

Dear Students and Homestay guardians:

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) has issued an Advisory Bulletin regarding an extortion scheme targeting international students in Canada (primarily those from China). The scheme involves an automated call from what appears to be a Chinese government phone number. The suspects claim to be a government representative or police officer. Victims are made to believe they are implicated in an investigation in China and are convinced to pay money for the issue to be resolved. The victims in some cases are being told to isolate themselves and avoid Canadian police. Their families are then contacted and extorted for the return of their loved ones.

The Chinese Consulate in Vancouver reminds Chinese nationals in Canada that, should anyone be involved in a legitimate criminal investigation in China, legal documents would be sent by formal written notice through the Chinese Embassy in Ottawa or Consulate General in Vancouver, Montreal, Toronto or Calgary.

The RCMP urge anyone who receives such a call or message to call 911, their local police or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222- TIPS (8477).

The RCMP Bulletin is attached in English and Chinese.

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[Chinese](#)

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