

EMBASSY OF INDIA

BEIJING

DATED : 30/04/2018

KIND ATTENTION OF PIO & OCI CARD HOLDERS

ALL EXISTING PIO CARD HOLDERS UNDER THE CONSULAR JURISDICTION OF EMBASSY OF INDIA, BEIJING ARE HEREBY INFORMED THAT THE DEADLINE FOR CONVERSION OF PIO CARD TO OCI CARDS WAS FIXED AS 31ST DECEMBER 2017 ON GRATIS BASIS.

ALL PIO CARD HOLDERS, THOSE TRAVELLING TO INDIA ON THE STRENGTH OF THEIR PIO CARDS (HANDWRITTEN) AFTER ICAO'S RULES/GUIDELINES CAME INTO EFFECT FROM OCTOBER, 2018 , WILL BE REFUSED ENTRY AT THE INDIAN IMMIGRATION COUNTERS AND SENT BACK. HENCE IT WILL BE NECESSARY UPON EXISTING PIO CARD HOLDERS TO OBTAIN MACHINE READABLE OCI CARD IN LIEU OF EXISTING HAND WRITTEN PIO CARD BEFORE **30TH SEPTEMBER 2018**.

YOU ARE THEREFORE ADVISED TO APPLY FOR CONVERSION OF PIO CARD INTO OCI CARD BEFORE **30TH SEPTEMBER 2018**. THE FEE FOR THE CONVERSION FROM PIO TO OCI CARD WILL BE USD 100 (EQUIVALENT RMB 689) EXCLUDING ICWF FEE.

AS PER MHA GUIDELINES, IT MAY BE MENTIONED THAT "U" -VISA STICKER ISSUED WITH OCI CARD , IS NO LONGER VALID. HENCE OCI CARD HOLDERS HAVE TO CARRY THEIR MACHINE READABLE OCI CARDS WHILE TRAVELLING TO INDIA.
