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U.S. evacuees freed from coronavirus quarantine, officials fear discrimination



Evacuees from the China coronavirus outbreak toss their masks after finishing quarantine in Riverside, California, U.S. February 11, 2020, in this image obtained via social media. Riverside University Health Department-Public Health via REUTERS

(Reuters) - Nearly 200 people evacuated from the China coronavirus outbreak were released from quarantine in California on Tuesday with officials urging Americans not to shun them, or workers who helped them, after both groups faced discrimination.

The 195 U.S. citizens, mostly U.S. State Department employees and their families, underwent the United States' first mandatory quarantine since 1963 after they were evacuated from the coronavirus-stricken Chinese city of Wuhan.

They were flown by government-chartered cargo jet on Jan. 29 to March Air Reserve Base in Riverside County about 60 miles (97 km) east of Los Angeles where they were in quarantine for 14-days - the outer limit of the virus' possible incubation period.

None tested positive for coronavirus, but their arrival stoked unfounded fears in the local community that they or base personnel would spread the disease, Riverside County public health officer Cameron Kaiser told a press conference.

"They don't need additional tests, they don't need to be shunned, they don't have novel coronavirus," Kaiser told reporters after his department published a photo of the former patients throwing away their masks in a quarantine graduation ceremony.

The fast-spreading virus has killed more than 1,000 people in China, where there have been nearly 43,000 cases. There have been another 319 confirmed cases in 24 other countries, including 13 in the United States.

Over 800 people have been evacuated from Wuhan on six U.S. evacuation flights since Jan. 28. Hundreds have been quarantined on air bases in California, Texas and Nebraska, according to the U.S. State Department.

The March air base group was limited to a fenced quarantine area where only official medical staff were allowed to enter.

Rear Admiral Nancy Knight, who is running the quarantine operation, said base personnel had been refused housing in the local community due to fears they would spread coronavirus and their children had suffered discrimination at school.

She said neither her staff nor evacuees posed a health risk to the public.

"They have been watched more closely than anyone in the United States at this time," Knight said of the evacuees.

The base has held three commercial airline passengers taken into mandatory quarantine after screening at Los Angeles International Airport, Knight said. One of these three travelers has been released after completing a 14-day quarantine period, she

said.

The United States has also authorized the voluntary departure of U.S. government employees and their relatives from Hong Kong, the State Department said on Tuesday.

The authorization was made "out of an abundance of caution related to uncertainties associated" with the disease, according to a department representative.



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Xi warned officials that efforts to stop virus could hurt economy: sources

BEIJING (Reuters) - Chinese President Xi Jinping warned top officials last week that efforts to contain the new coronavirus had gone too far, threatening the country's economy, sources told Reuters, days before Beijing rolled out measures to soften the blow.

FILE PHOTO: Chinese President Xi Jinping inspects the novel coronavirus prevention and control work at Anhuali Community in Beijing, China, February 10, 2020. Xinhua via REUTERS
 With growth at its slowest in nearly three decades, China's leaders seem eager to strike a balance between protecting an already-slowing economy and stamping out an epidemic that has killed more than 1,000 people and infected more than 40,000.

After reviewing reports on the outbreak from the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) and other economic departments, Xi told local officials during a Feb 3 meeting of the Politburo's Standing Committee that some of the actions taken to contain the virus are harming the economy, said two people familiar with the meeting, who declined to be named because of the sensitivity of the matter.

He urged them to refrain from "more restrictive measures", the two people said.

Local authorities outside Wuhan - where the virus is thought to have first taken hold - have shut down schools and factories, sealed off roads and railways, banned public events and even locked down residential compounds. Xi said some of those steps have not been practical and have sown fear among the public, they said.

China's state council information office did not immediately respond to requests for comment.

The official Xinhua News Agency, reporting on the Politburo meeting last Monday, called the coronavirus outbreak "a major test of China's system and capacity for governance." It added, without details, that "party committees and governments of all levels were urged to achieve the targets of economic and social development



FILE PHOTO: Chinese President Xi Jinping inspects the novel coronavirus prevention and control work at Anhuali Community in Beijing, China, February 10, 2020. Xinhua via REUTERS

this year." Since the meeting, China's central bank has vowed to step up support for the economy and prepared policy tools to offset the damage. The NDRC said at a weekend briefing that it was urging companies and factories to resume work, especially in "key industries" such as food and pharmaceuticals.

