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Music of Harmony We Love, We Share

By Huijun Zhang

the 4th benefit concert at Katy Living World Lutheran Church. This condren. To raise funds to help hungry cert was initiated and organized by

Music of Harmony (MOH) hosted

MOH Founder and President Grace Liu, Bryant Li and Kelly Xue, with the assistance of volunteer leaders Weillison Hsu, Randy Tan, Jason Ren, Derek Sun, Timothy Cai, April Feng and Justin Li. The concert was a great success with the joint efforts of all, raising a total of \$9486, net of expenses of \$1443.71, the balance of \$8042.29 has all donated to Katy Christian Ministries. The head of food management, Mr. Holly Havlick has officially received our donation check on 11 January 2020. The concert received wide attention and support. It included a school orchestra, teachers, students and serving musicians - a total of 45 performers - more than 20 volunteer students and parents and friends,

and over 400 spectators! Thanks to the music teachers who came to the show and helped the children rehearse, Mr. ChangLu Wu and North America Youth Chinese Orchestra, Mr. Sam Matthews, Mr. Daniel Saenz, M Rs. Cindy Fu, Dr. Winnie Fan, Ms. Sunjung Lee! Thank you for your warm support! Thank you to all the donors, performer, volunteers, families and friends. Because of your love and dedication, this year's concert has been a complete success!

Music of Harmony is a 501 ©(3) non-profit organization. Active in Houston, Texas, the Organization was founded in 2016, and its predecessor was the Music Doing Good Volunteer Team. Founders Nathaniel Zhang, Larry Xue, Jimmy Liu, Grace Liu, Bryant Li, Kelly Xue, and Audrey Li are students in colleges, high schools and junior high schools. Despite their age difference, a dedicated love and passion of music brought them together and eventually they founded the family of Music of Harmony. In the past five years of volunteer activities, the volunteer performances in the local senior homes as well as the condolence performances of the urban hospitals have been consistently numerous and large.

The mission of Music of Harmony is to bring joy and passion into people's lives. MOH plays music in senior homes, hospitals and schools, bringing love and warmth to the elder people, patients, children and community. Their performances not only enlighten, enrich, and empower our community but also provide youth opportunities to experience the magic of music and help them build up academics and social skills, and the self-confidence needed to succeed in life.

Music of Harmony from the start of a couple of families to today's 760 members; from a few of team leaders to today's 25 outstanding leaders; from 16 performances in 2015 to 352 performances by the end of 2019. In addition, MOH expanded their reach tremendously, establishing 5 chapters in the Greater Houston area (Katy, Sugarland, Houston, Memorial, and Pearland). As MOH continues to grow and improve, they continue to remain dedicated to their mission of bringing joy to others through the arts. MOH has love and dedication but remains humble and selfless while pursuing their mission - "We Love. We Share!" Bringing warmth, love and joy to elder people is Music of Harmony's wish!

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China heads into Lunar New Year on shutdown as virus spreads to Europe

BEIJING (Reuters) - A new coronavirus that has killed 26 people in China was confirmed in Europe for the first time on Friday as it spreads despite Chinese attempts to quarantine the city at the heart of the outbreak.

China closed Shanghai Disneyland and part of the Great Wall and suspended public transportation in 10 cities as it rushed to contain the virus, stranding millions of people at the start of the country's Lunar New Year holiday.

France reported two cases on Friday evening, the first ones discovered in Europe. More were likely, Health Minister Agnes Buzvn said.

Wuhan, a city of 11 million where the virus was first identified, is in virtual lockdown. Nearly all flights at Wuhan's airport have been canceled and checkpoints block the main roads leading out of town.

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As the city slides into isolation, pharmacies have begun to run out of supplies and hospitals have been flooded with nervous residents. The city is rushing to build a 1,000-bed hospital by Monday, state media said.

Despite the lockdown, the virus is already spreading further afield.

