

Adoption Acts, 1991 and 1998

Information for applicants on the arrangements for the Adoption of Children in the People's Republic of China by Irish Residents

1. General Information

The Adoption Board has entered into an arrangement with the Chinese Authorities to transmit applications on behalf of Irish residents to the China Centre of Adoption Affairs in Beijing. The Chinese Authorities will only accept adoption applications sent to them by the Board. The China Centre of Adoption Affairs will only deal with enquiries from the Board and it will not deal with personal enquiries from prospective adopters or their agents.

2. Timescale to effect an adoption in the People's Republic of China

The Board understands that it may take up to nine months from the time an application is accepted by the China Centre of Adoption Affairs to completion of the adoption by adopter/s in the local province in China. The China Centre of Adoption Affairs has informed the Board that adoption applications will be assigned a number on receipt and that they will be dealt with in strict numerical order.

3. Referral of Children

Currently referrals are received **approximately** seven months after an adoption application has been received by the China Centre of Adoption Affairs. Applicants are advised that the China of Centre of Adoption Affairs has to date referred only one child in respect of each application and have advised the Board that their preferred policy is to have applicants apply to adopt one child only at a time. In **most** cases girls are referred for adoption. Boys and twins are very rare but do occur.

4. **Checklist of Documents to be enclosed with the adoption application**

The following documents are required to compile the adoption application pack.

4.1. Adoption Application;

4.2. Birth Certificate/s;

4.3. Marital Status Certificate;

4.4. Certificate/s of Profession, Income and Property;

4.4(a) Completed **Financial Statement** (Form 1) This should be typed if possible

4.4(b) Evidence of Home Ownership (a statement from the mortgage institution will suffice). If you do not have a mortgage, a copy of the deeds or statement from your Solicitor should be included in the pack;

4.5. Health Examination Certificate/s (Form 2 – please note that a separate form must be completed for each applicant);

4.6. Police Certificate/s;

4.7. Assessment Report; Completed by your assessing Health Board.

4.7(a). Guardianship Letter;

4.8. Declaration of Eligibility and Suitability to adopt abroad, from the Adoption Board on review of your Assessment Report;

4.9. A Letter of Introduction from the Adoption Board. This should specify China has the country of choice for your adoption application;

4.10. Photocopy of Applicant/s Passport/s (that is the section of your passport which gives your passport number, personal details and date of expiry);

4.11. A **Declaration of Identity** is required in cases where an applicant's usual name differs from that stated on their passport - for example, an applicant may be known as Barry but his birth certificate may carry his full name i.e. Finbarr. This is obtained from a Notary Public / Solicitor.

4.12. Photocopy of **Letter of Assurance from the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform known as Immigration Clearance Certificate** (that is immigration clearance for the admission of a child/ren to Ireland following placement/adoption from their country of origin);

4.13. **Two bareheaded passport size photographs** of each applicant.

4.14. **Six photographs reflecting the family's life.**

***Please note that all documents included in your adoption application pack should be original documents except document No. 12, the letter of assurance from the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform. A photocopy of this document should be included. You should retain the original document in your possession and take it with you to P. R. China when you travel to effect the adoption as you will require same in order to have your adopted child admitted into Ireland.**

5. Finalisation of pack with Adoption Board

You are strongly advised to have your application pack checked by the Adoption Board before you proceed to have it notarised. In any case, please ensure that your application has been prepared in accordance with the checklist which is attached at the end of this pack. **You must contact the Adoption Board in advance to make an appointment to have your application pack checked, otherwise you may not be seen on the day.** A standard charge of €2 applies in respect of your application to cover courier costs etc., and you will be required to pay this amount to the Board at time of lodgement of your application in the Board.