"In the context of the epidemic and

the downward pressure on the economy, it is more important to maintain economic growth," Pan Gongsheng, vice-governor of China's central bank, said on Friday. On Monday, Zhejiang province, an economic powerhouse in eastern China, ordered local authorities not to overreact by restricting everyday movement or shutting down "shops of chain stores and convenience stores that sell daily necessities such

as vegetables, cooking oil as well as meat, eggs and dairy products," according to a government release. China has unveiled new tax policies as it tries to reduce the burden on industries hit heavily by the epidemic. Reuters reported this month that policymakers in China are preparing measures, including more fiscal spending and interest rate cuts, amid expectations the outbreak will devastate first-quarter growth.



疫情退散以后 重启的生命才真正开始

每一个大事件发生之后，人们的心态都会随之发生改变，之后，当生活再次恢复到了往常的模样，当一切又步入正轨，当所有的随着时间与记忆渐渐淡忘，再重来过之时，人的心态与看待世事的方式却已悄然发生了变化。

该如何生活？
 怎样度过余生？
 选择怎样的生活方式？
 我现在的的生活究竟有什么意义？
 我想要怎样的人生？
 现在的一切都是我心甘情愿的吗？
 梦想还没有实现，我是否会后悔当初的自己不够勇敢？
 ……

所有的问题，在以前忙碌的时间里不曾想过，也不愿去想，只知道日复一日的过，可是，这一次，现实却逼得我们开始停下所有的脚步，开始思考人生，思考生活的意义，思考一切我们从来没有深入想过的问题。

似乎未来该如何走下去，都是现实逼着我们去反思，去暂停，去深度思考，给了我们重新活一次的机会，重新认识自己的内心，重新认识这个我们过来的世界。

我们到底该如何走下去……
 在历经磨难之后活出的精神高度
 人生的磨难是很多的，所以我们不可对于每一件轻微的伤害都过于敏感。在生活磨难面前，精神上的坚强是我们抵抗罪恶和人生意外的最好武器。——洛克

有人说，生命中在高速发展的时刻突然遇到了一次“灾难”，就像是踩了一次急刹车，是坏事，同样也是好事。这让我们每一个人都能够直视内心，重申在这条发展的路上的得失、重心、价值、缺失的、拥有的，一切都像回看一般在眼前重映。

老祖宗早就说过“祸福相依”的话，可是，却有太多的人在飞速向前奔跑的路上忘记了这条天规：福里藏着祸，当居安思危，未雨绸缪；祸里透着福，当自省自励，有畏无惧。

当困难发生以后，我们要做的绝不是逃避，责怪，怨天尤人，恐慌，而是应该选择积极“应战”，找到通往光明

的路，去寻求一切可能的方法，在黑暗中拨开云雾见朝阳。

精神上的站立与坚强在任何时候都是关键的，起决定性作用的。

人只有拥有精神上的高度与强度，才足以让一个人的生命更加顽强，在敬畏中不惧困难，才能够支撑起一个民族的灵魂，一个个积极向上的笑脸。

纵使周围都是黑暗，也能够万众众成诚下，在一切积极的方法下，守得云开见月明。

劫后余生，才知生命的卑微；大难不死，方懂生命的敬畏！

只有经历才足以让一个人，一个民族快速的成长，也只有阅历才是最宝贵的财富，让人明白世间万事万物皆有阴晴圆缺，冷暖沉浮，高低快慢。

唯有民族的精神高贵，灵魂的干净直立，才能够抵御外界的肮脏，世事的流言蜚语，无常到来以后的阴霾与无助。

一个民族有一群仰望星空的人，他们才有希望。——黑格尔

深思下的余生安好

要冷静耐心，你尽量让坏事发生好了。你不要躲避。相反，你要认真观看，你要用主动的理解代替被动的接受刺激。这样你就会应付这些事情。人只有经历自己的渺小，才能到达高尚。——卡夫卡

