1. [SBU] On August 29, around 150 supporters of the “New Federal State of China” gathered in Osaka’s Utsubo Park wearing matching shirts and waving flags with the emblem of the recently created protest group. On the same day the group held a similar demonstration in Tokyo and in social media postings adherents highlighted an earlier June 30 rally in front of the PRC Embassy in Seoul. While the “New Federal State of China” concept was coined on June 4 by former White House Advisor Steve Bannon and GUO Wengui, a Chinese tycoon resident in New York City, Osaka police could not confirm whether the Osaka demonstration was directly funded by the founders.
Figure 1: Trucks adorned with the emblem of the “New Federal State of China” lead protesters through the streets of Osaka on August 29.

2. (SDU) [(b)(6)] remarked that they were unaccustomed to seeing protest groups with such a level of coordination and funding. While they assumed that the funding originated from the Bannon/Guo initiative, [redacted] said that Osaka Police had not tracked the funding source and were also uncertain of who the primary organizer(s) in Osaka were. The truck rentals alone would have cost nearly USD 10,000 suggested [(b)(6)] He asserted that most participants were ethnic Chinese resident in Japan, with little, if any, presence of Japanese nationals and added that he believed that some Hong Kong residents may have also joined.
Figure 2: The rally finishes in Osaka’s Utsubo Park after passing the PRC Consulate. Participants held signs that read “China Communist Party does not equal China or Chinese People” and “Wake up Japan”.

3. (SBU) While there did not appear to be any sign of counter protesters at the Osaka protest, [b](b)(6) told ConGenOff that the PRC Consulate in Osaka may be seeking to organize PRC international students studying in the Kansai region to be present an upcoming “New Federal State of China” event in Kyoto on September 26. The same contact said that the PRC Consulate had successfully gathered PRC students to counter a demonstration in support of Hong Kong that occurred in front of their consulate in July. The “New Federal State of China” uses Twitter and Facebook to circulate news of its protests, while the PRC Consulate has typically utilized its education center, through which it gathers PRC students to propagate recent political messaging.
Figure 3: Notice for the upcoming September 26 Kyoto rally of the “New Federal State of China” group, with photo of Hong Kong based researcher who claimed that the corona virus that causes COVID19 was intentionally generated at the Wuhan Institute of Virology.
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(SBU/LES) Wuhan Institute of Virology Students Claim Various Affiliations

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After conducting a review of NIV applicants, VPAU confirmed that students likely affiliated with the Wuhan Institute of Virology have indicated that

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(SBU/LES) In 2015, the Chinese Academy of Sciences established China’s first biosafety Level 4 (BSL-4) laboratory in China at the Wuhan Institute of Virology, which became accredited in FEB 2017. Recently,

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VPAU analysis of Department of State (DOS) consular records found that between 01 FEB 2017 and 04 MAY 2020 there were 62 NIV applications that contained the term the Wuhan Institute of Virology, with 61 NIV issuances. Most of the issuances were for B1/B2 (Business/Tourist) visas, followed by J-1 or J-2 (Exchange) visas (see graph left). Approximately 41% of the Wuhan Institute of Virology affiliated applicants applied with Chinese government issued Public Affairs passports. Several of the applicants disclosed during the visa interview their affiliations with the applications which did not contain the term "Wuhan Institute of Virology" anywhere in the application."

A search of applications submitted by applicants in Wuhan, China containing the term "State Key Lab" revealed 30 additional

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1 CBP email to DS/VPAU on 3 MAY 2020.
3 Ibid.
4 CBP email to DS/VPAU on 3 MAY 2020.
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4. The EVDB project number is EVM-2019-0033. All future cables or emails concerning this project must include the project name and number. Please send all correspondence regarding this project to the attention of the program team:

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5. Thanks and regards, ECA/PE/V/M

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After confirming the status of your candidate, please proceed to paragraph 2 for important project information and action items.

Approved as of 11/22/18

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1. The Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) respectfully requests U.S. Embassy clearance from the standpoint of American foreign policy objectives and its responsibilities under Title V of the International Relations Authorization Act, to make a grant award to the Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention. The title of the project is Conducting Public Health Research in China. CDC has collaborated with China on domestic health priorities (i.e. HIV, influenza, TB, emerging infections, malaria, immunizations, the Field Epidemiology Training Program [FETP], emergency response, and laboratory) for more than 30 years. CDC provides technical support, advocacy, and modest funding to address critical domestic health issues in China that have global implications (i.e. detection and response to emerging infectious diseases and pandemic preparedness). China’s reduced reliance on receiving foreign assistance in health, and growing provider of public health assistance to other countries, particularly in Africa,
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1. (SBU) Welcome to the May 2018 edition of the Wuhan Watcher, with reporting from the United States' newest consulate in China, covering China's heartland (Henan, Hubei, Hunan and Jiangxi provinces). This edition includes a leading virology institute’s explanation of the sharp downturn in H7N9 cases this past flu season, how one Chinese company is using facial recognition to control toilet paper use, and preliminary findings from the latest survey of China’s critically endangered Yangtze finless porpoise population.

