



Visa Information for China

- If you are attending the SOOS Scientific Steering Committee Meeting or SOOS Asian Workshop in Shanghai in May 2013 you may need a business visa (F-visa) to enter the People's Republic of China.
- Attendees can apply for a visa through a travel agency or directly at their nearest Chinese embassy.
- A visa application should usually be submitted within three months before the travel.
- In most instances the visa application will take about 10 business days to process, but it may take longer.
- To apply for a business visa you will need to include an official invitation letter from the Chinese host sponsoring the SOOS Asian Workshop (PRIC).
- To request an invitation letter from PRIC please contact Ms Na Li (lina@pric.gov.cn) and provide the following information:
 - Full name (exactly as in your passport)
 - Passport number
 - Nationality, sex and birth date
 - The dates you expect to arrive/depart China
 - Name of the city where the Chinese embassy/consulate is in the country you dwell
 - Your postal address
- No visa is required for ordinary passport holders from Singapore, Brunei and Japan to visit China for up to 15 days for business, sightseeing, visiting relatives and friends or transit.

