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U.S. Consulates in China are Opening on Saturdays for Several Weeks!

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Business and tourism between China and the United States have grown dramatically (especially in 2010) and they are expected to continue growing, over the years. As a result, the U.S. consulates across China have also seen a corresponding rise in visa applicants and wait times for visa appointments. In 2009, 66% of the visas issued by the U.S. consulates in China were for business and tourism to the United States.

In their efforts to meet the extraordinary growth in visa demands, the U.S. consulates in China are actively expanding their staffing and enhancing their technological systems, as well as working over the holidays. For example, over the next few weeks, through the “Super Saturday Visa Program”, the U.S. Embassy in Beijing, and four U.S. consulates in China, will be opening on Saturdays for the increased Chinese applicants seeking visas to travel to the United States.

IIt is extremely important for foreign nationals traveling to or for those already in the U.S. to adhere to and comply with the complex U.S. immigration law to avoid serious immigration complications. This applies to U.S. lawful permanent residents (LPR) as well. Some of the general matters to consider include, but are not limited to, not overstaying the period of authorized stay (such as the expiration date as endorsed on the I-94 departure/arrival record for non-LPR); not accepting employment in the U.S. without first seeking proper immigration authorization; not perpetrating, committing or attempting to commit visa or immigration fraud.

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