

CUAC Triennial Conference - Hong Kong 2008: VISAS – Updated February 25, 2008

On this trip, two visas are involved; one for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (Hong Kong itself) and one for the People's Republic of China (mainland China).

For citizens of many countries (AU, CA, JP, UK, US), the Hong Kong Visa can be obtained upon arrival in Hong Kong for stays up to 14 days. For others, it must be obtained from a Consulate of the People's Republic of China.

*But **all will require a visa to enter mainland China** - the People's Republic of China, which is obtained from a Consulate of the People's Republic of China.*

A list of Consulates worldwide can be found at:

<http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng/wjb/zwjg/default.htm>.

It is good to check with that Consulate as to whether you need both visas or only one.

You can get the application for a China visa at: <http://www.china-embassy.org/chn/hzqz/zgqz/P020070611087242661716.pdf>

***You should apply for Visa L:** Issued to aliens who come to China for sightseeing, visiting relatives or other private purposes. For a tourist applicant, one may be asked to evidence financial capability of covering the traveling expenses in China, and when necessary, provide the air, train or ship tickets to the heading country/region after leaving China.*

*To complete this application, please **send the attached letters to you, and the correspondence between Chung Chi College and Sun Yat-sen University** (Guangzhou, China).*

*You will also **need a passport style color photo**, front view, and possibly a photocopy of your return ticket.*

***On the Application form**, you should indicate:*

***for Question #1.14** that the Purpose of your visit is **tourism**.*

***for Question #2.2**, check of “**single entry valid for 3 months**.”*

***for Question #2.5**, the places you are visiting are **Guangzhou and Shenzhen**.*

***for Questions 4.1-4.10**, the contact information is:*

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Guangzhou 510275
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These materials, along with your valid passport, should be sent to the nearest Consulate of the People's Republic of China. There are some fees to be paid for visas, but the rate seems to vary country by country, and is likely to be the rate which your country would charge visitors from China to enter your country. It would be wise to initiate these procedures at least two months before departure and preferably by the deadline for Conference Registration March 15, 2008.