当人的生命当中发生一些无常的变化时，人们大多数的想法都是逃避、消沉、恐惧，然后不知所措，消极的等待命运的救世主到来。

少有人利用这段时间去沉思，去回顾过往种种，再规划未来，积极的调整生命重心与心态。

当生命被迫按下了暂停键以后，该如何面对这样的一段看似灰暗的时光呢，有人找到了方向，有人却变得更加迷茫，有人甚至对未来不再抱有任何希望。

怎样的人生岁月才值得我们好好走下去，如何让我们仅有的余生安好，不负韶华，不负活了这一场？

1、选择用积极的心态面对一切世事无常。

人生是一场不归路，如何活，活成什么样，却几乎少有人去想去，只是按

照生命既定的行程向前走，盲目不自知的向前走，当中途遇到了“无常”的出现时，打破了原有的计划，然后变得不知所措，因为这部分人的头脑里从来没有输入过这样的生命哲学。

人们只知道向前走，何时停，怎么停，停下来该怎么办，能做些什么？对于这一系列的问题，没有人告诉过他们答案。

后来好像是运气不好一般，被他们遇上了，先是责怪自己这一生怎么如此倒霉，然后开始沉沦，最后不是变得疯狂，让心魔战胜了自己，就是让自己的精神站立起来，重新审视一切，重新输入了新的血液，重新再活了一次。

我们远比我们自己想象中的坚强，也远比我们想象中的脆弱，关键在于人的“精神”是否有勇气去“战斗”，去“傲视”，去“自省”。

肉体是脆弱的，唯有精神是永恒的，强大的。

2、快中有静，忙中有心。

人有时候在一个轨道上习惯了一个步调以后，就很难再改变节奏，只有当外界的作用下强制性的暂停，从而来改变当下的步调以后，方知以前的方式并非就是最好的。

不管是怎样的方式让其停下来，我们当在这背后看到更多实质性的意义，而非仅仅是停下来，无所作为。

停下来，意味着更深刻的思考，进一步的反思才能在启程后走得更远，在更适合这个社会的发展规律下去调整好自己节奏，从而在余生走得更稳，走得更远。

以前的快与忙之间，或许从来不曾思考过其它的事情，就是一味的快，一味的忙起来，但是生命中却有太多的顾不上，顾不上回家吃饭，顾不上陪家人，顾不上生病了去看医生，顾不上陪朋友说知心话，顾不上亲情，友情，爱情，顾不上……

我们在一切顾不上的同时带着虚伪的面具，伪善的做人，在这个纷繁的江湖中身不由己，早已忘了自己的真心与活着的价值。

一味的逐利，追名，在光环下麻木的活着，也仅仅是活着而已。

直到关键时刻，在强力作用下的暂停、重启，方知生命的所有价值与意义。

生命给了我们一次重生的机会，让我们余生里的后侮少一点，遗憾短一点。

余生，愿在快节奏中有一方岁月静好，忙碌中不忘真心，缺憾中弥补过往的忽略。

人生没有完美，只愿少一点遗憾，多一点真心。

3、珍惜拥有的，看淡得失，以感恩之心伴余生。

人们似乎最擅长的便是抱怨与不知珍惜当下所拥有的一切。

上班的会抱怨工作的负累，老板的苛刻，时间的流逝，总觉得当下的一切都是如此麻烦，想要逃离，想要放弃，可是，当我们不曾拥有这一切以后，当我们回到了自己以为的宁静，舒适圈以后，却又开始怀念上班的忙碌与人际交往的种种，再后悔自己当初的知足与斤斤计较。

闲着的会抱怨家庭的琐事与烦人的纠缠，期待可以出去拼杀一场，逃离现在的岁月静好，在波澜不惊里去寻求一番轰轰烈烈。孰不知在一切发生改变以后，却又无比期待以前的平静岁月，家长里短。