6. **Authentication of Application to adopt a child in the People's Republic of China**

The China Centre of Adoption Affairs requires one set of the documents which make up your application pack. The documents should be bound and:

1. Notarised by a Notary Public;
2. Certified by the Registrar, Supreme Court Office, Four Courts, Dublin.

You should ask the Notary to notarise your adoption pack as distinct from notarising every document. The Notary prepares a **schedule of documents** included in the pack and either seals or signs each document. Once your pack has been notarised you must have it authenticated by the:

3. Department of Foreign Affairs, and
4. Chinese Embassy in Dublin.

Advance appointments should be made with each office to ensure that they are in a position to deal with your application. The application should then be forwarded to the :

5. Adoption Board.

Please note that you are required to furnish a photocopy of your entire application pack to the Adoption Board when the pack has been notarised, certified and authenticated by the Notary Public, Supreme Court Office, Department of Foreign Affairs and the Chinese Embassy. The Adoption Board will then transmit the documents by courier to the China Centre of Adoption Affairs.

7. **How to check if your adoption application pack has arrived in China?**

The Board uses the Fed Ex Courier Service. You may obtain the consignment number of your application pack from the Adoption Board once your pack has been collected by Fed Ex. This number can be used to check on the internet that your application has arrived safely in the China Centre of Adoption Affairs. It can take up to five days to arrive in China. The address of the Fed Ex internet homepage which facilitates the tracking of consignments is <http://www.fedex.com/uk>. The Fed Ex customer services number is 1800 535 800. If you do not have access to the Internet you could telephone Fed Ex about seven days after your application has been sent to the P. R. China to check that it has arrived safely at its destination.

8. Specific requirements in relation to certain documents included in application
(please note all documents must be dated when completed)

8.1. Adoption Application:

The adoption application should be completed in letter form (this can be typed or handwritten, provided it is legible) by the adoption applicant/s themselves.

The contents of the adoption application should include the following:

1. Name, date of birth, birth place and nationality of the applicant/s;
- 2) Motivation/reason for applying for adoption;
- 3) The applicant's definite desire and request to adopt a Chinese child;
- 4) (a) A statement of assurance/promise not to abandon, abuse or offer up for adoption the adopted child;
(b) A statement of assurance/ promise that the adopted child will enjoy the same rights as their own biological children, if any;
(c) A statement of assurance/promise to raise and educate the adopted child and to bring up the child in a healthy manner;
(d) A commitment to maintain the child's cultural identity (e.g. through continuing contact with support groups etc.)
(e) A commitment to ensure that all educational and developmental opportunities are made available to the child.
- 5) The adoption applicant/s should personally sign his/her name and in the case of a married couple, both the spouses should personally sign their names. The letter should also be dated.

8.2. Birth Certificate – less than twelve months old:

- 1) The long form of the applicant/s birth certificate/s.
- 2) The birth certificate/s should include the applicant/s name, sex, date of birth, place of birth and the names of his/her parents.

8.3. Marital Status Certificate – less than twelve months old:

- 1) A married couple should provide their marriage certificate issued by the relevant State authority;

- 2) A single adopter/sole applicant should submit an affidavit confirming the applicant's single status and that the applicant is not a homosexual.
- 3) In the case of a divorced applicant/s the previous marriage certificate and the divorce certificate/s should be submitted.
- 4) In the case of a bereaved spouse, a certificate of death of spouse should be submitted.

8.4. Certificates of Profession, Income and Property:

The applicant/s must provide certificates of profession and income.

Applicant/s must also complete the attached Form 1 as certification of family assets. **Please note that this form should be typed.** Information contained in Form 1 must be in accordance with the documentary evidence provided as set out below/overleaf. If there is a discrepancy between the documentation furnished and that stated on Form F1 an explanation in writing should be attached to Form 1.

- 1) The adoption applicant/s should submit a certificate of profession issued by the employer or employment agency, which should include the adopter's profession, his/her position in the organisation, his/her term of employment and his/her annual salary in his/her country's currency and the prospect of continuous employment;
- 2) If the adoption applicant himself/herself is an employer, the certificate of profession and income should be submitted by a certified public accountant. If the adoption applicant himself/herself is an accountant, the certificate of profession and annual income should be submitted by an independent certified public accountant.
- 3) Unemployed applicant/s should submit a statement of unemployment from the Department of Social, Community and Family Affairs, which includes information as to how they are supporting themselves, how much income they have at their disposal and whether they have any plans for employment.
- 4) Retired adoption applicants should submit a statement of retirement, including the date of retirement, their annual income before retirement and details of their retirement income, if any.

