

Letter of Mao Zedong to Stalin with a request to allow sending Chinese students and specialists to the SU for study and practice

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Comrade Filippov!

To train personnel for Chinese industry and meet the needs of China's economic construction, despite the financial difficulties caused by the war, we intend to send students and workers to the Soviet Union for study and practice this year. The other day we turned to Ambassador Roshchin to convey to the Soviet Government our request to send 375 students to the USSR to study and to request the Soviet Government's opinion on this issue.

In addition, we intend to send 88 workers to the USSR to practice at Soviet industrial enterprises for a period of two years. All of these workers have experience in industrial enterprises in Manchuria; they studied Russian for half a year. The list of trainees will be delivered through Ambassador Roshchin going on vacation to the SU.

If there is no objection on your part, please let me know. We will keep in touch on this issue with the USSR Embassy in China.

With Bolshevik greetings

Mao Zedong