Health

2. (SBU) Chicken Vaccination Program Credited for Quiet H7N9 Season: Wuhan Institute of Virology officials credited an expanded chicken vaccination program for the successful suppression of H7N9 this past flu season (Ref A). China has reported no human H7N9 cases this past winter and spring, compared to the 2016-2017 flu season, when some 760 human infections were reported, with a nearly 40 percent fatality rate. Institute researchers also credited animal virologist Chen Hualan at the Harbin Veterinary Research Institute for her decade of work on an effective H7N9 vaccine for chicken populations. They expressed cautious optimism on curbing spread of the flu strain, but said it was premature to declare victory. "We
had success this year, but we need to wait," to observe future flu seasons, one official said.

**Government**

3. **Wuhan Steps Up Campaign to Retain, Lure Back Talent:** Wuhan is aggressively luring talent and investment to the city with two campaigns initiated by former city Party Secretary Chen Yixin, Vice Mayor Long Liangwen told Acting DCM Jonathan Fritz in an April meeting. One effort aims to retain 1 million graduates of Wuhan’s universities, and the other aims to get prominent alumni of Wuhan universities like the CEOs of Xiaomi and Gree to return to invest in the city (Ref B). On other topics, he said the city would continue to subsidize the city’s only direct flight to the United States (China Southern 659, originating in Guangzhou and connecting to San Francisco three times a week), even after the United States begins issuing visas in Wuhan. He welcomed the possibility of a U.S. carrier such as Hawaiian Airlines offering a new direct flight. *(Note: China Southern 659 is rarely full, but demand is expected to increase once Chinese travelers can obtain their visa in Wuhan. United Airlines officials have expressed some interest in a direct Wuhan-U.S. flight once U.S. visas are issued here. End Note.)*

4. **Vice Mayor Meeting (continued):** The Vice Mayor also welcomed the A/DCM’s mention of the United States’ long-term interest in establishing a stand-alone consulate compound near Wuhan’s “Ink Lake,” where city officials have encouraged U.S. officials to build a facility. South Korean diplomats have told the U.S. Consulate they are also interested in this area; the British Consulate is not currently interested. A city Foreign Affairs Office staff member told U.S. Consulate local staff that Russia is interested in opening a consulate in the same area near Ink Lake, but does not currently have the budget to do so. The U.S. Consulate’s new facility on two floors of the Minsheng Bank Building is currently under construction with a planned opening in early 2019. That office will offer full consular services including U.S. visas.

**Science and Technology**

5. **Biotechnology Park Uses Grants, Free Land, Rent Deductions to Lure Investment:** An official from the Wuhan Institute of Biotechnology, housed inside the city’s “Biolake” biotechnology park, said that government incentives to biotech firms and startups to invest in Biolake included national and provincial-level grants, free land, and rent deductions. The government seldom uses preferential tax policies these days to lure firms, he said. The park, which broke ground in 2009, is home to 140 start-ups and other established companies, mostly Chinese firms (including BGI, see Ref C), as well as some U.S. firms such as Pfizer, Dupont and Thermo Fisher Scientific. Companies focus on medical devices, pharmaceutical research and logistics, veterinary vaccines, agriculture, genome sequencing, cloning, reproductive health and bioinformatics. It also provides a “service platform” with government-purchased equipment, where firms can rent lab space. The park’s 2016 revenue rose 30 percent over the year prior to hit 100 billion RMB ($15 billion), and aims to triple that number by 2020. The park boasted it had lured participation from 23 experts as part of the “Thousand Talents Plan” many of them *haigui* (sea turtles), or Chinese citizens returning from extensive study and careers abroad.
6. **(SBU)** No-One Available to Talk to EconOff About National Cybersecurity Base: The Wuhan Foreign Affairs Office said that it was not convenient for Wuhan’s EconOff to visit the construction site for the National Cybersecurity Talent & Innovation Base and that there was no one available to talk to the Consulate about the base. The base, under construction in Wuhan’s Airport Economic Development Zone, will be a national-level cybersecurity industry base including an Institute of State Cybersecurity (with a training center and research academy), a residential area with more than 1,200 apartments for “international talent” in cybersecurity, a supercomputer and cloud computing data center, and a cybersecurity science and technology incubator with room for 200 companies. According to news reports, parts of the facility will begin operation next year. Construction began in August 2017. Wuhan is positioning itself as a major national base for cybersecurity and recently hosted an international cybersecurity standards meeting.

