



A doctor heads to a clinic to check on patients' conditions. — All photos by Li Huacheng

# Everyone has a role in a 'war without guns'

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The novel coronavirus outbreak is destined to be a war without guns. After the initial fear, loss and helplessness gradually fades, more and more people are going to the "battlefield" to protect every one of us.

Some people, although they are not medical professionals, have adhered to the forefront of fighting against the epidemic and have become the best of themselves.

## No one is absent

Everyone in Jiading plays a role in the fight against the novel coronavirus pneumonia. Enterprises with social responsibility, ordinary people, grassroots cadres... put them together and they are an important force to defeat the epidemic.

A team of 19 medical workers were ready to serve their mission in Wuhan, heart of the coronavirus outbreak, on January 25. Two days later, three of them joined a nursing team from Shanghai in the first expedition to Wuhan.

"We serve our country and are ready to sacrifice if it is necessary," one of the three said.

The second added: "No country, no home," while the third answered: "Times are calling. It's time for us to play."

Doctors and nurses from Jiading started working in hospitals in Wuhan on January 30. Isolation wards are the battlefields where they fight against the coronavirus. Invisible enemies are everywhere, but they are as cool as ever in isolation suits.

In Jiading, medical staff and public



A truck driver wears a mask as he starts work.

health workers from the district's center for disease control and prevention, and the fever clinics at major hospitals combat the virus 24 hours a day.

Many enterprises and individuals in Jiading donated masks, protective clothing, goggles and other protective gear to frontline medical staff.

Many Jiadingers have volunteered to serve their neighborhoods and communities. Human kindness is priceless. Ordinary people and ordinary things in the national crisis and these brave ordinary people shoulder their social responsibility.

In this invisible war, no one is absent.

Everyone in Jiading is doing his or her duty for the final victory.

## 'Goalkeeper' of Shanghai

Wang Chengqiang, a volunteer from Jiading New Town, braved strong winds at the Zhuqiao checkpoint of G15 Shenyang-Haikou Expressway on the night of February 7.

It was his second time on duty at the checkpoint. Wearing face masks, goggles and protective suits, Wang and his colleagues took the temperatures of drivers and passengers.

Any suspected patient is immediately

taken to nearby hospitals while those from epidemic areas are sent to hospitals in downtown Shanghai.

Checks last throughout the night. It was 6am the next day when the work was over. The sun shone brightly. Wang and other volunteers got together like a fortress amid the coronavirus outbreak.

Party members and volunteers play a pioneering role and take the lead in infection prevention and control.

The epidemic will eventually pass and a better tomorrow is expected. Perseverance and hard work will become the most effective weapon to fight the epidemic.

## Warm messages

Wang Zhicong and his wife are both neighborhood cadres in Fanjia Village in Jiading New Town.

Since the coronavirus outbreak, their mobilephones have been ringing all constantly with messages sent by friends reminding them to be safe.

Wang and his wife are busy at the forefront. They go door-to-door checking identities of returnees and travelers, deliver food and daily necessities to people quarantined at home, organize volunteers, spread knowledge on epidemic prevention and control and report to supervisors every day.

After Shanghai adopted a booking system to distribute masks to residents, Wang and his colleagues worked out details for offline booking at the neighborhood committee.

"I'm more confident in winning the war against virus," Wang said.

"I believe that as long as we do more, the villagers will be safer," he added.