

EVANGELICAL MEDICAL AID SOCIETY OF CANADA (HONG KONG) LTD.

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Name: (Eng.) _____ (Chinese) _____

Home Address: _____

Phone Number: _____ Cell Phone Number: _____

Nationality: _____ Sex: Male / Female*

Marital Status: Married / Single / Widowed* Date of Birth: _____

Email address: _____ Fax Number: _____

HK. ID Card/ Passport * number: _____ Expiry Date: _____

China HV Pass number: _____ Expiry Date: _____

Occupation: _____

Professional Qualifications: _____

Religion: _____

Are you a Church member? YES / NO*

Name of Church: _____

Emergency Contact Person:

Name: _____ Relationship (optional): _____

Phone Number: _____

Which mission trip do you wish to join? Dental Team / Surgery Team / Post-op Team / Medical Team*

Trip period of team: _____

(Please refer to EMAS HK web site information)

Please applicant accompanying registration fee HK\$700.00

(Paying Bank _____ Check Number _____)

A crossed bank check should be payable to “Evangelical Medical Aid Society of Canada (H.K.) Ltd.” Or direct deposit into EMAS’s **HSBC account number 168-229755-001** and then sent your bank receipt to the above-mentioned mailing address.

*(Delete the unnecessary)

Section 2 To be completed if you are not a member of CMDS

Although you are not a member of the Christian Medical and Dental Society of Canada, are you willing to sign the following “Statement of Belief”? If you are not, please explain on the back of this page.

Name of Applicant: _____

Trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ as my Saviour, I believe in:

1. The triune nature of God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
2. The Sovereignty of God in creation, revelation, redemption and final judgment.
3. The divine inspiration, infallibility and supreme authority of Holy Scripture.
4. The sinfulness of human nature.
5. Redemption only through the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ, the Incarnate Son of God.
6. The bodily resurrection of Jesus Christ.
7. The indwelling and work of the Holy Spirit in the believer.
8. One holy universal church, the Body of Christ, to which all believers belongs.
9. The personal return of the Lord Jesus Christ.

X _____ (Signature)

_____ (Date)

WAIVER OF RESPONSIBILITY

As part of your application we would ask you to sign the release and indemnity below. As a result you and your family will absolve EMAS Evangelical Medical Aid Society and any respective directors, officers, employees and agents from any liability that may arise as a result of your participating in the activities of the above-named organization. As well, you agree to indemnify the directors, officers, employees and agents of the above-named organization from any and all actions that may be brought as a result of your participation in the activities of the above-named organization. The foregoing is an attempt to summarize the effect of the release and indemnity but does not affect the terms thereof.

RELEASE AND INDEMNITY

IN CONSIDERATION of the benefits derived if accepted as a participant by EMAS and other valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, the undersigned for himself, and his heirs, executors, personal representatives, successors and assigns hereby releases and forever discharges EMAS Evangelical Medical Aid Society and its respective directors, officers, employees and agents of and from all manner of actions, causes of action, suits, debts, dues, accounts, bonds, covenants, contracts, claims and demands whatsoever which the undersigned has or hereafter can, shall or may have for or by reason of any injury damage or loss that may be sustained, however caused, in consequence of, or in any way related to the activities of the above named organizations.

AND FOR THE CONSIDERATION aforementioned, the undersigned further agrees to indemnify and save harmless the directors, officers, employees and agents of EMAS Evangelical Medical Aid Society from all manner of actions, causes of action, suits, debts, dues, accounts, bonds, covenants, contracts, claims and demands whatsoever which arise, directly or indirectly from the undersigned's activities, whether on behalf of the above named organizations or otherwise.

AND I am fully aware and acknowledged the risk involved in the participation often said activities, and that notwithstanding same I am voluntarily proceeding with the undertaking and I am assuming all of the risk of injury, damage or loss to me and the others in connection therewith.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have executed this Release at this _____ day of _____, 20__.

SIGNED, SEALED AND DELIVERED in the presence of

Signature of Witness

Signed by Participant

All participants MUST obtain travel medical insurance.