7. **(SBU)** Company Using Facial Recognition Technology to Control Toilet Paper Use: Zheng Chengwei, CEO of the A Piece of Paper (Beijing) Technology Company, said his firm is developing high-tech, "intelligent toilet paper" products to meet China's need to upgrade its public sanitation facilities. One of the company's toilet paper dispenser systems limits how much paper it will dispense to 80 centimeters of paper every 30 seconds; if this limit is exceeded the dispenser "locks" for 30 seconds to a minute. Another system uses facial recognition technology (Ref D) to control toilet paper usage, by limiting usage to three pulls of a maximum 80 centimeters each, after which the dispenser"locks" and will not dispense more paper unless it recognizes a new individual using the toilet. While such products might sound like a joke, they are designed to meet a serious public sanitation problem in China, said Zheng: toilet facility owners and operators don't want to install toilet paper, because it is constantly stolen or used up. Zheng will travel to the United States this June as part of an "IVLP on Demand" on public sanitation.

**Religion**

8. **(SBU)** Chinese University Forbids African Bible Study Group to Continue Meeting: A group of more than 20 African students at Wuhan’s Jianghan University who normally meet in their dorm for a monthly Bible study group were recently told they could no longer meet for this purpose. This past December the same university had put out a notice to students and staff forbidding any Christmas-related gatherings. Jianghan University is under the administration of the Wuhan city government. The incident in Wuhan comes as the Chinese government has released new draft regulations on foreigners’ religious activities in China, a move that religious groups view with concern. It also comes amid mounting reports from Christian media of a crackdown on Chinese Christians in Henan Province.

**Environment**

9. **(SBU)** Yangtze Finless Porpoise Population Stable, Researchers Say: Leadership of the Wuhan-based Institute of Hydrobiology said that according to a preliminary analysis of data from a 40-day survey of the remaining wild population this past winter, the population of the critically endangered Yangtze finless porpoise is stable at around 1,000, with some improvement in numbers seen in Hunan Province's Dongting Lake. The porpoise's traditional
range is the Yangtze River's middle reaches and two of China's largest freshwater lakes, the Poyang and Dongting. Its numbers have dwindled due to overfishing, collisions with river traffic, changes to the Yangtze River ecosystem resulting from the Three Gorges Dam, and pollution (Ref E). Separately, a foreign expert who formerly worked on-site at the Institute's dolphinarium noted that while the Institute's leadership was open-minded and had extensive contact with the foreign expert community, the dolphinarium's working-level staff was risk-averse, lacked initiative and was unwilling to implement suggestions from outsiders, even on basics such as animal nutrition. One of the dolphinarium's captive Yangtze finless porpoises is due to give birth in the next couple months; institute staff admitted that they had had many difficulties with keeping newborn porpoises alive, mainly due to insufficient nutrition in the first few months of life.

10. (SBU) National Carbon Market Split to Two Cities for "Balance": An official with the Hubei Carbon Exchange said China's planned national carbon market (Ref F) was split to two locations, Shanghai and Wuhan, to provide some "balance" between China's current seven pilot carbon markets, and in recognition of the Hubei market's leading role in terms of trade volume. As currently planned, Shanghai will host the national market's electronic trading center, while Wuhan will host the "registry" which will register and issue carbon emissions allowances to companies nation-wide. The national government picked Wuhan to host the registry on Dec. 19 last year. The official said the next steps for the national market are to establish the registry system in Wuhan, develop the electronic trading system, and go through a "testing" stage of that system, including with international investor participation. He confirmed that the national carbon market's "test" phase will cover only the power sector initially.
1. **(SBU)** Summary: China was a latecomer to the Ebola response effort in Sierra Leone, but is increasingly asserting itself and has loudly publicized its contributions. This is a list of those contributions to date based on information from local newspapers, Chinese officials in Sierra Leone, and the World Health Organization. End Summary.

China Contributes Funds, Personnel to Ebola Fight

2. **(SBU)** The Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention chartered two planes carrying a team and mobile laboratory to Freetown in September. The team consists of 59 personnel including 29 Chinese CDC laboratory experts. The remaining 30 are healthcare workers from the 302 Military Hospital of China. The team will run a holding center at the Jui China Friendship Hospital in Freetown for six months. The Chinese Ambassador and Sierra Leonean Ministers of Transportation and Foreign Affairs were present at Lungi Airport for the planes’ arrival.

