Eight Provinces and One City, Including Shanghai and Jiangsu, Removed from Mainland Yellow Travel Alert Areas: Taiwanese People Traveling to the Mainland Area Should Still Pay Attention to Personal Hygiene and Health Management

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The Central Epidemic Command Center (CECC) issued a press release on May 29<sup>th</sup> announcing that starting June 1<sup>st</sup>, all cities and provinces in mainland China (excluding Hong Kong and Macao) would be included into Level-1 epidemic travel advisory, and that eight provinces and two cities originally issued the Level-2 Alert would be downgraded to Level-1 Alert, excluding Beijing. The Mainland Affairs Council (MAC) will remove Shanghai, Jiangsu, Zhejiang, Anhui, Henan, Shandong, Jiangxi, Fujian and Hunan from the yellow travel alert areas starting June 1<sup>st</sup> in accordance to the CECC decision.

Beijing is currently included as an area of Level-2 Alert under the CECC latest flu travel advisory. The MAC continues to list the city under yellow travel alert and reminds citizens to be especially vigilant about travel safety, to reconsider travel plans, and to enhance self-care if travel to the city cannot be avoided.

The MAC again reminded Taiwanese people visiting the

Mainland Area to still pay special attention to self-care, maintain hygiene habits such as frequently washing hands and wearing face mask, avoid contact with or feeding birds, avoid traditional markets with live poultry, and also, to thoroughly cook poultry meat and eggs before eating. People who have shown fever or cough symptoms after returning to Taiwan should immediately wear a face mask, seek medical care, and inform physicians of their travel history.