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Severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) is a disease in humans which is caused by the SARS coronavirus (SARS-CoV). The outbreak was first identified in Foshan, Guangdong, China, on November 16, 2002. Within a matter of weeks in early 2003, SARS spread rapidly to infect individuals in some 37 countries around the world. The World Health Organization declared SARS contained on 5 July 2003. However, several SARS cases were reported until May 2004.

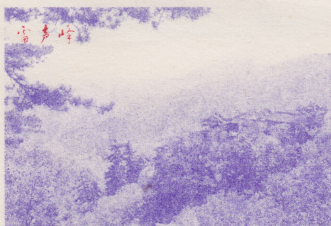
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