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This is in continuation of the Embassy's earlier press release dated 17 August 2020, addressing concerns of Indian students studying in China, essentially regarding their return to their Colleges/Universities. It is reiterated that following the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic earlier this year, the Chinese government had restricted the entry of foreigners into China, permitting such entry only in specific circumstances. While some exceptions have since been made with regard to some categories of foreigners who can enter China with fresh visa, foreign students have not been included in any of these categories.

- The Ministry of Education of China has published on its website that "all overseas students and teachers who have not received notice from educational institutions will their respective not return to their Colleges/Universities until further instructions". The Embassy has been taking up Indian students' concerns with Chinese authorities including the Ministry of Education. The response of the Chinese authorities regarding their stand on the return of foreign students to China is awaited. The same will be updated through a press release as soon as it is received.
- 3. Meanwhile, Indian students are advised to monitor the website of the Indian Embassy/Consulates in China and our social media channels to remain updated about the evolving situation in respect of the return of foreign students to China.
- 4. Indian students are also advised to remain in touch with their respective universities/colleges in this regard.
