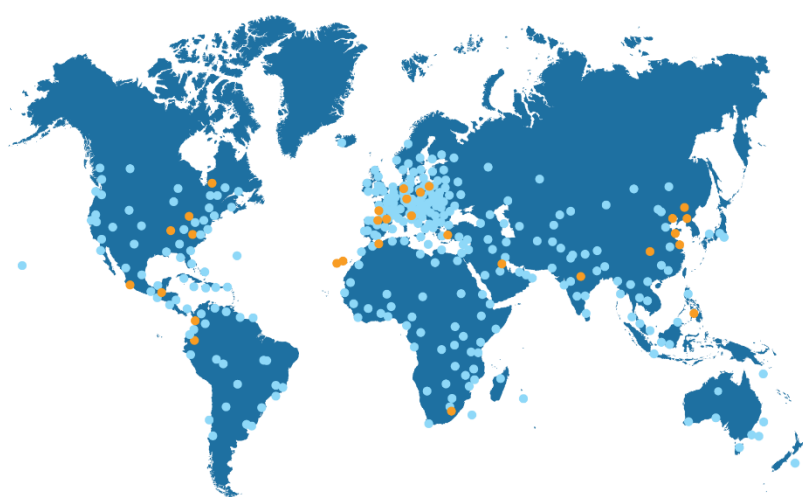


InterNations Opens Six New Expat Communities in China

The world's largest expat community expands its local presence to support the ever-growing number of expats moving to China for work.

Munich, 14 June 2018 — Expats keep moving to China, as a recently published [study](#) by market research company Finaccord shows. According to their research, the number of expatriates in the country is steadily growing and is predicted to exceed one million in the near future. *"The results of our annual Expat Insider survey clearly show that it is China's booming job market which continues to draw expats to the country,"* explains Malte Zeeck, [InterNations](#) Founder and Co-CEO. *"In fact, 55 percent of respondents living in the country moved for their own or their partner's career, compared to only 41 percent of expats doing the same on a global level."*

| 420 InterNations Communities in 170 Countries and Territories



Discover the 30 New Communities

Canada Québec City	Germany Ingolstadt Wolfsburg	Saudi Arabia Al Jubail
China Changchun Chengdu Dalian Nanjing Qingdao Shenyang	India Hyderabad	South Africa Port Elisabeth
Colombia Cali	Italy Verona	Spain Bilbao Gran Canaria Pamplona Tenerife
Ecuador Cuenca	Mexico Puebla Puerto Vallarta	Turkey Antalya
France Nantes	Morocco Tangier	USA Chattanooga Nashville Spartanburg
	Philippines Cebu City	
	Poland Gdansk Poznan	

With more than 75,000 InterNations members as of June 2018, the member base in China has grown by around 42 percent since 2015. *"In order to satisfy this high demand, we opened new communities in Changchun, Chengdu, Dalian, Nanjing, Qingdao, and Shenyang,"* says Malte Zeeck, *"and within just a couple of weeks, up to 800 members joined per new community."* The network is now present in 14 cities across China. In addition to its online services, InterNations Communities allow members to personally meet other expats and global minds. During after-work events and activities based on shared interests, they make friends, find business contacts, and build the personal network that many expats are missing.

China among the Top 10 for Economy and Labor Market

While [overall China ranks a low 55th out of 65 destinations worldwide](#) in the latest [Expat Insider survey](#), expats seem to be satisfied with their work life (21st) as well as personal finance (6th). In fact, they considered the economy and labor market to be the biggest advantage to moving to China (57% vs. 45% globally), ranking the country among the top 10 for this factor. And it seems like they were right, as 73 percent of expats rate the state of the economy favorably. More than half the expats working in

the country (53%) believe that their income is higher in China than it would be in a similar position back home.

Despite the longer than average full-time work week (45.5h vs. 44.3h globally), about seven in ten expats in China (69%) state to be satisfied with their job overall. Maybe it is the feeling of having a secure job that adds to expats satisfaction: 65 percent are happy with that factor, compared to 57 percent globally. China also appears to offer great career prospects, as 64 percent of expats rate this factor positively — eleven percentage points more than the global average (53%). An Italian expat highlights that *“there are many working opportunities”*.

Life in China

	2017*		2016**
Overall Rank	55	▼ 7	48
Quality of Life	52	▼ 3	49
Ease of Settling In	62	▼ 2	60
Working Abroad	21		21
Family Life (out of 45 countries)	40	▼ 9	31
Personal Finance	6	▲ 1	7
Cost of Living	30	▲ 4	34

*out of 65 countries **out of 67 countries

74% generally satisfied



Interested in Talking to Expats in Your City?

Visit an InterNations Official Event and personally meet expats from all over the world who will share their stories with you.

[Find out here when and where the next official event in your community will take place.](#)

To receive a personal press invitation including free access to the event and interview opportunities with InterNations members, please contact press@internations.org or +49 (0)89 4613324-79 and let us know which event you would like to attend.

Read More about the InterNations Communities



Introducing Our Newest Communities

From Changchun in China to Tangier in Morocco, InterNations is launching 30 new communities across the globe. Just as our existing communities, our new communities will offer our members the chance to meet fellow expats and global minds, take part in activities and events, as well as share information, tips, and all things expat on our local forums.



Going the Extra Mile: How InterNations Groups Make New Memories beyond Their Communities

Not only are InterNations members making friends with other expats and global minds in their community, but we are also seeing people using our network to cross borders and reach out to members in other communities across the globe.



Three Million Members — Nobody Stands Alone!

With three million members around the globe, InterNations has grown into a colorful and vibrant community, both online and offline. Our groups help our members to come together to share their hobbies and interests with others in their InterNations Community.

About the InterNations *Expat Insider* 2017 Survey

For its annual, [Expat Insider survey](#), InterNations asked about 13,000 expatriates representing 166 nationalities and living in 188 countries or territories to provide information on various aspects of expat life, as well as their gender, age, and nationality. Participants were asked to rate 43 different aspects of life abroad on a scale of one to seven. The rating process emphasized the respondents' personal satisfaction with these aspects and considered both emotional topics as well as more factual aspects with equal weight. The respondents' ratings of the individual factors were then bundled in various combinations for a total of 16 subcategories, and their mean values were used to draw up six topical indices: Quality of Life, Ease of Settling In, Working Abroad, Family Life, Personal Finance, and Cost of Living Index. Except for the latter, all indices were further averaged in order to rank 65 expatriate destinations around the world. In 2017 the top 10 were Bahrain, Costa Rica, Mexico, Taiwan, Portugal, New Zealand, Malta, Colombia, Singapore, and Spain.

For a country to be featured in the indices and consequently in the overall ranking, a sample size of at least 75 survey participants per country was necessary. The only exception to this is the Family Life Index, where a sample size of more than 40 respondents raising children abroad was required. In 2017, 65 and 45 countries respectively met these requirements. However, in most countries the sample size exceeded 100 participants.

About InterNations

With 3.1 million members in 420 cities around the world, InterNations (<http://www.internations.org/>) is the largest global community and information site for people who live and work abroad. InterNations offers global and local networking both online and face-to-face. At around 6,000 monthly events and activities, expatriates have the opportunity to meet other global minds. Online services include country and city guides created by a team of professional writers, guest contributions about life abroad, and discussion forums to help members with topics such as the local job or housing search. InterNations membership is by approval only to ensure we remain a community of trust.

The InterNations app is available for Android and iOS and can be downloaded for free on [Google Play](#) and the [App Store](#).

Find more information about InterNations on our [press pages](#), [company website](#), [Facebook](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Twitter](#), or in our [Expat Magazine](#).

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