8.5. Health Examination Certificate:

- 1) A letter from your GP, on headed paper, stating his/her licence number, verifying that he/she has examined you on (date) and found you to be in good health - subject to the details on your Form 2.
- 2) Applicant/s must complete the attached Form 2 Health Examination Report/s. **The Chinese Authorities have stated that the health reports must be completed in full (i.e. all parts of the form must be completed).** They have further stated that if the handwriting is illegible, the report will be considered as null and void;
- 3) As part of the medical applicant/s are required to undergo:
 - (i) A HIV Test;
 - (ii) A Hepatitis Test (HbsAg);
 - (iii) A Thyroid Function Test;
 - (v) Liver Function Test;
 - (iv) A Full Blood Count;

(In relation to the blood test the Board wish to advise that a base line blood test which indicates that the applicant/s is in good health will suffice). The Chinese Authorities will not accept applications unless applicants co-operate with this requirement. The test results should be stated in the applicant/s medical report and documentary evidence of the tests should be attached to the applicant/s medical report. Please note that the applicant's full name must appear on the test results – some doctors only put down part of a persons name to preserve their identity but this will not be acceptable to the Chinese Authorities.
- 4) Where an applicant/s is on medication, the kind of medication, its usage and efficacy must be specified in a doctor's letter which should be attached to the medical report;
- 5) Where an adoption applicant/s has suffered from a serious illness or had surgery, a special medical report must be provided, including the period of time the applicant was ill or had surgery, the nature of the

illness and surgery, the course of treatment and its result, the prognosis, whether the patient has recovered and whether the patient needs further medical treatment because of his/her condition and an opinion as to whether or not the applicant is suitable to adopt a child on medical grounds. If the Consultant who was involved with the case at the time is no longer available, the applicants GP can write a letter giving the above details;

- 6) Where a sole applicant is co-habiting with someone of the opposite sex, a full medical report must be provided in respect of the person they are co-habiting with;
- 7) The medical certificate/s shall be valid for twelve months from the date of the medical examination (taking the date of the examination as commencement) on the date the application is registered by the China Centre of Adoption Affairs.

8.6. Police Certificate/s:

- 1) The adoption applicant/s should submit a Police Certificate to indicate whether or not the applicant/s have any criminal record. This certificate should be obtained through your local Garda Station;
- 2) If the adoption applicant/s have lived overseas away from his/her country of constant residence during the last five years for over a year, the applicant/s should submit a corresponding certificate/s from the country of residence to indicate whether or not the applicant/s have any criminal record at that residence;
- 3) Where a sole applicant is co-habiting with a member of the opposite sex, a police clearance certificate/s must be provided in respect of the person they are co-habiting with;
- 4) The certificate remains valid for 12 months starting from the date when the certificate was issued to the date of registration of the application by the China Centre of Adoption Affairs.

8.7. Home Study Report:

- 1) **Number of visits:** The Home Study Report should set out the number of visits by the Social Worker, the time and place of the visits and the

method of assessment used by the Social Worker. The number of interviews must be a minimum of four including home interviews.

- 2) **Motivation for adoption:** The Home Study Report should describe in detail the applicant's motivation and reason for adoption and his/her decision to adopt from China; their understanding of intercountry adoption, the potential risk of developmental delay in children available for adoption, their understanding and mental preparedness for this situation and the possibility that the child might not easily adapt to his/her new environment.
- 3) **Family background/brief introduction to the applicant/s:** The report should include details on the adoption applicant's family background, including the applicant's education, work experience, interests and hobbies, religion, leisure activities and his/her relationship with parents and siblings etc.
- 4) **Marital status:** Information on the couple's views of each other, their attitude towards marriage, how they resolve disputes with each other and their level of satisfaction with their marriage. In the case of sole applicants, information as to how they view their single status; whether they plan to marry in the future and their attitude towards their adopted child/ren if they do marry. In the case of divorced/separated applicant/s the cause of the breakdown in the relationship/s.
- 5) **Children:** Information as to whether the applicant/s have children or marriage, adopted children or children born outside marriage. Details of the children's sex, age, interests and education; information as to whether or not the children live with the applicants if born into a previous marriage. If the children are aged over ten years and live with the applicants, their views on the adoption must be stated clearly in the report.
- 6) **Health Status:** The health status of the adoption applicant/s should be given strictly according to the facts, which include whether or not the applicant suffers from mental and/or psychological illness and any unfavourable elements which will effect the bringing up of the child. The medical report must be completed by a registered medical practitioner. The Social Worker must give an assessment on the health

status of the applicants in order to determine if they are suitable to adopt a child.