有名的羡慕有利的，有利的羡慕得名的；成家的羡慕单身的，单身的羡慕身边有嘘寒问暖的；寂寞的羡慕热闹的，热闹的又羡慕独处的……

似乎一切都不曾自我满足过，总是在羡慕自己不曾拥有的，却又对自己已经拥有的视而不见。

少有人会对当下心存感恩，珍惜拥有的，不必去斤斤计较今天所得，明天所失。

人的生命是平衡的，就好比人们常说：上帝对你关上一扇门的同时会为你打开一扇窗。

世间的万事万物都会有着一个平衡点，过之则溢，少之则憾。

当我们经历了世事的无常以后，方知生命的可贵，该珍惜的，该善待的，该舍弃的，该慢下来的，一切都重新有了答案，有了再次行进的方向。

不负韶华，在“生”中求“安”
 人生的幸福，一半要争，一半要随

争，不是与他人，而是与困苦。没有唾手可得的幸福，发愤图强，主动争取才能一步步接近幸福。随，不是随波逐流，而是知止而后安。能力与条件的限制，很多人事只能随遇而安，随缘而止。争，人生少遗憾；随，知足者常乐。

人们在大灾大难之后，总是会对自己的生命有了或多或少的审视，似乎以前不曾想过的当下会想了，以前从来没有在意过的当下在在了，以前嫌弃的当下明了珍惜了……

可见，在苦难面前对于生命的思考也并非坏事。它使人清醒，使人不再盲目，使人更加懂得生命的真谛与活着的意义。

苦难是生活的一面“照妖镜”，照出了人心里的贪嗔痴，照出了生活的善与恶，再反馈到了人心，逐渐学会了感恩与珍惜，学会了怎样去生活，它使人变得强大，同时也使人更加看清自己的真心，在来日方长里，懂得了幸福的滋味。

此生有遗憾的，想做的，那就勇敢一点，去追求自己内心的诗与远方；以前没有善待的，后悔的，那就尽量从此刻开始去弥补一切过错；

从前不知珍惜错过的，遗忘的，那就做好当下好好陪伴，温柔以待；

那些失落的、忏悔的、负疚的，还没有来得及去做的，终究会在生命给予我们重启的机会里看清一切，再不负韶华，以“生”求“安”。

“生”不仅仅是活着，而是要活得有心，活得有骨气，活得有良心，活得正直，活得心安，活得内心坦然，活得让遗憾少一点，再少一点。

人们在面对一次次“灾难”面前应该庆幸的是，它给了我们思考的时间与重启的能力，在每一次之后都必将比以往更加强大，更加理性，更加稳中有进的向前发展。

每一个人的生命是短暂的，但生命本身却是生生不息的，我们想到的，关心的，付出的不仅仅是为了自己，更应该看到我们的世世代代，这个我们热爱的祖国，这个赖以生存的星球，这个浩瀚无穷的宇宙。

最后我只想借用一句话：莫问前程凶吉，但求落暮无悔！

Editor's Choice



Passengers enter a cargo plane, chartered by the U.S. State Department to evacuate Americans and Canadians from China due to the outbreak of novel Coronavirus, during the boarding process at Wuhan Tianhe International Airport in Wuhan, China February 7, 2020.



FILE PHOTO: Representations of virtual currency Bitcoin and euro banknotes are seen in this picture illustration taken January 27, 2020. REUTERS/Dado Ruvic/File Photo



Medical workers in protective suits attend to patients at the Wuhan International Conference and Exhibition Center



Medical officers prepare evacuated Indonesian nationals from Wuhan, China's center of the coronavirus epidemic, before transferring them to the Natuna Islands military base to be quarantined, at Hang Nadim Airport in Batam, Riau Islands



Staff members check body temperatures of the passengers arriving from the train from Wuhan to Hangzhou, at Hangzhou Railway Station ahead of the Chinese Lunar New Year in Zhejiang



Funeral parlour staff members in protective suits help a colleague with disinfection after they transferred a body at a hospital, following the outbreak of a new coronavirus in Wuhan



Venezuela's opposition leader Juan Guaidó arrives at a meeting in Maiquetia



FILE PHOTO: Lt Colonel Vindman testifies at House Intelligence Committee hearing on Trump impeachment inquiry on Capitol Hill in Washington

California Couple Stranded Aboard Cruise Ship In Japan For Weeks Due To Coronavirus Epidemic



The cruise ship Diamond Princess is anchored at Yokohama Port for supplies replenished in Yokohama, south of Tokyo, Thursday, Feb. 6, 2020. The 3,700 people on board faced a two-week quarantine in their cabins. Health workers said 10 more people from the Diamond Princess were confirmed sickened with the virus, in addition to 10 others who tested positive on Wednesday. The 10 will be dropped off as the ship docks and transferred to nearby hospitals for further test and treatment. (Kenzaburo Fukuhara/Kyodo News via AP)

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A couple from Santa Ynez Valley, California, is among those trapped on a Diamond Princess cruise ship in Japan, quarantined due to a coronavirus outbreak.

