

MSC FOUNDATION



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Philanthropic entity delivers 100,000 surgical masks

Geneva, Switzerland, 23 February 2020 - [MSC Foundation](#), the philanthropic entity of the MSC Group, has donated essential medical relief aid for China in light of the coronavirus outbreak.

A major batch of supplies – 100,000 surgical masks – arrived today in the country’s capital Beijing and Tiger Yong, VP Government Affairs China, MSC Cruises handed over the delivery to the medical relief office of the Ministry of Transport.

Pierrefrancesco Vago, Executive Chairman, MSC Cruises, said: ‘We at both MSC Cruises and MSC Group are long-time friends of China and naturally we are supporting the Chinese government’s commendable efforts to contain the spread of the disease. I hope that the MSC Foundation’s donations will make, in some way, a positive difference to lessen the hardships its people are currently enduring.

‘Our thoughts are with all the people affected, the medical professionals at the forefront of the crisis, all our employees in China and our partners across the whole country.

‘Looking to the future for when the outbreak has been resolved we will look to honour the medical personnel and crisis respondents with free cruise holidays as our way of thanking them for their selfless dedication and bravery.’

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About MSC Foundation

The non-profit MSC Foundation leads and implements the MSC Group’s conservation and humanitarian commitments worldwide.

Utilising MSC’s global reach and unique knowledge of the sea, the MSC Foundation protects and nurtures the blue planet, helps disaster-struck populations toward recovery and supports vulnerable communities around the world to realise their full potential through education, sustainable development and medical humanitarian programmes.

The Foundation works to achieve this both independently and together with trusted partners that have a strong innovative vision or track record for effective action, including UNICEF, the Andrea Bocelli Foundation, Marevivo and Mercy Ships.

Find out more about the work of the MSC Foundation [here](#).