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Chinese students study abroad

Emily Chang, CNN Journalist : There are 150 schools here from 17 different countries including the US, the UK, Russia, Japan and Switzerland all of them recruiting Chinese students to go to colleges and graduate schools abroad. Every year more and more students leave China to study in foreign countries. In the last decade the number has grown exponentially to almost 150,000 per year. Now the schools are coming to China from one school fair to another where recruiting is becoming big business.

Recruiter : We had to focus on bringing more students from China for a diversity in our campus.

Emily Chang, CNN Journalist : San Diego State University is just one school on 17-year-old (*girl’s name*)‘s list

Chinese student : If I can study in the US she says I’ll learn so much more.

Emily Chang, CNN Journalist : A common sentiment among ambitious Chinese who place a high value on formal education as do their parents who are able and willing to pay for it.

Student’s mother : Her father and I have saved money for her education so we can afford it.

Emily Chang, CNN Journalist : And in the economic crisis, everybody loves a paying customer. In the UK for example international education is an $18 billion USD export industry, tuition aside.

Jazreel Goh from the British Council : They stimulate the real state. They have to rent. They contribute to the economy. They have to live. They travel.