Elaina and her husband, Gonzo, were supposed to return on Feb. 5, but will be on the ship until Feb. 19 due to the quarantine, KEYT reported. They've been told to stay in their room without a window.

The couple isn't sick and Elaina said on Facebook that they're being given "coffee and juice, but little water," according to KEYT.

More than 2,000 ship passengers are quarantined and Japanese health officials are continuing to screen the 273 passengers believed to have been exposed to the virus, The New York Times reported. Twenty of the 102 people tested, including Americans, are positive for coronavirus.

The ship docked in Yokohama on Mon-

day after a Southeast Asia trip, but those on board are quarantined after an 80-year-old man from Hong Kong tested positive for coronavirus, according to The New York Times.



Cruise line passengers Gaetano Cerullo and his wife Milena Basso are reaching out for help from President Trump after being trapped on a Diamond Princess cruise ship off the coast of Japan with at least 61 positive cases of coronavirus.

Another ship, the World Dream, with approximately 3,600 passengers and crew on board, is being held in Hong Kong's Victoria Harbor, The New York Times

reported. Eight people who previously took the cruise have tested positive.

Coronavirus has infected 27,636 people worldwide and killed 564 in China, USA Today reported.

Chinese media said that two infants tested positive for coronavirus and that one of them could have been infected in the womb, according to USA Today.

The Trump administration has barred foreign nationals who have traveled to China from coming to the U.S., declaring a "public health emergency," USA Today reported. It has also mandated a two-week quarantine for people coming from China's Hubei province. (Courtesy https://www.sacbee.com/news)

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New coronavirus cases make The Diamond Princess cruise ship the largest infection center outside China

Japan confirmed 41 more cases of the new coronavirus aboard a quarantined cruise ship, and denied entry to another vessel as it sought to control the spread of the deadly infection, with thousands now stranded on stricken luxury liners. The results bring to 61 the tally of infections among 273 passengers and crew so far tested aboard the Diamond Princess, which is being kept in isolation at the port of Yokohama and is the biggest center of infection of any place outside of China.

Japan's Ministry of Defense said Thursday it would send Self-Defense Forces medical personnel to help out with treatment on the ship, and bring alongside a commercial passenger vessel to act as a temporary base. Health Minister Katsunobu Kato said he was considering testing other elderly and vulnerable people among the roughly 3,700 people aboard.

Another cruise line stranded in Hong Kong



The World Dream cruise ship docked at Kai Tak cruise terminal in Hong Kong, Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2020. A Hong Kong official says more than 3,600 people on board the cruise ship that was turned away from a Taiwanese port will be quarantined until they are checked for a new virus.

(AP Photo/Vincent Yu)

Foreign Minister Toshimitsu Motegi said one of those infected on the ship was now confirmed to be in serious condition, while Twitter users who said they were aboard the vessel expressed increasing concern. China's mainland has been the hardest hit with infections climbing to more than 31,000 while the death toll was at 636 people.

The developments have delivered a fresh blow for Diamond Princess owner, Carnival Corp., and other cruise companies which are being forced to cancel trips heading into the peak booking season for vacations at sea. Japan is also anxious to avoid any damage to its image as an increasingly popular tourist destination as it prepares to host the Summer Olympics this year in Tokyo.

Japan has banned a separate cruise ship -- the Westerdam -- from berthing at a port in the country, saying a person on the vessel was suspected to have contracted the virus.

Cruise operator Holland America, part of Carnival Corp., said earlier there were no known cases of the novel coronavirus aboard the Westerdam and the ship was not in quarantine. The vessel is currently off Ishigaki -- one of Japan's most southern islands -- and Holland America said it was trying to make alternative plans for its passengers.



