The new coronavirus outbreak that started December 2019 in Wuhan city, Hubei province, China, is now officially named COVID-19 by the World Health Organization (WHO). The virus has spread quickly all over China and every country in the world is now scrambling to respond to this new emergent infectious disease. What types of countermeasures does each country have in place to fend off the entry and prevent the spread of the virus? In this round-table discussion, we will examine the Chinese and Japanese responses along with insights from an infectious disease expert. We will also discuss the Canadian government’s readiness to face the emergence of this new infectious and potentially deadly disease.

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**Professor Jie Cheng**, on Chinese response

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*A light lunch will be served.*