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INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF SPORT CLIMBING IFSC AND SPORT CLIMBING COMMUNITY SHOW SUPPORT TO THE CHINESE COMMUNITY IN LIGHT OF THE CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

The International Federation of Sport Climbing (IFSC) has launched an initiative to provide aid and support to both the Chinese Mountaineering Association (CMA) and the whole Sport Climbing community based within the People's Republic of China, following the recent outbreak of novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV) in the territory and its reported exportations in other countries.

After being notified of a shortage of personal protective equipment, the IFSC shipped a supply of 10,000 breathing masks to the CMA as a small gesture of support. These items will be distributed to those who are currently unable to access them, contributing to keeping the spread of the virus at bay. The IFSC also reached out to its Member Federations, encouraging them to support the Sport Climbing community and the wider population of the People's Republic of China.

Moreover, the International Federation of Sport Climbing and the Chinese Mountaineering Association are constantly monitoring the situation in the country and the reports provided by the World Health Organization (WHO), well aware that the three IFSC competitions scheduled in April - the IFSC World Cups in Wujiang and Chongqing and the IFSC Asian Championships, also scheduled in Chongqing - might be postponed, moved or even cancelled, if necessary.

Further actions shall be taken following the IFSC Executive Board teleconference scheduled for February 11th.

IFSC President Mr. Marco Sclaris said: "First of all, we would like to send our best wishes to those affected by the Coronavirus and to those who are directly or indirectly suffering because of the epidemic. At the same time, the health of our athletes and of all the people that work for our Member Federations is our main concern. We all know that we have an obligation towards the International Olympic Committee and our Asian Council. We will make sure that the Qualification System for the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games is respected, but we will also avoid any risk to anybody's health."

Advice from the World Health Organization regarding the Coronavirus can be found [here](#).

To support the initiative, personal protective equipment (i.e. breathing masks) can be donated here:

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