A third cruise liner, carrying about 3,600 passengers and crew, is also being held off Hong Kong after three people who had previously traveled on it were diagnosed with the new virus.

Health Minister Kato said the World Health Organization would not count the 61 cruise ship passengers and crew as being infected in Japan. Twenty-five people in Japan have been confirmed as having been infected with the disease, most of them having spent time in Wuhan, China, the epicenter of the outbreak. Nevertheless, the growing number of cases has raised questions about Japan's capacity to cope with the outbreak. The 41 newly diagnosed cruise ship passengers are set to be transported to hospitals in Tokyo and surrounding areas, Kato said.

Meanwhile, emotions are running increasingly high on board all three stranded vessels.

"This was supposed to be a big bucket list trip for my wife and I that has now turned into a logistical nightmare and potentially put our health at risk," Stephen Hansen, a retiree from Vancouver who said he was aboard the Westerdam, wrote in an e-mail.

"Our biggest concern is what will happen once we are accepted into some port—probably Guam. We are Canadian citizens so don't know what our status will be. Will we be quarantined? Will we be deported? Who knows?" (Courtesy https://fortune.com/)



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Obamas' Production Company Wins Oscar For 'American Factory'



Barack and Michelle Obama's production company, Higher Ground, won its first Academy Award for "American Factory." The movie took home the golden statue for best feature-length documentary at the Oscars on Sunday night.

The Netflix film is about an Ohio auto glass factory that is run by a Chinese investor. It explores many issues, including the rights of workers, globalization, and automation.

The Fuyao plant, bought by Chinese industrialist Cao Dewang, employs some 2,200 American and 200 Chinese workers. The film gives a close-up look at how the cultures adjust to one another.

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Work has started on Fuyao Glass America, the Chinese company taking up residence in the former G.M. Moraine plant south of Dayton.

Of course, all the news about Fuyao's investment of hundreds of millions of dollars in a Dayton factory comes after years of stories about U.S. companies opening up shop in China.

The story has been heard before—U.S. factories move to China, jobs are lost, whole towns shattered. But lately, things are shifting: Chinese ventures in the U.S. have spiked.

In 2014, Chinese companies invested more than 12 billion dollars in projects in the U.S., including a handful of big investments in manufacturing.

That's up from about zero in the mid-2000s. This shift is obvious in Dayton, Ohio, where a Chinese auto glass maker is taking over a notorious former G.M. plant, a cavernous building that was left behind when G.M. closed up manufacturing operations at its Moraine plant in 2008.

Fuyao Glass America Inc., a new subsidiary of one of China's biggest auto-glass makers, bought up almost half of the old plant about a year ago and announced it would be bringing manufacturing operations and 800 jobs to the area.

Recently the number of jobs promised nearly doubled, to over 1,500.

Rebecca Ruan-O'Shaughnessy, one of the first employees of Fuyao Glass America, says they got the keys to the giant maze of a building in July.

"We didn't know where to come in," she says.

"We just see this big building had no idea how to get in."

Just a few years ago Dayton's economy was in shreds, and the G.M. Moraine plant stood as a sometimes painful symbol of the past. Now, a mix of Chinese and American workers are set up at tables and chairs Fuyao scrapped from G.M.'s leftovers.



John Gauthier, president of Fuyao Glass America, gestures towards a chart of leadership positions still to be filled at the company.

Ruan-O'Shaughnessy opens the door to a classroom of dozens of attentive workers in safety vests—it's the first day for the first 40 production workers, who were hired through a temp agency. She says the company's already had 1,800 applications just for temp jobs here that could turn into permanent, full-time jobs with benefits after 90 days.

Sitting in a bare office, John Gauthier, the president of Fuyao Glass America, says the symbol-

ism is clear: the Recession is in the rearview for this company town.

"It means something to us here, to be able to come here and reoccupy this [and] bring this factory back to life," Gauthier says. He moved from Mt. Zion, Illinois, where he was the manager of a glass plant that's also been acquired by Fuyao and will remain open as a supplier to this plant.

