

# Some Microsoft Employees in China Requested to Relocate to Different Countries

### **Description**

Microsoft has reportedly asked around 100 of its employees in China to consider relocating to other countries, according to Chinese state media. This move comes amidst worsening relations between Beijing and Washington, particularly regarding technologies like artificial intelligence and clean energy.

Most of the affected employees are involved in cloud computing and have been offered the chance to work in the United States, Australia, or Ireland, among other countries. The sudden decision has left many employees feeling uncertain about their future, as they have been given less than a month to make a decision.

This development is part of a broader tech war between the US and China, with both countries imposing restrictions on various technologies and exports. The Biden administration recently announced tariffs on Chinese imports, while China has retaliated by imposing its export restrictions. These ongoing tensions are likely to impact not just the tech industry but also the global economy as a whole.

## **Vocabulary List:**

- 1. **Relocating** // (verb): To move to a new place or position.
- 2. **Artificial intelligence** // (noun): The theory and development of computer systems that can perform tasks that normally require human intelligence.
- 3. **Restrictions** // (noun): Limitations or control placed on something.
- 4. Tariffs // (noun): Taxes on goods coming into or leaving a country.
- 5. **Retaliated** // (verb): Responded to an action with a corresponding one.
- 6. **Export restrictions** // (noun): Rules or limitations on the export of goods from a country.

## Vocabulary quizzes

#### Multiple Choice ( Select the Correct answer for each question. )

1. Which term refers to an action or choice done willingly without external influence?

Option: Enterprise Option: Inflation Option: Voluntary



Option: Confidence

2. What is the term used to describe a revival or comeback?

Option: Artificial intelligence

Option: Resurgence Option: Expertise Option: Coup

3. Which word best describes something that causes harm or damage?

Option: Criteria
Option: Detrimental
Option: Valued
Option: Retaliated

4. What are taxes on imported or exported goods called?

Option: Outflow Option: Tariffs Option: Applauds Option: Sectors

5. Which term refers to the general increase in prices of goods and services?

Option: Inflation
Option: Applauds
Option: Expertise
Option: Restrictions

6. What is the feeling of trust or belief in someone or something called?

Option: Confidence
Option: Complements
Option: Sentiment
Option: Coup

7. What does ETF stand for in the financial context?

Option: Enterprise Transfer Fund
Option: Enterprise Trading Factor
Option: Exchange Traded Fund
Option: Executive Task Force

8. Which term represents the simulation of human intelligence processes by machines?



Option: Resurgence Option: Voluntary

Option: Artificial intelligence

Option: Valued

9. What is skill or knowledge in a particular area known as?

Option: Detrimental Option: Enterprise Option: Expertise Option: Retaliated

10. What term describes the limitations on goods leaving a country?

Option: Applauds

Option: Export restrictions

Option: Confidence Option: Sectors

## Gap-Fill (Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

11. The committee	the team for their outstanding perform	nance.
12. To qualify for the scholarship studen	nts must meet specific	set by the
university.		
13. The company is	its headquarters to a more central loc	cation.
14. The employee was highly	for his dedication and hard	work.
15. The continuous	of funds from the business led to final	ncial difficulties.
16. The market	_ was optimistic following the positive econ	nomic news.
17. The military staged a	to overthrow the government.	
18. She started her own	at a young age and turned it into	a successful business.
19. The government imposed new	on imported electronic	s to protect local
manufacturers.		



20. The stock market can be very \_\_\_\_\_\_ with prices fluctuating rapidly.

#### Matching Sentences (Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list.)

- 21. Goods and services brought into a country for sale are known as imports.
- 22. Treating people differently without a valid reason is considered unfair.
- 23. She took the initiative to start a recycling program in her community.
- 24. The selection criteria for the job position were clearly outlined in the job description.
- 25. The country retaliated by imposing tariffs on foreign goods in response to trade barriers.
- 26. The healthcare and technology sectors have seen significant growth in recent years.
- 27. It takes time to digest and understand complex financial information.
- 28. The new furniture perfectly complements the overall design of the room.
- 29. An ETF is an investment fund traded on stock exchanges.
- 30. The outflow of funds from the company led to liquidity problems.

#### **Answer**

**Multiple Choice:** 1. Voluntary 2. Resurgence 3. Detrimental 4. Tariffs 5. Inflation 6. Confidence 7. Exchange Traded Fund 8. Artificial intelligence 9. Expertise 10. Export restrictions

Gap-Fill: 11. Applauds 12. Criteria 13. Relocating 14. Valued 15. Outflow 16. Sentiment 17. Coup 18.

Enterprise 19. Tariffs 20. Volatile

Matching sentence: 1. Imports 2. Unfair 3. Initiative 4. Criteria 5. Retaliated 6. Sectors 7. Digest 8.

Complements 9. ETF 10. Outflow

#### **CATEGORY**

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