

Visa Application

For attending the Conference in Hong Kong

Visa requirements are different according to each country. Visitors to Hong Kong must hold a passport that is valid for at least six months before the planned departure date to Hong Kong. Visitors from most countries are not required to obtain visas and can stay for periods varying from 7 days to 180 days, depending on nationality. Please check the web site of the Hong Kong Immigration Department

(http://www.immd.gov.hk/ehtml/hkvisas_4.htm#part2) and the Chinese embassy or consulate to find out whether you need to apply for an entry visa to Hong Kong.

For attending the Conference in Shenzhen

China Visa is required to all the overseas passport holders for entry into, exit from or transit through Chinese territories for visiting purpose, traveling or business. Participants should make their own visa arrangement. Chinese visa can be obtained through the Embassy of the People's Republic of China or an overseas China Travel Service branch in your country of residence.

Basic Information on Chinese Visa:

- **Chinese visa** is a permit issued to a foreigner by the Chinese visa authorities for entry into, exit from or transit through the Chinese territory. The Chinese visa authorities may issue a Diplomatic, Courtesy, Service or Ordinary Visa to a foreigner according to his/her identity, purpose of visit to China and passport type.
- The Ordinary Visa consists of eight sub-categories, which are respectively marked with Chinese phonetic letters L, F, Z, X, C, G, D, J-1 and J-2.
 - **L Visa:** Issued to an applicant who comes to China for tourist purposes, family visiting or other personal affairs.
 - **F Visa:** Issued to an applicant who is invited to China for visit, research, lecture, business, scientific-technological and culture exchanges or short-term advanced studies or intern practice for a period of no more than six months.
- **Validity of visa:** normally speaking, a visa is valid for 3 months from the date of issuance (=date of application) and on any day within this period, the visa holder may enter China.
- **Duration of stay specified in the visa:** normally speaking, a visa holder may stay in China for 1 month which counts from the date of his/her entrance into China. To stay longer, you need to specify your request in your application form and it'll be subject to the permission of the consul in charge.

- **Overseas Chinese visa authorities**, include Chinese embassies, consulates, visa offices, and the consular department of the office of the Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China. If a foreigner intends to enter into, exit from or transit through the Chinese territory, he shall apply to the above-mentioned Chinese visa authorities for a Chinese visa. For further information, please consult the nearest Chinese visa authorities.

For more information on Chinese visa application, please visit

http://english.gov.cn/2005-08/29/content_27141.htm

Letter of Invitation

If you need a Letter of Invitation to apply for a visa to attend the Conference, please send the following information to ree09@cuhk.edu.hk:

1. Your name as it appears in your passport
2. Your position
3. Your affiliation/organization
4. Your address to receive the letter
5. Email address for receiving the Letter of Invitation (PDF)
6. Your passport number
7. Your preference on the language of the letter (English / Traditional Chinese / Simplified Chinese)

Please note that Letter of Invitation will only be sent to participants who have registered and paid for the Conference. Registration fee is non-refundable. Should participants withdraw from the conference after the issue of Letter of Invitation, the consulate will be notified of the withdrawal accordingly.