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## Shanghai Port sees container throughput recover

The container throughput of Shanghai Port exceeded 3.08 million 20-foot equivalent units (TEUs) in April, recovering to 82.4 percent of that of the same month last year, a transport official said Wednesday.

During the first four months, the port handled 15.35 million TEUs, up 1.8 percent year on year, said Li Guoping, an official with the Ministry of Transport.

The port has seen its container throughput continue to recover this month, Li added.

With its container throughput exceeding 47 million TEUs in 2021, the Shanghai Port has ranked as the world's busiest port for 12 consecutive years.

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## China defends dynamic zero-COVID policy after WHO chief's comments

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THE Chinese government has formulated and implemented the dynamic zero-COVID policy based on its national realities and has been adjusting prevention and control protocols according to changing conditions, a spokesman for China's Foreign Ministry said on Wednesday.

The purpose of the policy, according to the spokesman, is solely to protect people's life and health to the greatest extent possible and underpin sustained, sound and steady economic and social development.

Spokesman Zhao Lijian made the remarks when answering a question regarding comments made by World Health Organization Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus on China's dynamic zero-COVID policy at a media briefing on Tuesday.

"In China, we have the foundation, the conditions and the capability to achieve dynamic zero-COVID. We have every confidence in winning this

hard battle and making greater contributions to the united global response," Zhao told a press conference in Beijing.

China's dynamic zero-COVID policy, he pointed out, is not aimed at realizing zero infection, but rather at bringing COVID-19 under control at the minimum social cost in the shortest time possible so as to effectively protect the health, normal life and production of the 1.4-billion Chinese people to the maximum.

Zhao mentioned seeing reports that based on new models by scientists in China and the United States, China risks over 1.5 million COVID deaths if it drops its tough dynamic zero-COVID policy.

"China's dynamic zero-COVID policy has offered effective protection to the elderly and vulnerable groups with underlying health conditions," he noted. "It is distinctly different from the laid-back approaches of herd immunity and natural immunity followed by some countries."

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