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Visas for Chinese Visitors to Canada

In 1997, the Canadian Embassy, Beijing received over 30,000 visitor visa applications, for an acceptance rate of 90 percent. This includes business travellers.

Common reasons for refusal are: failure to submit adequate supporting documentation and concerns regarding bona fides. China is the top country in terms of improperly documented arrivals at our ports of entry (refugee claimants). In order to ensure that visa applications are processed in an efficient manner, we would like to make the following recommendations.

If you intend to invite a Chinese business person to Canada, you should provide that person with the following documents to be submitted with their application:

- 1) A formal letter of invitation that includes your full name, title, business address, contact telephone and facsimile numbers, the name and title of the person you are inviting, the intended duration of the visit, a brief summary of the reason for extending the invitation, and a statement concerning who will pay for the trip expenses;
- 2) A copy of any additional documents that outline the business to be conducted during the visit or business previously conducted with the person you are inviting, which may include, but would not be limited to:
 - Contracts, purchase orders, bills of lading, or service agreements.
 - Contact names, titles, addresses, and phone and facsimile numbers for third parties