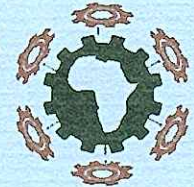


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Dear Sir,

**MESSAGE OF SOLIDARITY WITH CHINA EDUCATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF INTERNATIONAL
EXCHANGE (CEAIE), ON THE OUTBREAK OF THE NOVEL CORONA VIRUS**

On behalf of the Chairman and the Executive Board, I bring you warm fraternal greetings from the Commonwealth Association of Technical Universities and Polytechnics in Africa (CAPA).

I write to express our support to our esteemed sister Association, China Educational Association of International Exchange (CEAIE) and her members throughout the People's Republic of China, during this difficult time, due to the emerging public health issues presented by the outbreak of the novel Coronavirus.

We understand that this already difficult situation will have been amplified by the fact that it came at a time when most people had traveled to be with family and to celebrate the beginning of the Chinese New Year.

Our compassion and thoughts are with families and relatives of all of those affected by the virus in the city of Wuhan and beyond within your country. We stand in solidarity with you as you strive to overcome the challenge.

I would also like to take this opportunity to wish you and your membership in Wuhan and in the whole country a happy and prosperous New Year. We look forward to continuing developing the relationship between CEAIE and CAPA in 2020 and beyond.

With best regards,

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