- 7) **Financial Status:** Regarding family income, the home study should reflect the adopter's net income, such as gross and net annual salary, benefits from investments, interests and family fixed assets. The Social Worker should give their assessment of the family's financial capacity to adopt.
- 8) **Police clearance:** Information as to whether or not the adoption applicant/s have a history of alcoholism, substance abuse, pilferage, domestic violence, child abuse and/or other harmful behaviours, even if they have not been convicted and details of any criminal record or any penalty meted out. The Social Worker should give their assessment of the applicant's suitability to adopt in this event.
- 9) **Living conditions:** Information on the applicants living conditions including the area of their home and the environment and the community; the schools, medical and other facilities or amenities in the area. The community environment where the adoption applicant/s lives in should be mentioned in the study, in particular, the ethnic attitude toward accepting children from other cultures. The Social Worker should give their assessment of the suitability of the environment for a child.
- 10) **Parenting capacity:** Information on the applicants parenting capacity and if they wish to adopt a special needs child their preparedness to cope with a special needs child.
- 11) **Other persons in household:** The relationship between persons living in the same household and their reasons for residing in the household. Sole applicants residing with persons of the same sex must submit a statement that they are not homosexuals and the assessing Social Worker must give a reasonable assessment. Sole applicants residing with members of the opposite sex must give a true account of the other persons attitude towards his/her plans to adopt a child from China and their relationship to one another.
- 12) **Guardianship:** The adoption applicant/s should nominate a guardian for the child in case of unforeseen events or premature death of the applicant/s and should state the level of commitment on the part of the

guardian. Information should be provided as to the guardian/s age, profession, marital status, children, health and financial situation and the Social Worker should state their views on the suitability of the person/s nominated to act as guardian. The guardian/s must provide a statement in writing that they are willing to be guardian/s to the child/ren.

- 13) **Unfavourable recommendation from Social Worker:** Information as to why the applicants have not been recommended. If the applicants have been approved but were previously rejected, a copy of the original assessment report and the reasons for not recommending the applicants must be included in the application.
- 14) **Recommendation:** The report should include a recommendation from the Social Worker as to whether or not the adoption applicant/s are qualified for adoption and should put forward suggestions of the child's age and health status having regard to the applicants wishes.

8.8. Declaration of Eligibility and Suitability to adopt abroad:

The Declaration of Eligibility and Suitability issued by the Adoption Board to the applicant/s approved to adopt abroad must be included in the application.

9. Requirements in relation to the date of certain documents

It is important to note that it is a requirement of the Chinese Authorities that the Medical Report/s, Police Certificate/s of Character, Birth Cert/s and Marriage Cert (if applicable) are **less than 12 months old on the date they are registered in the China Centre of Adoption Affairs.**

10. Referral of Child

The China Centre of Adoption Affairs will, if it is satisfied that the application is in conformity with the provisions of Chinese Adoption Law, assist in matching a child with an applicant/s. The Centre will forward details of the child who has been matched with the applicant/s to the Board. The Board will then contact the applicant/s to inform them that the referral has been received. Applicant/s will be

given the option of coming in to collect the referral themselves, of having it posted to them or they can arrange for a courier to collect it.

The referral will include the child's name, date of birth, photograph, background and medical details. Applicants are strongly advised to obtain medical advice on the child's health status before confirming that they wish to proceed with a referral. Applicant/s must return the original of the referral signed by both of the applicants to the Board indicating whether they are accepting or rejecting the child. If the applicant/s accept the child the China Centre of Adoption Affairs will forward an invitation to travel to the Board which will then transmit the invitation to travel to the applicant/s. The letter of invitation to travel usually arrives within three to four weeks. The applicant/s must apply to the Chinese Embassy for a visa to travel to China to complete the adoption formalities. **It will be a matter for the China Centre of Adoption Affairs to decide whether a second chance will be given to applicant/s who do not accept the child referred to them in the first instance.**

It is recommended that when applicants travel to China they bring a copy of their Pack with them. This is useful to have when you are filling out the necessary forms for the adoption.

