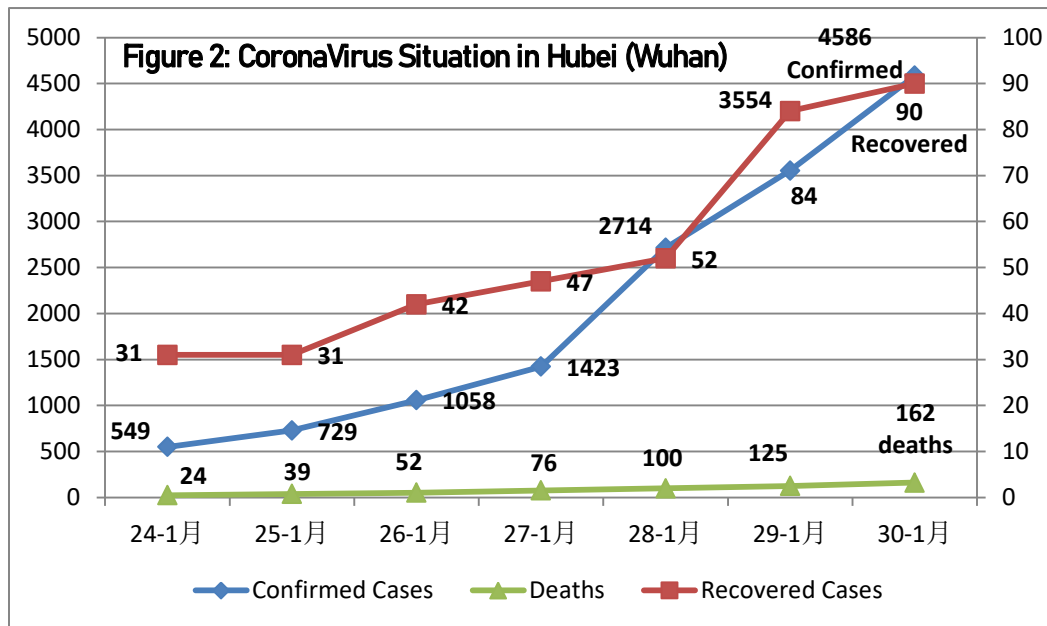
- 2.2 A Malaysian Flight was put in isolation in Tianjin after two (2) of its passengers were identified as infected with Virus. All Crew Members and passengers are isolated in Hotel in Tianjin and hotel has been closed from Public. This is a second report on cases onboard Flights, the first being reported on 26th January from Wuhan. **This reiterates the caution to be taken and people to limit travel during this time from China.**
- 2.3 It has been reported that a team of Scientists in Australia have successfully developed a lab grown version of the CoronaVirus. This can help efforts to diagnose and treat the disease. Health Experts have also reported that it may take 4-6 months to fully manufacture a Vaccine.
- 2.4 Some Medical Experts in China have predicted the peak of the outbreak will appear in about 10 days. With scientific studies, it is predicted that after 2-4 weeks of treatment, most patients will be cured. A Nurse Working in Wuhan Hospital was reported to say that in her experience, the disease is not so scary and it can be cured. This is positive sign from one of the workers in the epicenter of the Virus.
- 2.5 The increase in the number of people recovering from this Virus (134 recovered – 38% increase from yesterday) is also a promising indicator and has reassured everyone, of the quality and world class health services and systems that China possesses. China is confident that it will win this fight.
- 2.6 The Emergency Committee on the novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) under the International Health Regulations (IHR 2005) will be reconvened by the World Health Organization Director-General Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus today Thursday, 30 January. The meeting is planned to start at 13:30 Geneva time. The Committee will advise the Director-General on whether the outbreak constitutes a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC), and what recommendations should be made to manage it. The recommendations will also be made public.

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2.7 Hong Kong has closed its railway, ferry and public road transportation system from mainland China especially from Guangdong Province (entry point) due to the increasing number of confirmed cases in Guangdong. However, Hong Kong airports remain operations but it has halved the number of flights from mainland China due to demand as less and less people are travelling to and from China. Other airlines that have reported suspended their flights to and from China due to less demand are Singapore Airlines, Lufthansa, Air Canada and British Airways.

3.0 Report on Fijians in Wuhan

3.1 **Figure 2** below illustrates Current status of the Corona Virus in its epicenter Wuhan City, Hubei Province.



3.2 **The Latest Data of Virus in Wuhan is summarized as follows:**

- **4,586 Confirmed Cases (1,032 New Cases) - Increase of 98% from last report. This is an average of 45% increase on a daily basis, or in other words, number of confirmed cases mainly double on daily basis. This is understandable as more effective diagnosis treatment are made and Wuhan being the epicenter;**

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- **162 deaths (37 new deaths) – Increase of 71% since last report.**
- **90 people have recovered. Increase of 6 people from yesterday, which is a 14% increase. Fatality rate as a proportion of people affected is 3.5%. Number of people that have recovered as proportion of confirmed cases is 2%. A promising development that more and more people are recovering from the Virus.**

3.3 Updates from our Student representative Mr. Eroni Duaibe, PhD Candidate, have confirmed that at this stage all Fijians in Wuhan are currently safe and in good health.

4.0 Report on Fijians in Other Provinces

4.1 All Fiji citizens in all Provinces are updated with a summary of the daily SitReps that is prepared by the Fiji Embassy in Beijing. Sitrep No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 have been widely circulated.

4.2 The Fiji Embassy in Beijing is in daily contact with all Fiji citizens on a regular basis. They are continuously reminded to be vigilant in exercising precautionary and safety measures.

4.3 A Notice by the Chinese MFA to all International Students was received on 30th January 2020. Below is an extract of the Government Notice and has been communicated to all students:

- *In view of the current situation of the epidemic situation, it is recommended that international students in China fully understand and follow the following requirements:*
 - *Overseas students at school shall adhere to the prevention and control work in accordance with the local regulations on overall epidemic prevention and control as well as the requirements of the school.*
 - *International students travelling in China shall follow the local government's epidemic prevention and control managements. At the same time, keep in touch with the school and learn the specific time of school opening.*
 - *International students who return home for vacation or enroll in spring shall keep in touch with the school to learn the specific time of school opening, and shall not return to school until receiving the notice from school. If students fail to follow the*

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school's advice, and return to China in advance, but cannot travel to school due to traffic restrictions, please contact your school and your embassy in China in time for help.

- *In case of fever, cough, and other symptoms, students should go to hospitals for timely medical treatment.*

4.4 All Provincial reports from Student reps have reported that all Fiji students are well and in good health.

5.0 Travel Advisory

5.1 Fiji Embassy continues to advise that Fiji citizens should take extra care and precautions if travelling through these points of entry into China, (Hong Kong, Japan or Singapore) whether entering, transiting, exiting or visiting, taking into account this virus situation. Health of individuals should remain paramount when making decision whether to travel or not.

6.0 Note

6.1 Data provided above are from different sources and may vary. The Fiji Embassy has verified these data from all available credible sources.

6.2 As of 18:00hrs BJT, 30th January, 2020 the Fiji Embassy in Beijing confirms that all Fijians in Wuhan and other Provinces are **safe and all in good health** as reported by all Student representatives in different Provinces.

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