Section 3

Team Travel Policies

Please read before signing

1. As member of an EMAS Team, I will behave in a manner representative of EMAS that is professional, kind and prudent.
2. I will respectfully comply with governmental, cultural, and moral standards of the regions to where the EMAS Team will go.
3. For safety reasons, I understand that I need to remain with the Team when traveling or on public outings. I understand that there are certain physical risks involved in serving in an EMAS Team, as in traveling in any other places. I also understand that it is the policy of EMAS that no ransom will be paid under any circumstances.
4. I understand that I am to inform team members of my plans and whereabouts at all time.
5. I recognize that the EMAS Team will have a daily contingency plan for communication, transportation, and leadership and that my flexibility and positive attitude will help. If I am unclear of any plans, I will ask.
6. I recognize EMAS is a Christian organization and that prayers and devotions will be part of the trip. My attendance is required.
7. While EMAS prefers that all team members abstain from consuming any alcohol at the trip, I will limit my consumption to a minimum and only in occasions where local social culture requires. Further, I will not possess or use any tobacco products or any illegal substances.
8. Unless I am married to a team member, I will not share a hotel room with a member of the opposite gender, nor will I choose to meet privately in his/her room.
9. I agree to help in taking photographs, slides and videos. I will agree that EMAS can copy them if needed at the expense of EMAS. I will assign copyright to EMAS if requested.
10. If I want to receive reimbursement for team expense spent on buying gifts, bibles, books or any other items, I would first seek the approval from the EMAS representative before the purchase. Failing to do that, I will pay the expense myself.
11. I will submit a report of my experience to EMAS due at the end of the trip.
12. I will obtain medical insurance coverage before departure.
13. I have read and understood the document "Guiding Principles in China". I agreed to abide by this and the Team Travel policies. I understand that any violation may result in expulsion from the Team.

NAME OF PARTICIPANT: _____
(Please print)

SIGNATURE OF PARTICIPANT: _____
OR PARENT/GUARDIAN
(If participant is under 18 of age)

DATE OF SIGNATURE: _____

Section 4

Confidential Pastor Recommendation

Please ask your Church pastor to complete and return this form directly to China South Project Coordinate Office, "Evangelical Medical Aid Society of Canada (H.K.) Ltd." P. O. Box 89070, Kowloon City Post Office, Kowloon, H.K.

Name of Applicant: _____

Name of Pastor: _____

Dear Pastor,

The above-mentioned member of your church has applied to join EMAS (Evangelical Medical Aid Society) as a member of a short-term mission team to China South. I would be very grateful if you could complete the following form in confidence about the applicant's suitability to serve in this mission. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (852) 9762-9577 (pager) or drdhan10@gmail.com . Your frank opinion will be deeply appreciated.

Serving for His Church in China,

Dr. David Moon Cheung Chan

Pastor's Recommendation

(Rather in English or Chinese)

1. How long have you known the applicant? In what capacity?

2. Please comment where possible on the following areas, which represent your understanding of the applicant:

a) Teamwork:

b) Willingness to serve:

c) Quality of work in church:

d) Submission to the Lordship of God:

3. How do you rate the applicant suitability in “short-term mission service”?

4. Other comments, if any

5. Please state your recommendation:

a. Highly recommended

b. Recommended with reservation (please explain)

c. Not recommended (please explain)

Signature of Pastor: _____ Date: _____

GUIDING PRINCIPLES IN CHINA

“But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord, Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have, but do this with gentleness and respect.”

1 Peter 3:15,16

A) Background and general information:

1. Don't forget that China is still an atheistic, totalitarian country. Therefore, exercise caution and wisdom.
2. Remember we are guests in China. Don't subconsciously act as the Master or super-authority. Always respect your Chinese counterpart.
3. Avoid making any negative remarks about the political situation in China, especially in public functions. Avoid talking about Fa Lun Kung, either positive or negative aspects and avoid the topic of Taiwan. However, in personal conversation, Chinese doctors may express their frustrations and loss of confidence about the government. If handled wisely, you may touch a raw nerve and use it to illustrate the failure of human systems and point towards the hope in Christ.
4. Sightseeing activities and English classes have been proven to be fertile ground for striking a conversation and building friendship.
5. Start with small talk but don't be afraid to move into spiritual topics. Unlike in Hong Kong where people are saturated with spiritual jargons and thus desensitized, young people in China are very open and interested in new things and concepts. Answering to questions asked e.g. life or church life in Hong Kong is a good way of introducing our counterparts to Christ as we are giving answers to the questions they asked.
6. As time is limited, priority should be given to the younger medical students, doctors or nurses, as they are more genuine and receptive. However, please note that it's illegal to talk about religion to minors i.e. under the age of 16.