11. Travel Arrangements

The applicant/s must travel to China to complete the adoption formalities in respect of the child referred to them. The China Centre of Adoption Affairs has strongly recommended that applicant/s use one of the following travel agents who are experienced in dealing with foreigners travelling to China to adopt;

- 1) Bridge of Love Adoption Service, 4th floor, Zhongmin Building, No.7 Baiguang Road, Xuanwu District, Beijing, 100053 China

Tel: (8610) 63575793

Fax: (8610) 63575791

E-mail: blaslxb@163bj.com

- 2) China Travel Service, 2 Beisanhuan East Rd., Beijing 100028, China.
Tel : 64612595 & 64622288
Fax : 64603195

- 3) China Women's Travel Service, 103, Dong Si Nan Jie, Beijing 100010, China.
Tel : 65230804 & 65254272
Fax : 65129021

- 4) China International Welfare Travel Service, No. 7, Changqinyuan, Chongwen District, Beijing 100061, China.
Tel : 67115380
Fax : 67115395

It is usual for intending adopter/s to fly to Beijing/Shanghai first and then to the Province in question. **Should your flight plans involve a stopover you are strongly advised to check if there are visa requirements in that country for both yourself and your child.** Please note that there may be additional requirements if there are other children named on your passport/s.

12. **Registration of Adoption in the People's Republic of China**

Prior to, during or immediately after receiving the child, the applicant/s will be given a contract to sign. This contract is a commitment by the intending adopter/s to assume full responsibility for the child. After the contract has been signed applicant/s must attend in person the Civil Administration Department of the local People's Government in the Province to handle the adoption registration.

In handling the adoption registration the applicant/s must provide the following documents:

- (a) The original and a photocopy of the notice of invitation to travel to China which the applicant/s will have received from the China Centre of Adoption Affairs.

- (b) The original and a photocopy of the applicants passports and two passport size photographs of the applicant/s.
- (c) The contract which the applicant/s signed prior to receiving the child.

An Adoption Registration Certificate will be issued within three days of the date of receiving the Adoption Registration Application.

13. Notarisation of Adoption in the People's Republic of China

After the registration of the adoption, the applicant/s must attend in person the Notary office of the Province to have the adoption notarised. In handling the notarisation procedure, the applicant/s are required to provide, in addition to the documents required for the registration procedure, the Adoption Registration Certificate. The Notary office will notarise the adoption within three days of the date of receiving the adoption notarisation application. When the notarisation procedure is completed the adopter/s will receive a notarised copy of the child's birth certificate, health certificates and an adoption certificate. These documents will be sealed and translated into English.

14. Obtaining a Chinese Passport and a Visa for Child

The adopter/s must then attend the local Police Department which will examine all the documents and issue a passport (this takes 5 days). **The child will travel back to Ireland on their Chinese passport, using their Chinese name.**

While the application is being dealt with by the local officials, the applicant/s will have to stay in a local hotel. When the adoption has been completed, the applicant/s will have to return to Beijing/Shanghai and proceed to the Irish Embassy, Beijing or Irish Consulate Shanghai, to obtain a visa on the child's Chinese Passport. Please note that the Irish Embassy will be unable to issue this visa without the Immigration Clearance Certificate [letter of assurance issued to applicant/s by the Department of Justice] on foot of their declaration.

Should your flight plans involve a stopover you are strongly advised to check if there are visa requirements in that country for both yourself and your child. For

example if the applicant/s return to Ireland is via Britain the child's passport must also be stamped with a British transit visa.

15. Cost of the Adoption

Note – The fees detailed at No’s 1 & 2 are paid when making your application to China.

The fees set out at No’s 3 & 4 are paid while you are in China.

