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CAPAS defers to 2021

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Following the Chinese Government's initiatives to prevent and control the COVID-19 outbreak, the organisers of the Chengdu International Trade Fair for Automotive Parts and Aftermarket Services (CAPAS) have announced the defer of the show's 2020 edition. The fair, originally scheduled from 21 to 23 May 2020, will now be held from 20 to 22 May 2021.

In China, the State Council issued an announcement on 6 April about the prevention and control measures that combat the spread of COVID-19¹. It emphasised the importance of curbing the epidemic while resuming business and production gradually. The notice also laid out a clear framework for public activities, advising that large-scale events should be suspended until further notice.

To actively implement the Government's instructions, and in steps to prioritise public health and safety, the organisers of CAPAS have decided to defer the upcoming edition of the exhibition. The event will now be held from 20 to 22 May 2021 at the Chengdu Century City New International Exhibition & Convention Center, China.

Mr James Yu, Deputy General Manager of Messe Frankfurt (Shanghai) Co Ltd, commented: "We are following the Chinese Government's guidelines to support the containment of the virus. Equally, the wellbeing of our fair participants, contractors and supporting parties is always our priority. It is a difficult but responsible decision to defer CAPAS to 2021. I look forward to seeing our industry friends next year where we can explore the dynamic growth of the Southwest China market together."

CAPAS is jointly organised by CCPIT-Auto, Messe Frankfurt (Shanghai) Co Ltd and CCPIT-Sichuan. For the past six editions, CAPAS has served as a leading platform for business, information exchange and investment in Southwest China's automotive industry.

For further enquiries, please contact the organisers via email auto@hongkong.messefrankfurt.com. Updates can also be found on the show's website: www.capas-chengdu.com.

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¹ "China releases COVID-19 prevention measures for key venues, groups", The State Council of China, 8 April 2020, http://english.www.gov.cn/policies/latestreleases/202004/08/content_WS5e8dd995c6d0c201c2cc07a7.html (Retrieved 10 April 2020)

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Background information on the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade, Automotive Sub-Council (CCPIT-Auto)

The China Council for the Promotion of International Trade, Automotive Sub-Council (CCPIT-Auto) promotes foreign trade and economic cooperation, technical exchange and introduction of advanced technologies for China's auto industry by following the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade and China Chamber of International Commerce charter. It acts as a bridge for Chinese auto industry enterprises to build cooperation and exchange opportunities across the world. In addition, the committee organises three world leading and highly regarded international automotive exhibitions in Beijing, Shanghai and Guangzhou.

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* preliminary figures 2019

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