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Notice: China Single Female adoption notice

The China Centre for Children's Welfare and Adoption (CCCWA) formally known as CCAA (the China Centre of Adoption Affairs) has provided the Department of State with a notice of a new policy that will allow qualified single females adopt from China.

Please see the text of the announcement below:

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Government departments and adoption agencies in receiving countries, In order to promote special needs child adoption and guarantee the basic interests of the orphaned and disabled children, CCAA decides to accept the adoption applications from female single applicants to adopt according to the requirements listed in this notice, starting from March 15, 2011.

- I. Female single applicants are allowed to adopt special focus children listed on the Special Needs System of CCAA. One applicant can only adopt one special focus child at a time, with an interval of at least one year between two adoptions.*
- II. The applicant shall have reached the age of 30 years and are under 50. For applicants over 50, the age difference between the child to be adopted and the applicant shall be no more than 45 years.*
- III. The applicant shall provide her civil status certificate. Unmarried applicants shall provide certification for being single and non-homosexual; divorced applicants shall provide the divorce certificate of the last marriage; and widowed applicants shall provide the death certificate of their ex-spouse.*
- IV. Applicants shall be healthy both physically and mentally according to the requirements by CCAA for prospective adoptive couples. Applicants shall be law abiding with no criminal records, and have good moral quality and conduct.*
- V. The family annual income shall reach \$10,000 per family member, including the prospective adoptee and the family net assets value should reach \$100,000. The applicant shall have good medical insurance which can cover the medical expense of the adopted child.*
- VI. Applicants shall be experienced in child caring or be occupied in child-related fields, such as doctor, nurse, teacher, child psychological counselor, etc. It's best that the applicants have already had successful experience in caring for special needs children.*
- VII. The number of children in the applicant's family under the age of 18 years shall be no more than two, and the youngest one should have reached the age of 6 years old.*
- VIII. Applicants shall be fully prepared for adopting a special focus child. Social workers shall provide the following information fully and truly in the home study reports besides family visit interviews:*

- 1. Adoption motive. The decision to adopt a special focus child shall be well-considered. Applicants shall be capable of caring for a*

special need child and be responsible for the well-being of the child.

- 2. The reason of being single and attitude towards marriage. Applicants shall have clear indication of willingness to appoint male figures as role models for the adopted child, and welcome male friends to join family gatherings.*
- 3. Applicants shall have received inter-country adoption training and training specifically for special needs child adoption so as to understand fully the physical and psychological needs of special needs children.*
- 4. Detailed nurturing and rehabilitation plan. Applicants shall be qualified personally and socially for caring special needs children and have wide social and family supporting network which can provide assistance any time.*
- 5. Other advantages for caring special needs children.*

IX. Guardians appointed by the applicants shall provide written statement as consent to act as the guardian of the adopted child.

X. If the applicant has a stable relationship and lives with a male partner, the requirements of couple applicants shall be applied.

China Center of Adoption Affairs

The Department will seek clarification on the details of the new policy and will make updates to our website as soon as we have additional details. For more information on all the requirements on how to adopt from China, please see our Country Specific Adoption Information page at http://adoption.state.gov/country_information/country_specific_info.php?country-select=china. If you have any further questions about this notice please contact the Office of Children's Issues at 1-888-407-4747 within the United States or 202-501-4444 from outside the United States.