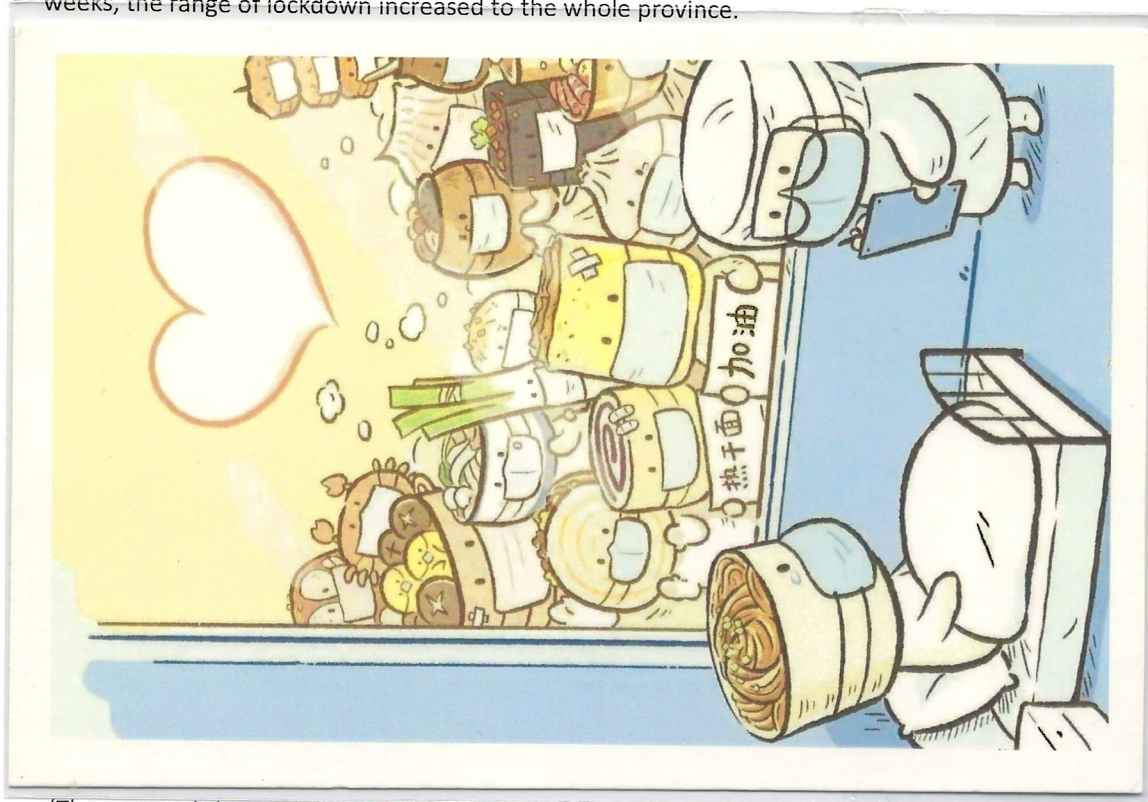


## A journey with COVID-19 in early 2020

On 21 Jan 2020, I flew back to China. According to my original plan, I would spend Chinese New Year season with my family in China and travel back to New Zealand in February. While I reached China, everything appeared to be different. As time went by, the atmosphere in China seemed to vibrate with tension. On 23 Jan 2020, Wuhan started lockdown and there is mounting tension along the rest of China. Therefore I cancelled my holiday plan and prepared to travel back to New Zealand. While on 2 Feb 2020, NZ announced that all people (except NZ PR, citizens or some spouse) were not allowed to enter from Mainland China. Luckily I was exempt and able to enter, while it was quite difficult to get a ticket. Because NZ closed borders to China, most of flights, including my original flight, were cancelled; I tried my best to get a last-minute ticket at a high price and got NZ finally on 4 Feb. After 14 days self-isolation, I came back to work and it appeared everything was all right in NZ at that time. As time went by, however, both NZ and China became worse...

### 23 January 2020, Wuhan in emergency

23 January 2020, a State of Emergency of China was declared, and Wuhan started lockdown, no one was allowed to leave the city and all inter-city transports were cancelled. During the following weeks, the range of lockdown increased to the whole province.



(The postcard shows Wuhan is "sick" with the representative food "hot dry noodles" of the city) .

