BBC Learning English Media English 媒体英语 Easier UK visas for Chinese proposed 英国将简化中国游客签证手续



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正在中国进行访问的英国财政大臣乔治. 奥斯本宣布英国将放宽对中国公民赴英的签证限制。奥斯本想 利用此次为期一周的访问来提高中英贸易合作和吸引中国企业在英投资。请听 Martin Patience 的报 道:

In his speech at China's top university the **chancellor** said there should be **no limits** on the number of Chinese students and tourists able to visit Britain if they want to. He also **stressed** that there was no country in the West more open to Chinese investment than the UK.

The chancellor shared the stage at Peking University with London's mayor - Boris Johnson. Their **high-profile** visits are a sign of **a diplomatic thaw** between the two countries.

The chancellor's announcement **to relax** visa rules for Chinese nationals will be welcomed by British businesses. They've been calling on the government to ease restrictions as a way of encouraging more **high-spending** Chinese tourists to visit the UK.

Questions:

- 1. True or false? The chancellor says there will be no limits on the number of students and tourists who want to visit China.
- 2. Which country claims to be most open to Chinese investment?
- 3. Which other British politician was the chancellor visiting China with?
- 4. Who is happy about the decision to relax visa rules for Chinese nationals?

Vocabulary and definitions:

chancellor	财政大臣
no limits	没有限制
stressed	强调了
high-profile	备受关注的
a diplomatic thaw	外交关系缓和
to relax	放宽,放松(政策)
high-spending	高消费的

Answers to the questions:

1. True or false? The chancellor says there will be no limits on the number of students and tourists who want to visit China.

Answer: False. The chancellor said there should be no limits on the number of Chinese students and tourists able to visit Britain if they want to.

- 2. Which country claims to be most open to Chinese investment? **Answer:** The chancellor claimed that there was no country in the West more open to Chinese investment than the UK.
- 3. Which other British politician was the chancellor visiting China with? **Answer:** The Mayor of London, Boris Johnson.
- 4. Who is happy about the decision to relax visa rules for Chinese nationals? **Answer:** The chancellor's announcement to relax visa rules for Chinese nationals will be welcomed by British businesses.