Gauthier says entry-level workers can expect to be paid in the range of \$12 to \$14 an hour, which he says is similar to prevailing wages for area manufacturers, although he wouldn't offer up a specific figure. Past experience in the auto industry is helpful for applicants, but isn't required.

But this Midwestern story also reflects a trend: Chinese companies are opening up shops from Texas to Indiana, with more on the way. Experts say that's partly because wages are on the rise in China, but in the U.S., real wages for manufacturing workers have been in steady decline, particularly in the case of auto parts workers. In Ohio, auto parts workers saw a wage decline of 9.4 percent from 2003 to 2013.

Thilo Hanemann is the research director at the Rhodium Group, a research firm in New York. He says China is also less dependent on cheap labor in general.

"The growth model in China is changing very rapidly and so companies are moving from low value-added goods, socks and underwear, towards more advanced goods and services," he says.



Mike Fullenkamp, a supervisor at the plant, says he's been looking forward to Fuyao coming to town ever since the announcement over a year ago.

So Chinese companies need more of the kinds of skilled labor available in the U.S. Plus, they want to be close to their customers—in this case, U.S. automakers. Between that and changes in U.S. and Chinese policy, companies like Fuyao calculate they can actually cut costs in the long-run by setting up here.

Mike Fullenkamp, a supervisor at Fuyao, says he loves what he's heard about the head of the company, Chairman Cao. He's got a reputation as a charitable guy.

"He's very positive, very humble," he says. "I mean he's a man of wealth, but he earned it himself."

The state of Ohio offered close to \$14 million in grants and tax incentives to get the company here. The total number of jobs could top 1,500, and Sinclair Community College is partnering with the company to recruit workers for the positions.



The new entry planned at the Fuyao Glass Factory will have a glass facade.

Fullenkamp says not long ago, this place looked bad, a parking lot with cracked cement, overgrown with weeds.

"The guards said they used to see a bunch of coyotes running across and all that," he says. "We'll probably still see that, but we're trying to tame them down a little bit. Let 'em know it's our home now instead of theirs."

Fullenkamp says the company hopes to have nearly 20 lines up and running, shaping and finishing glass for almost all the major auto makers, by 2018. At five o'clock, the workers on their first day file out to their trucks and SUVs and drive off—looking ahead through glass that could, soon enough, be made in Dayton. (Courtesy http://wyso.org/post/)

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The Chinese Billionaire Who Has Moved His Company to the U.S. to Cut Costs

The head of a leading Chinese glass maker who has moved his company to the U.S. openly questions if his country really is such a lucrative destination for offshore factories, as reported in the Hong Kong newspaper, the South China Morning Post.

"Overall speaking, the tax burden for manufacturers in China is 35% higher than in the U.S.," Cao Dewang told China Business Network in an interview. He added that a combination of cheap land, reasonable energy prices and other incentives means that, despite higher manufacturing costs, he can still make more money by making glass in the U.S. than by exporting Chinese-made panes to the U.S. market.

Cao's company, Fuyao Glass, has invested over \$1 billion stateside, according to the Post, the most significant move of which is opening its U.S. factory in the Ohio town of Moraine, a suburb of Dayton, Ohio, in October.



Cao Dewang, center, Chairman of Fuyao Glass Industry Group Co., in 2016. (Photo/Imaginechina)

The glass maker is re-purposing the town's former General Motors assembly that had been standing empty since late 2008.

According to Ohio TV station WDTN, the plant now employs a workforce of almost 2,000, and Cao expects that the fully operational facility will employ up to 3,000 workers.

Wage and transportation costs are getting higher in China, Cao says. "Compared with four years ago, labor wages [in China] today have tripled," he told China Business Network. Meanwhile, "transportation in the U.S. costs the equivalent of less than one yuan (\$ per kilometer, while road tolls [in China] are higher," he added, pointing out that some mid- and small-sized Chinese enterprises have already started moving to Southeast Asian countries like Vietnam and Cambodia for cheaper wages and materials.

Fuyao is not the first Chinese business making the move across the Pacific in recent years. According to the Wall Street Journal, Chinese companies invested over \$20 billion in the U.S. last year—from a practically nonexistent total investment back in 2006. (Courtesy fortune.com)

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