No.	Cost	Details
1.	US\$365	<p>To China Centre of Adoption Affairs to process the application. This payment must be made by way of a bank draft made payable to the China Centre of Adoption Affairs, which must be attached to the adoption application when submitted to the Board.</p> <p>Take great care to ensure this is accurate as it is the one document your notary does not get to check.</p>
2.	US\$350	<p>This must be paid to the Bridge of Love Adoption Service (BLAS) by wire transfer or cheque <u>before</u> the application is forwarded to China. (This fee is made up of a translation fee of U.S.\$200, checking fee of U.S.\$100 and a copying fee of U.S.\$50) The BLAS account no. is 2015030097, Swift Code C.O.M.M.C.N..S.H.B.J.G. at the Bank of Communications, Beijing Branch, Dongdan Sub-branch, No. 112 Dongdan North Street, Dongcheng District, Beijing, People's Republic of China, 100005.</p> <p>Please note that the transfer of funds is a financial transaction and the Board has no role in this matter. Your bank should make the appropriate arrangements in relation to the transfer of funds by wire transfer, ie. locate the necessary sort code’s etc.</p> <p>Proof of this transfer is required to be given to the Adoption board with your pack.</p>
3.	US\$3,000	<p>Once the adoption has been finalised applicants are asked to make a donation of US\$3,000 to the Welfare Institution where the child was placed for adoption. Good quality notes recommended.</p>

4.	US\$1,000- \$1,500	This covers the notarisation, registration and passport fees, which vary from Province to Province. It is recommended that you carry this money in small denominations.
5.		Applicant/s will also have to pay their travel and hotel expenses.

16. Power of Attorney to effect an adoption

Where a married couple propose adopting a child and where one of them cannot travel to China or travel to the local Province to complete the adoption formalities, he/she may give Power of Attorney to his/her spouse to act on his/her behalf. The Power of Attorney must be notarised and authenticated before travelling to China.

It is worth considering including the power of attorney in your application Pack even though both applicants intend on travelling. That way if something unexpected were to happen, and only one of you was able to travel, you would not need to obtain any extra documentation.

17. Preparation of adoption application

It is important that you adhere strictly to these guidelines in compiling your application to adopt in the People's Republic of China. If there is any change in your circumstances following the transmission of your application to P. R. China, you are required to inform the Board in a timely fashion who will in turn advise the Chinese Authorities. The Board is available to answer any additional queries you may have in relation to the process and can be contacted by telephone at **01-2309300**. As it may be some time before you compile your application, you should contact the Board when you are ready to embark on that process, in order to ensure that you are aware of up-to-date procedures.

18. You will find information from the Bridge of Love Adoption Service attached to the end of this information leaflet which may be of interest to you. Finally, the Board wishes you well with your application to adopt in the People's Republic of China.

Useful Contact Details

- **China Centre of Adoption Affairs**

www.china-ccaa.org

- **Chinese Embassy**
40 Aylesbury Road
Ballsbridge
Dublin 4

Ph: 01-2691707

Opening Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9am til 12noon sharp.

- **Supreme Court**
1st Floor
Four Courts
Dublin 1

Ph: 01-8886568

Opening Hours: Monday – Friday 10.30am – 4.30pm

- **Department of Foreign Affairs**
69/71 Hainault House
St Stephen's Green
Dublin 2

01-4780822

Opening Hours: Monday – Friday 10am-1pm and 2pm-4pm

- **Irish Chinese Contact Group**
Anne McKernan,
Chairperson,
“St. Anthony's”
Silver Manor,
Ballinlough,
CORK.

www.iccg.ie

FORM 1

CERTIFICATE OF FINANCIAL STATUS

APPLICANTS' NAMES: _____

	<u>This year</u>	<u>Last year</u>
Annual Income:	Self/husband Self/wife	
Other Annual Income:	Self/husband Self/wife	
Life Insurance:	Self/husband Self/wife	

ASSETS	VALUE
Personal Property (vehicles and others)	
Real Estate: (Residence and others)	
Stocks and Bonds	
Savings Account(s)	
Current Account(s)	
Other Investment	

TOTAL ASSETS (Not including income & insurance):

LIABILITIES:	MONTHLY PAYMENT:	TOTAL OWED:
Credit Cards		
Home Mortgage		
Other Liabilities:		

TOTAL LIABILITIES:

NET WORTH:

I/We attest that the above-mentioned financial statement is an accurate summary of my/our assets, liabilities and others.

