Foreign students: why MIT?

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Foreign students may come to MIT to learn, but two major reasons are the fact that the universities in their own countries are overcrowded, and that they believe MIT offers a better education in technology or science than the universities in their home countries.

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"We see many students from India, Pakistan, Hong Kong, Taiwan, and other countries tend to encourage students to come to the United States," Chamberlain said.

Foreign students are judged "not by their status as Americans, but by their conduct on campus," Chamberlain said. "When they come to study at MIT, they are judged with Americans strictly on the basis of academic merit."