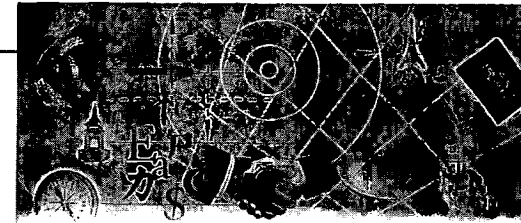


Please remember that the Chinese procedures for obtaining a Chinese passport and permission to travel are complicated and time-consuming. You also should keep in mind that because many businesses are still largely state-run, representatives may be considered officials by the Chinese government, which can slow the visa application process. All applications for visas for delegations travelling on Public Affairs passports are submitted to foreign embassies by the Foreign Affairs Office (FAO) of the appropriate Chinese enterprise. This is a require-

ment of the Government of the People's Republic of China. Sometimes it takes several weeks for the FAO to submit completed applications, collect the passports, and finally return them to the holders once the visa office reaches a decision.

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