3. **(SBU)** According to a local newspaper, Chinese Ambassador to Sierra Leone Zhao Yanbo announced to Deputy Foreign Minister Strasser-King on September 22 a relief package worth $3 million. The contribution will consist of $2 million in food supplies and $1 million in cash. The ambassador stated China had committed identical packages to Liberia and Guinea and is
sending $800,000 worth of medical supplies to other countries in the region.

4. **(SBU)** China gave $1.6 million to the Sierra Leonean government for case management, infection control, and psychosocial support.

5. **(SBU)** A local newspaper reported on July 14 that the Chinese Chargé d’Affaires Fan Xiaodong signed a protocol with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MFAIC) on April 10. The protocol laid out the framework for a deployment to Sierra Leone of a 16th Chinese medical team to replace the team working in Kingharman Road Hospital.

6. **(SBU)** Chinese Deputy Chief of Mission Fan Xiaodong told Chargé that the workers from the Chinese Railway Company involved in road construction were sent home for the rainy season. He did not know if they would be coming back or whether they could be used for infrastructure projects for the response.

**U.S. CDC Meets with Chinese Counterpart**

7. **(SBU)** Our CDC team visited the Chinese Friendship Hospital and met with the Chinese CDC. George Fu Gao, the Deputy Director General for Research and Lab Management, is very engaging and anxious to plug into the response in a meaningful way. He told Chargé on September 23 that China is under significant pressure to do more.

**Much Ado About Giving**

8. **(SBU)** Chinese representatives in Sierra Leone have gone to great lengths to advertise their contributions to the Ebola response effort. The Chinese government reportedly paid journalists to travel to Lungi Airport to cover the arrival of its chartered flights. Chinese Ambassador Zhao Yanbo participates in donor briefings for high-level visitors and always seats himself as close to President Koroma as possible in Presidential Task Force meetings. He repeats the same list of contributions and has claimed that China was the first country to offer assistance in the form of personal protective equipment (PPE) in April. (Note: This is not true. The United States has been involved in the response effort since March, providing laboratory support, PPE, and other supplies. End Note.)

9. **(SBU)** Comment:

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   End Comment.

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Ambassador’s Visit to the China Center for Disease Control and Prevention
Tuesday, October 10, 2017, 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. (China CDC Campus)

CONTEXT/STRATEGIC GOAL

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KEY OBJECTIVES

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PARTICIPANTS

U.S. Embassy
Ambassador Branstad
Adrienne Parrish Fuentes, HHS Health Attaché
James Brown, Language Officer
Dr. Ron Moolenaar, U.S. CDC Country Director
Dr. R.J. Simonds, U.S. CDC Senior Policy Advisor
Dr. Carolyn Greene, Director of U.S. CDC Influenza Program
Dr. Song Ying, Influenza Epidemiologist, U.S. CDC’s China Office

China CDC
Gao Fu, Director of China CDC
Others China CDC Officials
EVENT SCENARIO

DURATION: 2.5 hours

LOCATION: China CDC Campus

ATTIRE: Business

SITE OFFICER: (b)(5); (b)(6)

EVENT TIMELINE:

1:00 p.m. YOU depart the Embassy for the China CDC.

2:00 p.m. YOU arrive at the Changping Campus of the China CDC.

2:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m. YOU meet with Dr. Gao Fu, Director of China CDC, and tour the Emergency Operations Center.

2:45 p.m. - 2:50 p.m. YOU take a group photo with China CDC officials.

2:50 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. YOU walk to the China CDC Virology Center.

3:00 p.m. - 3:25 p.m. YOU tour the China CDC Influenza Laboratory.

3:30 p.m. YOU depart the China CDC.

ATTACHMENTS:

TAB 1: Biography of Dr. Gao Fu
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GAO Fu  
Director-General, Chinese Center for Disease Control & Prevention  
Professor, Institute of Microbiology, Chinese Academy of Sciences

Professor George F. Gao obtained his PhD degree from Oxford University, United Kingdom and did his postdoc work in both Oxford University and Harvard University. His research interests include enveloped viruses and molecular immunology. He is also interested in virus ecology, especially the relationship between influenza virus and migratory birds or live poultry markets and the bat-derived virus ecology and molecular biology.

Dr. Gao has published more than 450 refereed papers, 10 books or book chapters and has applied and obtained more than 25 UK, US and Chinese patents. His research has recently expanded on public health policy and global health strategy. He led the China CDC team in 2014 to work in Sierra Leone for fighting against Ebola. Dr. Gao is a member (academician) of Chinese Academy of Sciences, a fellow of The Third World Academy of Sciences (TWAS), and a fellow of American Academy of Microbiology. Dr. Gao is a recipient of several international and national awards, including TWAS Medical Prize (2012), Nikkei Asian Prize (2014), and HLHL S&T Advancement Award (2015).