

**[BOI MEMORANDUM ORDER NO. AFFJR-05-012,
April 28, 2005]**

AMENDING MEMORANDUM ORDERS NO. AFFJR-05-027, ADD-02-002 AND ADD-02-024 VISA UPON ARRIVAL

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 *THIRTY (30) 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"; or
2. They are passengers whose temporary stay is guaranteed in writing by the President/General Manager/Chief Executive Officer of a Philippine National Flag carrier;
3. They are holders of a valid passport/travel document and round trip ticket;
4. They are not in the Bureau's Blacklist nor are they excludable under the Philippine Immigration Act of 1940; and that
5. Chinese temporary visitors who enter the Philippines as a member of a tour group 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.

The national flag carrier shall be liable for administrative fines and other sanctions under the terms of its guarantee if the passengers fail to leave the Philippines within the time allowed in their temporary stay.

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.