The vast majority of the cases and all of the deaths have been in China, but it has also been detected in Thailand, Vietnam, Singapore, Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Nepal and the United States. There is no vaccine or specific treatment for the new virus.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said on Friday it had 63 patients under investigation, with two confirmed cases, both in people who had traveled to Wuh

Following a congressional briefing by health officials, Republican



U.S. Senator John Barrasso, a former physician, said people in the United States with the virus may have been infected up to 14 days ago in China.

"We want to try to stop and prevent people from coming to the United States if they have it," Barrasso told reporters, without providing details of how that might be accomplished.

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from China.

The newly identified coronavirus has created alarm because there are still many unknowns surrounding it such as how dangerous it is and how easily it spreads between people.

It can cause pneumonia, which has been deadly in some cases.

A man wearing a mask is seen at the Nanjing Pedestrian Road, a main shopping area, in Shanghai, China

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Symptoms include fever, difficulty breathing and coughing. Most of the fatalities have been in elderly patients, many with pre-existing medical conditions, the World Health Organization said.

As of Thursday, China's National Health Commission said there were 830 confirmed cases and 26 deaths.

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COMMUNITY

The Alief International Academy opened this fall at the Elsik Ninth Grade Center as a school within a school. The proposed plans for development of The Alief International Academy were presented at an Alief ISD Board Meeting in October where plans were approved to partner with the International Studies School Network (ISSN) through the Asia Society to develop the Alief International Academy with a targeted opening in the fall of 2018 for incoming 9th graders.

The enrollment goal of 75 - 100 students was set for 9th graders entering in the fall who were interested in getting a global education. The leadership of the Alief International Academy has visited all six middle schools in Alief and met with 8th graders in their US History class to recruit students interested in attending the academy. Currently, as of today, there are 60 students who have applied for the International Academy who have been accepted to the academy.



The International Academy continues to recruit new students every day. We look for students who are interested in learning about what the Asia Society has termed GLOBAL COMPETENCE which is the capacity and disposition to understand and act on issues of global significance. Students will do this by learning to:

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*recognize different perspectives

*communicate ideas to diverse audienc-

*translate their ideas into action that makes a difference in the world

This is a college prep program with

Alief International Academy – A School Within A School In Alief ISD

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a chance for students to earn college hours through both Dual Credit classes and eventually AP classes in 11th & 12th grade. Language options for a student's four-year language requirement will include Mandarin or Spanish. In addition, students will have the opportunity to participate in AVID. We are looking for students of various academic backgrounds who want to make a difference in the world. More information here: https://www.powtoon.com/m/ cDlHocrPg8h/1/m

Students must be a resident in Alief ISD to attend. The application is online with links on the Alief ISD webpage, The Elsik Ninth Grade Center webpage and the Elsik H.S. webpage.



Alief International Academy 2018 signing day.

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ic shifts, global poverty, population growth, human rights, and political conflict can seem intractable and overwhelming, yet they absolutely require thoughtful action. In a globally focused curriculum, students learn that the world needs them to act, and that they can make a difference.

Global competence integrates knowledge of the world and the skill of application with the disposition to think and behave productively.

Global competence is not restricted to knowing about other cultures and other perspectives. In addition to knowledge of the world, a globally competent citizen exhibits habits like critical thinking, rational optimism, innovation, empathy, and awareness of the influences of culture on individual behavior and world events.



160 Alief ISD International students visit HCC campus.

Success in career and life will depend on global competence, because career and life will play out on the global stage.

Already, government, business, and cultural institutions are called to solve the world's problems cooperatively. Engaging in these challenges requires high-order knowledge and thinking skill, as well as shared language and cultural understanding. In a globally focused curriculum, students prepare to approach problems from multiple perspectives and to thrive in a global future. Details here: https://www.aliefisd. net/Page/10937. (Courtesy AISD)

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WHO Will Decide If China Coronavirus Outbreak Is A Global Health



OVERVIEW

The Coronavirus death toll has risen to 17 as experts consider declaring a public health emergency. The death toll from a new global virus coming out of China rose to at least 17 last Wednesday as experts from around the world gathered in Switzerland to determine how to manage the ominous outbreak.