Signature: _____ **Signature:** _____

Date: _____ **Date:** _____

FORM 2

**CERTIFICATE OF GENERAL PHYSICAL EXAMINATION
FOR ADOPTION APPLICANT**

TO EXAMINING PHYSICIAN:

Your medical report is of paramount importance to the China Centre of Adoption Affairs in its examination of the adoption qualification of the adopters. You are kindly requested to fill in all the blanks in clear and legible writing/typing. Thank you for your co-operation.

Applicant's Name: D.O.B.

Address:

MEDICAL HISTORY:

Have you ever had Tuberculosis?	No/Yes
Tumour?	No/Yes
Heart Disease?	No/Yes
Liver Disease?	No/Yes
Sexual Disease?	No/Yes
Neuropathy?	No/Yes
Mental Disease?	No/Yes
Other Communicable Disease?	No/Yes
Alcoholism or Abuse of Substance?	No/Yes
Any Genetic Disease?	No/Yes
Any Operation?	No/Yes

PHYSICAL EXAMINATION:

Height: _____ metre(s) Weight: _____ kg Blood pressure: _____

Vision: Left _____ Right _____

Hearing: Left: Normal/Abnormal Right: Normal/Abnormal

Heart: Normal/Abnormal Liver: Normal/Abnormal

Lung: Normal/Abnormal Lymph: Normal/Abnormal

Thyroid: Normal/Abnormal Nerve system: Normal/Abnormal

Blood test (Date of Test):

Routine Blood Test: Normal/Abnormal HbsAg: Negative/Positive

Liver Function: Normal/Abnormal

Urinalysis (Date of Test)

Routine Urine Test: Normal/Abnormal

HIV Test (Date of Test): _____ Negative/Positive

Is the patient taking any medication? ____ For what Purpose? _____

PHYSICAL TEST RESULT:

Is there any physical, mental or psychological unfavourable elements of the adoption applicant, which will affect the upbringing of the child? _____

Is the adoption applicant's state of health suitable for raising a child? _____

Physician's Signature: _____ Date: _____

MD License No.: _____

IMPORTANT NOTE: Blood test and HIV tests must be carried out in respect of each patient. This form is only valid for a period of twelve months commencing from the date of the medical examination to the date of registration in China.

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Any Genetic Disease?	No/Yes
Any Operation?	No/Yes

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Heart: Normal/Abnormal Liver: Normal/Abnormal

Lung: Normal/Abnormal Lymph: Normal/Abnormal

Thyroid: Normal/Abnormal Nerve system: Normal/Abnormal

Blood test (Date of Test):

Routine Blood Test: Normal/Abnormal HbsAg: Negative/Positive

Liver Function: Normal/Abnormal

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MD License No.: _____

IMPORTANT NOTE: Blood test and HIV tests must be carried out in respect of each patient. This form is only valid for a period of twelve months commencing from the date of the medical examination to the date of registration in China.

CHECKLIST OF DOCUMENTS

NO.	DOCUMENT	DETAIL	STATUS
1.	Letter of Application to Chinese Adoption Authority	Request to be considered for adoption	
2.	Birth Certificate	Applicant 1 Applicant 2	
3.	Marriage Certificate	If applicable	
4.	Divorce Certificate	If applicable	
5.	Bereavement Certificate	If applicable	
6.	Affidavit of Sole Applicant		
7.	Employment Details	Applicant 1 Applicant 2	
8.	Financial Details	Form F1	
9.	Evidence of Home Ownership		
10.	Medical Reports	Letter from Dr (1) Blood Tests (1) Letter from Dr (2) Blood Tests (2)	
11.	Police Certificate/s	From Local Garda Station: Applicant 1 Applicant 2	
12.	Original Assessment Report	Prepared by Health Board / Adoption Society	
13.	Guardianship Agreement	Prepared by your Social Worker	
14.	Declaration of Eligibility and Suitability	From Adoption Board	
15.	Letter of Introduction	From Adoption Board	
16.	Copy of detail page of passport/s		
17.	Declaration of Identity	If necessary	
18.	Photocopy of Immigration Clearance	Dept of Justice	
19.	Passport Photos	Applicant 1 Applicant 2	
20.	Six home and family photos		
21.	Proof of wire transfer to BLAS	\$350	
22.	Bank draft to CCAA	\$365	

The Packs must be:

- Bound and Notarised by a Notary Public;
- Certified by the Registrar in the Supreme Court;
- Authenticated by the Department of Foreign Affairs.

