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Taipei, Jan. 27 (CNA) A Taiwanese woman who had recently been to the Chinese city of Wuhan was diagnosed Sunday with the 2019 novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV), the fourth such confirmed case in Taiwan.

The woman, in her 50s, was traveling in Wuhan Jan. 13–15 before joining a Chinese tour group to Europe Jan. 16–25, said Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Deputy Director—General Chuang Jen-hsiang (莊人祥).

The patient, who began to have a cough Jan. 22, reported her condition to airport quarantine officials upon her return from Guangdong Saturday, Chuang said.

As of 4 p.m. Sunday, 350 suspected cases of the new type of coronavirus had been reported in Taiwan, according to the Central Epidemic Command Center.

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