

**[BOI MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. AFF JR-05-027,
January 03, 2005]**

**AMENDING MEMORANDUM ORDERS NO. ADD-02-002 AND ADD
02-024 VISA UPON APPROVAL**

Pursuant to the Memorandum of Agreement executed by the Department of Tourism, Department of Foreign Affairs and the Bureau of Immigration on June 15, 2000 and amended on August 30, 2001, Chinese Nationals who are Holders of People's Republic of China Passports and who are Temporary Visitors may apply for Visas Upon Arrival (9a-VA) for a stay of fourteen (14) days at all international airports in the Philippines provided that:

1. They are members of tour groups organized by an accredited tour operator as defined in the Department of Tourism's "Primer on the Issuance of Visa and Visa Upon Arrival to Tour Groups or Individuals from the People's Republic of China";
2. They are holders of a valid passport/travel document and round trip ticket;
3. They are not in the Bureau's Blacklist nor are they excludable under the Philippine Immigration Act of 1940; and that
4. Chinese temporary visitors who enter the Philippines under this Memorandum Order shall arrive and depart from the Philippines together with the same tour group they arrived with.

The accreditation of the Philippine tour operator whose tour group member violates the above restrictions shall be revoked by the Department of Tourism at the instance of the Bureau of Immigration without prejudice to other administrative sanctions as well as further criminal prosecution for violations of Immigration laws, rules and regulations. The tour operator whose accreditation is revoked by the DOT shall be barred from handling inbound tour transactions from the People's Republic of China.

Any Chinese temporary visitor who violates the provisions of this Memorandum Order or its implementing guidelines and circulars shall be subject to appropriate sanctions under existing Philippine immigration laws.

The Immigration Head Supervisor at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport and the Alien Control Officers of all international airports in the Philippines shall issue a Visa Upon Arrival (9a-VA) after payment of the visa fee as follows:

Tour Group up to Nineteen (19) Passengers - US\$25.00 each plus
PhP10.00 Legal Research Fee;