BLAS

BLAS of CCAA, at the requests of some agencies and adoptive families, plans to organise for number of families to come back to China to visit the places where their children lived, to trace roots, and go on sightseeing activities to some scenic spots.

The theme of this program is “Love Forever”. The idea they wish to express is that China is the mother of every Chinese child. Wherever they go, their mother would miss them and vice versa, they will love their mother forever. They could not forget mother’s loving-kindness. This kind of eternal love is a flesh-and-blood tie and should be extolled forever.

They have made arrangements for the following activities:

1. To visit China Centre of Adoption Affairs and BLAS, to visit the exhibition of “the Developing Foreign-Related Adoption Affairs”, to visit the children’s welfare institutes to find their footprints that had left.
2. To stay in the cities where the institutes are to go natural sightseeing and to understand local customs.
3. To hold various, colourful and commemorative activities and parties, such as singing and dancing, calligraphy, painting, commemorative gifts for each other and making friends etc.
4. To travel other cities and visit some historical places and scenic spots, such as Changsha, Nanchang, Guangzhou, Hangzhou, Wuhan, Nanjing, Hefei, etc.
5. If you happen to arrive at Beijing around the National Day, (that’s October 1st) you will have chances to participate in the celebrating activities for the 50th anniversary of the founding of the People’s Republic of China.

The Tourism Department of BLAS has worked out seven tourist routes for you. They will coordinate with the well-known top-quality international travel services offering first class services to you all. And you will enjoy your most pleasant stay in China. This must become warmer and memorable. Let’s help the adoptive families with our mutual efforts to fulfil their dreams of coming back to China. BLAS is authorised to organise this program and feels greatly honoured to offer its services to you.

We kindly request you (adoption agency) to let the adoptive parents know about our program, give them the Tour Routes List and the Investigation Form. We are eager to receive feedback information from you and the adoptive families. We will make arrangements and price at your requests.

Kindest Regards

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Love Forever

TOUR ROUTES

Routes (6 nights 7 days) :

1. Beijing – Changsha – (Welfare institute) – Beijing
2. Beijing – Wuhan – (Welfare institute) – Beijing
3. Beijing – Nanjing – (Welfare institute) – Beijing
4. Beijing – Hefei – (Welfare institute) – Beijing
5. Beijing – Nanchang – (Welfare institute) – Beijing
6. Beijing – Hangzhou – (Welfare institute) – Beijing
7. Beijing – Guangzhou – (Welfare institute) – Beijing

LOVE FOREVER

INVESTIGATION FOR PROGRAM OF COMING BACK TO CHINA

1. INFORMATION

Residential Place: _____ (State) _____ (Country)

The Name of Adoption Agencies _____

Father's Name _____ Mother's Name _____

Your enfant:

English Name _____ Chinese Name _____

Birth Residential Date _____ (D/M/Y)

Hobbies _____

The Time to Adoption _____

In Which Welfare Bureau _____

Number of the *Notice of Coming to China for Adoption* _____

From which Office to Get the Certificate _____

Other Remarks _____

2. THE INFORMATION OF COMING BACK TO CHINA FOR TOUR AND VISITING THE CHILDREN'S HOMETOWN TO FIND THEIR ORIGINS.

Are you eager to coming back and visit China with your children?

Yes _____ No _____ Maybe in the future _____

Which places do you and your family want to go first?

What is the best tourist time that you and your family prefer?

What programs do you and your family want to participate in?

What other demands do you have?

What services you and your family need us to provide?

Your Address:

Tel:

Fax:

E-mail:

REMARKS: