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China: The People's Republic of China (PRC) Travel Document/Permit; what documents a PRC citizen needs to provide in order to obtain the PRC Travel Document/Permit

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The website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China (PRC) includes the following information on the PRC Travel Document/Permit:

Travel Permit of the PRC is an alternative to Chinese passport. It has two categories under respective terms of validity. One is valid for one year and for a single journey to and from China, the other is valid for multiple journeys within two years. It is good for travel to all countries and regions in the world. The Travel Permit can not be renewed. No additional visa pages should be added to it.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Chinese diplomatic/consular missions or other authorized institutions in foreign countries are responsible for the issuance of Travel Permit of the PRC. The prospective applicants of the Travel Permit are:

---Chinese nationals who have lost their passports while travelling abroad and urgently need to return to China;

----Chinese nationals living in Hong Kong SAR or Macao SAR who do not have a pass issued by the Ministry of Public Security and wish to travel to mainland China;

----Taiwan residents of Chinese nationality residing in foreign countries who do not have a pass issued by the Ministry of Public Security and wish to travel to mainland China;

----Macao residents in foreign countries who do not have valid identity or travel documents of Macao SAR and wish to return to Macao to apply for the Macao SAR Passport or travel document;

----Other Chinese nationals in need of such a Travel Permit. (PRC 18 Apr. 2002)

Information on what documents must be submitted in order to obtain a PRC Travel Document/Permit could not be found among the sources consulted by the Research Directorate.

This Response was prepared after researching publicly accessible information currently available to the Research Directorate within time constraints. This Response is not, and does not purport to be, conclusive as to the merit of any particular claim for refugee protection. Please find below the list of sources consulted in researching this Information Request.

References

China. 10 April 2002. Ministry of Foreign Affairs. "Chinese Passports and Other Travel Documents."

<<http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng/3625/3629/t18321.htm>> [Accessed 22 Sept. 2009]

Additional Sources Consulted

Publications: Travel Information Manual (TIM), October 2009.

Oral sources: The Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Ottawa and the Consulate-General of the People's Republic of China in Manchester could not provide information for this Response. Attempts to contact the Embassy of the People's Republic of China in Washington, DC were unsuccessful.

Internet sites, including: European Country of Origin Information Network (ecoi.net), Refugee Review Tribunal - Australia, United States (US) Bureau of Consular Affairs, United Nations (UN) High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) Refworld.

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