The issues facing global companies, and Chinese nationals relocating from China, can be substantial and wide ranging. Cartus recently conducted a short pulse survey of practices among major companies with relocation activity out of China to explore the factors that determine how mobility policies and benefit levels are built, and how companies are adjusting to the changing needs of this group of employees. The Chinese population is increasingly living online and is extremely active on their mobile devices.

**DID YOU Know?**

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**Outbound Moves of Chinese Nationals on the Rise**

51% say Chinese national outbound moves are increasing.

**Assignment Type Trends for Outbound Chinese Nationals Match Evolving Global Trends**

Long-term assignments are still important, but shorter-term assignments are increasing.

- 41% Short-term assignments
- 35% Extended Business Travelers

**Most Frequent Expected Destinations for Moves Out of China**

1) United States  
2) Hong Kong  
3) Singapore  
4) United Kingdom  
5) Australia

**Most Difficult Destinations to Send Chinese Nationals**

1) United States  
2) India  
3) Brazil  
4) France  
5) Russia

**Main Challenges Facing Organizations When Sending Chinese Nationals on Assignment**

1) Immigration  
2) Controlling costs  
3) Educating decision makers on benefits/costs  
4) Tax compliance  
5) Family support & compensation approach (tied)

**Main Challenges Facing Outbound Chinese Nationals**

1) Cultural differences  
2) Immigration  
3) Childcare/schooling  
4) Spouse career concerns  
5) Cost of living & family adjustment (tied)
COMPANIES ARE TAKING STEPS TO IMPROVE RETENTION OF REPATRIATING CHINESE NATIONALS

- Offer career planning before repatriation
- Make assignments part of career development
- Provide assistance in finding a new role upon repatriation

MOST COMMON BENEFITS OFFERED FOR OUTBOUND CHINESE NATIONALS

1) Immigration
2) Home finding
3) Household goods shipment
4) Temporary living
5) Cross-cultural training

POLICY SUPPORT OFFERED FOR OUTBOUND CHINESE NATIONALS

- 38% Standardized global policy
- 25% Core-flex policy
- 25% Mixture of different types of support
- 8% Lump sum
- 4% Full suite of relocation services

SUPPORT FOR FAMILIES THAT STAY BEHIND IN CHINA IS MIXED

- 48% Provide no additional assistance
- 43% Offer an allowance for frequent home leave

DID YOU KNOW?

- 1 billion active user accounts on WeChat
- 90% of WeChat users are between the age of 18-36
- 900 million check WeChat daily with 60% opening the app more than 10 times a day
- 80% follow official accounts*

* Cartus to launch official WeChat platform—June 2018

SUMMARY

As the trend toward a rising population of outbound Chinese nationals continues and the uses of mobile device apps like WeChat increase, we will keep you up to date on the changing assignment types and support that organizations are providing. Cartus has extensive experience in China, moving thousands of employees into, within, and out of China each year. If you have any questions, please contact your Cartus representative, or email us at trustedguidance@cartus.com. And be sure to visit us on WeChat!

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