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Migrant Crisis Worries Chinese Students in Germany

The majority of Chinese students in Germany are concerned by the migrant crisis in Europe and Germany.

The current poll being conducted by the job portal SinoJobs shows that the migrant crisis in Germany, and Europe as a whole, is causing greater uncertainty among Chinese students in Germany as well as their families in China. With numbers over 30,000, Chinese students are the largest foreign student group in Germany.

The poll from the job portal SinoJobs was held in November and December of 2015, and was answered by 5,030 participants. 4,340 of these reported that they are registered Chinese exchange students in Germany or Europe.

When asked whether the migrant crisis in Germany and Europe has caused greater concern among Chinese exchange students, 68.39% answered with "Yes", 10.93% with "No" and 6.16% with "I don't know".

When asked whether Germany or Europe has been made less safe by the migrant crisis, 64.81% replied with "Yes", 10.34% with "No", and 9.94% with "I don't know".

57.65% reported that their families in China are worried about the migrant crisis in Germany and Europe. 17.5% feel that their families in China are not worried. 10.14% replied with "I don't know".

Even so, 21.67% of the students polled reported that they intend to alter their academic plans in Germany or Europe because of the migrant crisis - 39.96% reported that they would consider doing so. The remaining 38.37% see no need to alter their academic plans.

For many Chinese families, a study abroad program provides a guaranteed future for the often only child. Correspondingly high expenses are demanded, and the families back home in China are accordingly tuned in to news from their child's country of study.

The Chinese students are also an important factor for European companies, who recruit future managers from the circle of well-educated candidates. This means that not only universities would suffer from less Chinese students, but the European economy itself as well.

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Our annual Sino HR Conference, German Chinese Human Resources Conference, has become firmly established as the leading event on the topic of German-Chinese HR management. This conference, held in Frankfurt am Main, attracts more than 120 participants from management and HR divisions each year.

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