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ADOPTION OF ORPHANS FROM THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA (PRC)

Prospective adopters may approach one of the two accredited agencies (Fei Yue Community Services or TOUCH Family Services Ltd) for assistance.

If the prospective adopters meet all of the China Center of Adoption Affairs' (CCAA) criteria, the accredited agency will prepare the Home Study Report (HSR).

(Duration: 5 weeks to prepare HSR)

Upon completion of the HSR, the accredited agency will submit the notarised/authenticated documents, the service fee of US\$750 and the translation fee of US\$600, to CCAA.

Once a match has been made, CCAA will send the particulars and medical report of the child to the prospective adopters through the accredited agency.

If the prospective adopters accept the child and sign the acceptance letter, CCAA will issue the "Notice of Coming to China for Adoption".

If the match is not successful, there is a possibility of a re-matching, provided that the concerns raised are reasonable (e.g. child's medical condition).

The prospective adopters should submit an application for a Dependant's Pass (DP) for a child proposed for adoption to MCYS to obtain an in-principle approval for a DP for the child.

(Duration: 2 weeks to process DP)

The prospective adopters arrive at the PRC to meet the child and to undertake the following to finalise the adoption procedures:

- conclude a written adoption agreement with the Social Welfare Institution (i.e. the fosterer, placing the child up for adoption);
- register the adoption with the Adoption Registration Center (ARC) of the province/autonomous region/municipality where the child's permanent residence is registered (An adoption registration certificate by ARC will be issued to the prospective adopters);
- pay the prescribed notarization fees of US\$300, a passport fee of RMB1,200 as prescribed by the Public Security Department, a proclamation fee of RMB420, a registration fee of US\$280 and a donation of RMB35,000 to the orphanage; and
- approach the Singapore Mission in the PRC for a visa for the child to be brought into Singapore.

On arrival in Singapore, the prospective adopters will have to schedule an appointment with MCYS to bring the child to MCYS to be issued with a DP and a visa. Prospective adopters must sign the Security Bond undertaking the maintenance of the child and pay a Security Deposit of \$2,000.

Prospective adopters apply to adopt the child at the Family Court through a solicitor or in person.

The accredited agency that conducted the HSR will supervise the adoption placement and submit 2 post placement reports (PPR) as required by CCAA. (Duration: 3 weeks to prepare PPR)

The Court appoints Director of Social Welfare, MCYS as guardian in adoption and directs MCYS to conduct a social investigation.

MCYS conducts the necessary investigations and prepares the social report and affidavit.

The Court hears the Originating Summons (Adoption).

The Court grants the Adoption Order.

The Court does not grant the Adoption Order.

The Court will send the Adoption Order to the Registry of Births (ROB) and the ROB will schedule an appointment for the adopter(s) to complete formalities for the issuance of a birth certificate for the child.

Adopters may submit an application for Singapore Citizenship (SC)/Permanent Residence (PR) for the child at the same time.