B) Christian Ethics:

1. This is a medical mission. Our Christian ethics require us to do a good job, to provide superb medical teaching and education to our Chinese counterparts and the best medical care to our patients.
2. To show them we are Christians by our Love towards them by our own act and behavior.
3. If we are sensitive to the Holy Spirit's leading, there will be ample opportunities for witnessing

C) Dealing with seekers:

1. You may want to invite keen seekers for a walk in the street or in the park. Don't pass up any opportunity if you are invited to their homes as they will be more open to express their honest opinion and there may be some pleasant surprises. To take groups of seekers to the hotel room is not advisable as it can draw too much attention from the general public and we may be charged for breaking the Chinese law (illegal meeting). Moreover, non-Chinese members need to refrain or at least be extra cautious because of their visibility.
2. Invite potential seekers to Sunday church services in Open church are another good way to start the ball rolling. You can discuss with the seeker about the message presented by the pastor in the Sunday service and thereafter in more detail about the Gospel. It is legal to go to open churches in China.

3. It is better to work in a one-on-one or two-on-one situation. Their upbringing in a police state makes them very mistrusting of each other. However, there may be exceptions when really good friends come in groups of 2 or 3.
4. Working in teams of 2 is most ideal, as one person can pray silently while the other witnesses. If language is a barrier, the non-Chinese member can still contribute by sharing his/her testimony or conversion experience while the Chinese-speaking member interprets. Then with the advantage of same language and culture, he can in turn explain the salvation plan more clearly.
5. Encourage them to attend church (open church). There is always a concern about follow-up. We are not there to make quick converts by shallow proselytizing so that we can have to boast when we go back home. Remember that to sow, to reap or to harvest is to be determined by our Lord. Short-term workers, like us, should not feel frustrated if we did not see any fruit or result in our trips. Often time, you will be amazed at how “ripe” the harvest is in China, so we are to quietly sow the seed and sense God’s presence and his work there.
6. If at all possible, continue to write to them with words of encouragement although you again need to avoid being explicit in spiritual matters and to arouse too much public attention by your letter (letter from overseas). Remember your letter sending to China will be opened and inspected.
7. If so desire, members may engage in further evangelical activity on their own in China, but they should do it only after the official team activity is over and at their own risk.
8. EMAS strongly advised against dealing with family churches because such activities will affect the official duty of the EMAS group. If so desired, members who want to engage in such activities should do on their own, outside EMAS banner.

D) Money and Gifts:

1. If someone from China asked for momentary or other gift, being very careful in giving out gift. Make sure that your gift to one party won’t cause feeling of unfairness of another party. If you really want to give out the gift, give it in private. If in doubt, ask the opinion of your team leader.

E) Literatures and Bibles

1. A Chinese/ English NT or Bible (N.I.V.) is a hot item as a personal gift. Many Chinese booklets for follow-up and discipleship should come in handy.
2. Chinese Bibles are readily available in China and are cheaper there. You can buy them in China. However, English and bilingual Bibles are impossible to find in China. Don’t give out bibles indiscriminately and in public. Exercise more caution when giving out booklets as they may be regarded as tracts by the Chinese authority.

F) Romance on the field

1. While we do not forbade romance on the field, we discourage dating relationship during the mission as you will be distracted from what God called you to do, the host church or team can’t accomplish what it hoped to do. The following guidelines apply:
 - i. Avoid exclusive relationship. Build relationships in the context of your entire team.
 - ii. Do not meet privately under any circumstances. Respect the cultural rules in China.
 - iii. Seek the counsel of a leader immediately if anything is developing. Talk about things honestly and frankly.
 - iv. If, with the counsel of others, God seems to be directing your lives together, resolve to wait until you have fulfilled your commitment in the mission to pursue the relationship at home.

Guideline re China Travel

Adopted and modified from an article by Dr. Alfred Chan

ATTITUDE

As we are going to China as Christian professionals, we should have a humble attitude towards our Chinese friends and be ready to serve them. Living standards and certain traditions are different in China compared to home. We should advise tolerance and flexibility.

There will always be some unexpected last minute changes when we are in China. Travel schedules can also be hectic. Your cooperation is much appreciated.

For security reasons it is not advisable for you to wander off without letting your team leader know where you will be.

You should not bring any books or articles that are critical of the current Chinese government. Be on time and be considerate of your host and teammates.

LANGUAGE

We try to arrange at least one Chinese-speaking member in each team to assist with translation. Some of our local contacts will also understand simple English although they may not speak it well. If you use simple English sentences and speak slowly to them, you can usually get the point across. There is usually one or two in the audience who understands English better and you can use their help.

Our past experience showed that the oral English classes that we give are always well received. Competent medical translators are available for lectures.

