

with which you have arranged meetings on behalf of the person you are inviting.

- A notarized copy of your immigration status document (if you are a temporary resident of Canada, to prove that you are legally in Canada).

- 3) In addition, if you have not previously invited any Chinese business visitors or have not invited within the past two years, please provide a copy of your Canadian business registration document, and a copy of the Summary of your most recent Corporate Notice of Assessment form from Revenue Canada.

Please ensure that this documentation is submitted by the Chinese applicant to the Canadian Embassy with the visa application. Urge the applicant to submit the application as early as possible. Most delays visitors experience are due to Chinese internal procedures. You should allow at least five working days for visas to be processed.

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 official delegations are submitted to foreign embassies by the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA). This is a requirement of the Government of the People's Republic of China. Sometimes it takes several weeks for the MFA to submit completed applications, collect the passports, and return them to the holders once Canadian officials reach a decision.

Vaccinations and Health

To get the latest information on travel advisories to China, vaccination information and possible health risks, see DFAIT's site:

www.dfait.maeci.gc.ca/english/travel/cosmos/english/TE055000.HTM(English)

www.dfait.maeci.gc.ca/english/travel/cosmos/francais/TF055000.HTM (French)

Remember that some series of vaccinations take months to complete, so plan in advance.

Don't forget that your provincial health insurance may not cover emergency health care abroad. Check with your provincial medical plan before heading to China to see whether you will need to buy additional medical coverage while you are out of the country. You should buy insurance that will cover emergency medical evacuation. There are Western-style medical facilities in some major cities in China that can deal with routine problems, but more serious problems almost always require evacuation to Hong Kong or home.