Global health officials have not recommended any trade or travel restrictions yet. People can protect themselves by washing their hands with soap and water, avoid touching their eyes, nose or mouth and keeping away from sick people.

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The World Health Organization convened a panel of experts in Geneva, Switzerland, this week to consider whether a mysterious coronavirus that has killed at least 6 people and sickened hundreds of others in China should be a global health emergency.

The meeting comes two days after global health officials said that the respiratory illness, which has evoked memories of the 2003 outbreak of severe acute respiratory syndrome, or SARS, is capable of spreading from person to person. This weekend, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Homeland Security began screening people traveling to the United States from Wuhan, China, where the outbreak is believed to have started.

WHO doesn't enact these emergencies easily, public health officials say. The international health agency has only applied the emergency designation five times since the rules were implemented in the mid-2000s.



A Chinese girl wears a protective mask as her mother pushes her on a suitcase to board a train at Beijing Railway station before the annual Spring Festival on January 21, 2020 in Beijing,

China. (Photo/Getty Images) What is coronavirus?

Coronaviruses are a large family of viruses that usually infect animals but can sometimes evolve and spread to humans. Symptoms in humans include fever, coughing and shortness of breath, which can progress to pneumonia.

Public health officials have confirmed more than 300 cases of the new coronavirus, labeled "2019-nCoV," in China. Some of the patients are critically ill. Health officials have also confirmed

cases in Thailand, South Korea, Japan and Taiwan. Chinese authorities say many of the patients with the illness had come into contact with seafood markets, suggesting the virus is spreading from animals to people. However, health officials say some "limited human-to-human transmission" occurred between close contacts.

How to prevent coronavirus

Global health officials have not recommended any trade or travel restrictions yet.

The CDC, which has deemed the immediate health risk to the American population as "low," is closely monitoring the situation with WHO officials. The CDC is recommending that people traveling to Wuhan, China, should avoid animals, animal markets and sick people.



People can protect themselves from the virus by washing their hands with soap and water, avoiding touching their eyes, nose or mouth and keeping away from sick people, according to the CDC. Many people in China have purchased face masks to protect themselves from the outbreak.

What is a global health emergency? WHO defines the emergency, also known as a Public Health Emergency of

known as a Public Health Emergency of International Concern, as an "extraordinary event" that is "serious, unusual or unexpected."

The agency's director-general is responsible for determining whether an event constitutes a global health emergency, after the convening of a committee of top health experts, according to WHO. The committee advises the director-general on how to handle the outbreak and will continue to provide advice throughout the duration of the emergency.

Declaring an emergency gives WHO

Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus power to issue recommendations, including asking countries not to implement any travel or trade bans.

The designation can also prompt outside help to raise money and other assistance. The last time WHO declared a global health emergency was in 2019 for the Ebola outbreak in eastern Congo that has killed more than 2,000 people. The agency also declared global emergencies for the 2016 Zika virus, the 2009 H1N1 swine flu and the 2014 polio and Ebola outbreaks. (Courtesy cnbc.com)

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The World Health Organization's emergency committee, meeting in Geneva, will recommend whether the outbreak constitutes a public health emergency of international concern – a PHEIC. The panel has backed similar declarations made for outbreaks of SARS, MERS, Ebola, Zika and swine flu.

The WHO director-general, Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, has the final say on declaring such an emergency. If he does, he would then issue recommendations to countries to combat the new virus, although WHO has no enforcement power. The U.S. representative at the meeting is Martin Cetron, who heads the division of Global Migration and Quarantine at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The first U.S. case, reported Tuesday, involves a Washington state resident in his 30s who first displayed symptoms Sunday. He was listed in good condition

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