### 3 February 2020, New Zealand started to close borders

New Zealand government announced that all foreign nationals traveling from or transiting through mainland China will be banned from entering New Zealand as of **Monday, February 3 2020**. I was exempt from the travel restriction, but my original flight had been canceled, so I tried my best to book a new ticket with high price.

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(the boardingpass of my last-minute flight, only those who were exempt from travel restrictions by New Zealand could get on board of this flight)



## Late February till March

The pandemic in China was getting worse while NZ was normal. During February and March, most places in China introduced quite strict travel restrictions. Residents must hold entry and exit permit to travel for essential purpose only. And all non-essential travels were absolutely banned. On **28 February 2020**, first COVID-19 case reported in New Zealand while government did not take any actions yet.



(The postcard is affixed an entry and exit permit issued by a community authority in Kiamusze of China)



## The impacted NZ2020, finished abruptly

NZ2020 is the first international exhibition held in New Zealand since the successful NZ1990 World Stamp Exhibition which is still remembered with pride by locals and with fond memories by those who visited. The theme selected for NZ2020 is maritime heritage and water which are both significant to New Zealand and its way of life. According to original plan, this exhibition was scheduled to be held in Auckland, 19th - 22nd March 2020 at the Ellerslie Event Centre set in the grounds of the Ellerslie Race Course. While because of the impact of covid-19 and a lot of restrictions, the show could not be held properly. On **14 March 2020**, the Government announced anyone entering New Zealand must self-isolate for 14 days, except those arriving from the Pacific, which means the judges and visitors from all other places of the world were impossible to attend the show.

**19 March 2020, the open day of the show**, while NZ government announced that indoor gatherings of more than 100 people are to be cancelled. Borders close to all but New Zealand citizens and permanent residents. Therefore the show then opened as a "national stamp show" rather than international anymore.





## Late March 2020, the end of NZ2020 and the commencement of lockdown in NZ

The Organising Committee of NZ2020 has made the decision to close the event as of 1:00pm Saturday (**21 March**), which means the last day of the show (**22 March**) has been cancelled.

Meanwhile, the pandemic was spreading all over the world, almost everywhere. All passengers arrived in China from overseas must stay inside mandatory MIQ facilities for 14 days.

At 1:30pm of **23 March 2020** the Prime Minister announces New Zealand has moved to Alert Level 3, effective immediately. In 48 hours, New Zealand will move to Alert Level 4.



(The last day of the show was cancelled, but the datestamp was still valid to cancel stamps as postage to send)



## Level 4 Lockdown in NZ

At 11:59pm of 25 March 2020, New Zealand moves to Alert Level 4, and the entire nation goes into self-isolation. A State of National Emergency was declared at 12:21pm. During the period, a nationwide teddy bear hunt is helping keep New Zealand's children occupied during the country's month-long coronavirus lockdown, with tens of thousands of homes taking part.





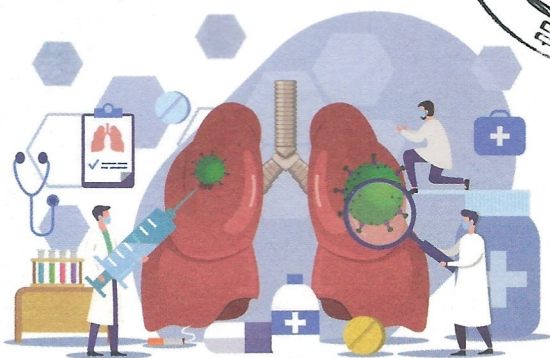
## Wuhan was back

On 8 April 2020, after 76 days lockdown, the state of emergency in Wuhan expired and Wuhan reopened boundaries, the person who stuck in Wuhan could leave the city then. There were no more active cases of Covid-19 anymore.



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(The souvenir cover was issued on the lift day of Wuhan, 8 April, to celebrate the city was starting back to normal)

## 8 June 2020, first lockdown in NZ finished

The Ministry of Health reports that there are no more active cases of COVID-19 in New Zealand. At 11:59pm, New Zealand moves to Alert Level 1. While both NZ and China was still closing borders to other countries, and everyone must stay quarantine for 14 days after entry.



I could travel nationwide in NZ then; the postcards were sending from Tongariro National Park to Auckland. **While it was only mid-2020, what's the next stop, to be continue...**