Resumption of Visa Appointments in China

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On April 30, Acting Consul General at the U.S. Embassy in Beijing William Bistransky announced that visa processing for Chinese students would resume this month and that the embassy plans to handle 2,000 applications per day by mid-May, according to the PIE News [1].

This is following the April 26th announcement [2] from the U.S. State Department on the expansion of the travel ban exemptions to Presidential Proclamations (PPs) 9984, 9992, and 10143 related to the spread of COVID-19. This means that F-1 students and some academics on J-1 visas from China now qualify to apply for a National Interest Waiver (NIE).

Students and scholars are advised to check the Visa Appointment Wait Time [3] website for information for their consulate.

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