

People's Republic of China



About China

Capital City:

- Beijing

Largest City:

- Shanghai

Monetary Unit:

- Chinese Yuan (CNY)

Major Languages:

- Standard Chinese or Mandarin

Main Exports:

- Electrical & Electronic goods
- Iron & Steel
- Optical & Medical Equipment
- Textiles

Our Immigration Services in China

Business Travel – Guidance & assistance with business visitor (F) visa applications filed with Chinese consulates abroad

Employment (Z) Visas – For foreign nationals who will work while in China, regardless of length, source of remuneration or location of employment

Resident (D) Visas – For foreign nationals involved in long-term relocation and permanent residence in China

The Economy of China

Home to over one billion people, China has the world's largest population and one of the fastest growing economies in the world. Since the late 1970s China has moved from a closed, centrally planned system to a more market-oriented one that plays a major global role – in 2010 China became the world's largest exporter. It is also investing billions of dollars abroad.

In February 2011 China formally overtook Japan to become the world's second-largest economy. As a member of the World Trade Organization and APEC, China benefits from access to foreign markets. Its foreign trade has grown faster than its GDP for the past 25 years although relations with trading partners have been strained over China's huge trade surplus and the piracy of goods. China's main export partners are the U.S., Hong Kong, Japan, South Korea, and Germany.

Its fast-growing economy has fuelled the demand for energy. China is the largest oil consumer after the U.S., and the world's biggest producer and consumer of coal. It spends billions of dollars in pursuit of foreign energy supplies. There has been a massive investment in hydro-power, including the \$25bn Three Gorges Dam project.

The Chinese government faces numerous economic challenges, including: (a) reducing its high domestic savings rate and correspondingly low domestic demand; (b) sustaining adequate job growth for tens of millions of migrants and new entrants to the work force; (c) reducing corruption and other economic crimes; and (d) containing environmental damage and social strife related to the economy's rapid transformation. Economic development has progressed further in coastal provinces than in the interior, and approximately 200 million rural

laborers and their dependents have relocated to urban areas to find work. One consequence of its "one child" policy is that China is now one of the most rapidly aging countries in the world. Deterioration in the environment – notably air pollution, soil erosion, and the steady fall of the water table, especially in the north – is another long-term problem.

Sources: <http://tinyurl.com/42kwkjs>

Business Travel to China

Foreign nationals who wish to travel to China for business should ensure their passports are valid for at least six months beyond the intended dates of stay and contain at least two blank visa pages. Unless exempt, foreign nationals who will engage in business travel to China should plan to secure an F visa prior to entry.

F Visas are issued to applicants who have been invited to China for the following purposes: business meetings; study or lecture; business tour; scientific-technological and cultural exchanges; or to attend a short-term refresher course or for job-training. Employment in China as a business visitor is strictly prohibited.

Business visas are for single, double, or multiple entries and are typically issued for a period of no more than six months. Once a positive visa history is established, multiple entry visas may be issued to most foreign nationals who have previously been granted a single entry visa. Single entry visa holders must enter China within three months of visa issuance.

To apply for an F Visa, the foreign national must apply at a local consulate or mission abroad. The visa application will generally require an invitation letter from the inviting unit or a visa notification letter/telegram from the authorized unit. The Ministry

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of Foreign Affairs maintains information regarding visa requirements the following link: <http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng/>

Living in China

China is one of the world's oldest civilizations, spanning back nearly 4,000 years. The country covers a vast area in Eastern Asia, bordering the East China Sea, Korean Bay, Yellow Sea, and South China Sea. It borders 15 nations and its climate ranges from tropical in the south to subarctic in the north and is home to over 40 UNESCO world heritage sites.

Generally, expatriates reside in urban areas that offer the best quality of life and access to foreign or western amenities. The most popular destinations for expatriates include Beijing, Chengdu, Guangzhou, Kunming, Shanghai, and Shenzhen. Each area has very different economic and cultural offerings. It is highly advisable to study the general and

specific regional culture and language before moving to China.

Chinese Business Culture

Despite its international influence and economic achievement in the global marketplace, China still largely subscribes to its own unique business culture, which can be perplexing to Westerners. Pervasive throughout Chinese society and business is "Guanxi" or the concept of personal relationships. Thus, the focus of most initial business meetings in China will be on relationship building rather than a specific business task.

Business cards should be double-sided with Chinese characters printed on one side. The card should be presented, Chinese language side up, with two hands. Traditional cards will have characters in gold writing as it is considered a lucky color.

With headquarters outside of Washington, DC in Reston, Virginia and operations in Pune, India, Goel & Anderson is an immigration firm that is international in scope and personal in nature. We are known as a firm that is highly professional and also highly human. We offer clients extensive experience and a comprehensive understanding of all areas of business, employment, and family-based immigration law worldwide.

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Chinese Work Permit Process

1 Employer sponsor applies for Employment License, Representative Certificate, or Expert License which is followed by an application for a single-entry Z Work Visa at Chinese Consulate abroad

2 Application for an Employment Permit or Foreign Expert Certificate

3 Application for Residence Permit at local Public Security Bureau

How Goel & Anderson can assist your organization in China

Organizations that wish to employ foreign workers abroad require an immigration service provider with a record of successfully coordinating and delivering global, business immigration services for multinational organizations. Goel & Anderson practices exclusively in the field of immigration to assist your company with the recruitment, hiring, and retention of foreign workers across the globe, including China. We understand that time and resources are valuable to your business and that staffing an international project can be critical to your business' reputation and success. We are committed to efficiently delivering business immigration solutions that combine broad global coverage with a depth of local expertise.

We carefully select co-counsel who share our service and compliance-oriented approach to meet the needs of organizations doing business in the global marketplace. Our Global Immigration group and local counsel work closely together to ensure comprehensive business coordination and seamless delivery of services. Our immigration services include end-to-end processing, including: business or work visa application preparation and filing; detailed

guidance on the visa stamping/activation and identity card collection; and tracking key expiration dates. Personal representation at the Chinese embassy or consulate abroad and local PSB may be available.

Generally, only locally registered companies in China may sponsor work authorization for foreign national workers. Further, each jurisdiction in China has its own procedures and requirements for issuing work permits. Thus, if your company's Chinese office(s) anticipates engaging foreign talent, an early analysis of immigration options and strategies, as well as a thorough understanding of the sponsorship obligations, will better position your project for success. We also understand that despite careful planning, emergent issues can arise. We are well positioned to assist your business to address unexpected business requirements. Because global immigration matters do not occur within a vacuum and the law is infrequently static, we seek local experts who may also assist with a range of related legal services, including corporate formation, contracts, employment agreements, licensing, and transactions and who will advise of changes in policy and procedures.



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