

# 中国戏剧家协会

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## **Reply Letter to the Secretariate and Executive Council of ITI**

Dear EC members of ITI:

Your letter of solicitude, as well as the elaborately produced video-clip showing the touching words by each of the EC members, have duly been received. China Theatre Association would like to express its sincere thanks and respect to the President of ITI, Mr. Mohmed Saif Al-Afkham, the Director General, Mr. Tobias Biancone, and all the other 13 EC members who had signed the letter. Thank you for your great support, recognition and encouragement to the Chinese government and people for their unremitting efforts and great achievements in campaigning the epidemic. We will convey your message to the Chinese theatre circle through our publication and social media.

ITI is a big family of international theatre practitioners. Since the founding of ITI over 70 years ago, it has always been committed to maintaining world peace and promoting friendship among people of all countries. Five years ago, ITI relocated its headquarter from Paris to Shanghai. It helped to break the inherent pattern of "western

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center" and set up a good platform for promoting cultural exchanges between the east and the west. It also played a positive role in promoting the internationalization of Chinese theatre and Chinese culture.

The sudden outbreak of COVID-19 is a tremendous challenge to not just one country, but to the whole of our human society. All of us, people working in theatre field, should become “Angels in White” in the spiritual world. We should do what we can to unite the peoples of the world. We must work together, through our voices and our works, to promote friendship and mutual understanding among the peoples of the world. We should use our universal love as a weapon to defeat the common enemies of mankind.

We firmly believe that under the leadership of our government, the Chinese people will surely win the battle against the epidemic and restore a healthy and happy life.