FOOD AND WATER

Most will be Chinese food. You will need to adjust to more seafood dishes. Cooking tends to be on the oily and salty side. Tea is served at almost every meal. Coffee is rarely served. Soft drinks are always available.

At formal dinners our Chinese hosts may serve alcoholic beverages to us. Please use your own discretion in your consumption. Refusing it outright or over consuming it can both be interpreted as being impolite. It is also customary for your host to offer cigarettes. You can turn this down. It is customary for the Chinese host to heap food on your dinner plate. Accept it gracefully but just eat what your stomach will accommodate.

Do not drink tap water, even in the First Class hotels. Ice is even more deadly. There is always a thermos with boiled water in the hotel room. Always use it, even for brushing your teeth. Beware of roadside food vendors. Food may be clean but the eating utensils may not be.

CLOTHING

If you are going in the fall or the spring, dress for a temperature of 15-20 degree C. It may be cooler in the evening and a light jacket may be necessary. Comfortable clothing that is washable is advisable.

Clothing attire in China is always fairly casual. For formal occasion, tie and jacket for men and skirt for ladies are sufficient.

Their laundry service is adequate but dry-cleaning is unreliable. A light raincoat or small umbrella is recommended. You should also bring a pair of comfortable walking shoes.

MEDICATION

Please bring your own regular medication. A light hypnotic, Gravol, antibiotics, anti-diarrheal, antacid and Tylenol may come in handy. We shall try to designate someone to be team doctor for this purpose.

LUGGAGE

Check with your travel agent or team logistic leader re limit of luggage. Limit on carry-on luggage may be strictly enforced. Overweight charges are hefty. Your team may be asked to bring in Bibles, Christian literature, and medicine. Please leave plenty of room for that. Check with your team logistic leader and use your own discretion. Try to pack them in your suitcase. Avoid using cartoon boxes. They are usually searched.

SUNDRY AND SUPPLIES

Plastic bags may be hard to get in China so bring your own supply. It is advisable to keep a good supply of Kleenex or "Wet Ones" in your pocket at all times. Some J-cloths come in handy for emergency use. Bring your own toiletries.

Electrical current in China is 220 volts at 50 cycles. You may have to bring a converter or a good supply for batteries for your camera, video or tape recorder.

Regular negatives for films are available but slides, Polaroid and APS may be hard to find. Ask your logistic leader regarding emergency contact phone numbers at home and let your family at home know about it.

VACCINATION

Other than to update your Tetanus, Polio and Diphtheria, there is no other vaccination necessary. We recommend immunization to protect Hepatitis A and B. Unless you are traveling to southern border of Yunnan during rainy seasons, there is no need to take prophylactic against malaria.

CURRENCY

The Chinese dollar is called a Yuan and the Chinese currency is referred to as Ren Ming Bei (RMB).

You can exchange Canadian or US currency into Chinese currency at major hotels. The exchange rate is uniform throughout China. In some cities only US currency is acceptable. Traveler's checks usually command a higher rate for your benefit but may be hard to change. Be sure to count your money when you exchange money.

SECURITY

Pickpocket is getting more common in China especially in large cities. Guard your wallet and important document very carefully. A fanny pack may be useful.

Always photocopy your passport the page with your picture on it. Leave one copy home and keep another copy with you but in somewhere other than your wallet.

SHOPPING

We have a tight schedule so the time for shopping is limited. Purchase what you like the first time you see as you may not see it again. Remember your Christian witness as you shop. Bargaining is expected. Remember there is a limit of the weight of the luggage going home as well.

CHURCH SERVICE AND WORSHIP

Please read the “Guiding Principles in China” carefully. We plan to attend open church services only in China. Devotional time for each group will be arranged. You are expected to attend. Open preaching to the Chinese is not allowed. We witness by our love and friendship. Be familiar with the new order #144 signed by the premier restricting religious activities to foreigners to open churches or in the hotel room privately. Locals are not to join private foreigners-only services.

BUSINESS CARDS AND OTHER IDENTIFICATION

It is strongly advised that you print a quantity of business cards, preferable bilingual to be given to your Chinese contacts. Exchanging business cards is a ritual in China. In the past we found the Canadian Maple Leaf pins very useful as a token gift to new friends in China. You may get a supply of these from your MPs office.

SLIDE PROJECTORS

If you plan to lecture with slides, please let the hospital know in advance so that a projector will be ready and the lecture room will be darkened with drapes. Overhead projectors are sometimes available in local hospitals. LCD projectors are generally not available in rural area but may be available in big city.