

Ministry of Foreign Affairs

People's Republic of China

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During these universally challenging times around the world, the People's Republic of China has remained a central topic in the conversations of global executives, including Canadians. The Canadian business community, after decades of contribution to China's commercial success, firmly believes that China will be among the most critical markets responsible for driving international economic recovery, in both the short and long term.

We, the undersigned, would like to recognize the efforts of the Chinese government in this regard, and our members are keen to continue to participate in this ongoing commercial growth. To that end, we respectfully request that the Ministry of Foreign Affairs consider a clear, public path forward to carefully allow Canadian business executives, educators and their families who reside in China to return from abroad in a safe and expeditious manner. This could be achieved through a national "fast-track" channel, similar to those granted to other countries, or a streamlining of the current process for entry.

- Canadians with residence permits and/or work permits, and their families, should be allowed to safely return to China, provided they meet the required health criteria and quarantine rules set by the PRC, common to those imposed on other returning international residents.
- Canadians residing inside China should be allowed to exit and return to China upon meeting the same aforementioned health criteria, in order to continue to manage their international business operations.
- The above adjustments should be also be applicable to those Canadians returning from regions other than Canada, including the Special Administrative Regions of Hong Kong and Macau.
- Returning Canadians will act in a manner that continues to ensure the safety of the local population regardless of the region in China to which they are returning, and will cooperate closely with the epidemic control requirements and regulations of local authorities.

As you are certainly aware, there are enormous personal, mental and economic costs being borne by these displaced individuals, many of whom have been separated from their families, their children's schools, their permanent homes, or their businesses/places of work, for example, for many months. China is considered safe and welcoming to the thousands of Canadians that reside here, and they are eager to return to their daily lives.

Canada and China are celebrating 50 years of diplomatic relations in 2020, and our long friendship extends many years beyond that. We look forward to recognizing this important milestone with you here in China in October.

Sincerely,



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