

# Appendix C:

## Getting Around

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# I. Visa Application

## Obtaining Visa Application Document (Formal Letter of Invitation):

The following is an official link to obtain a supporting document for those attendees who need a visa to travel to the People's Republic of China. This document will be a formal Letter of Invitation recognized by the Chinese government for the 2008 IEEE International Ultrasonics Symposium. After you have filled out and then submitted the form via the link, a confirmation email will be sent to you within 48 hours (the email will be sent to you manually after receiving your information, not automatically). If your information submitted is complete, the formal Letter of Invitation will be sent to you via fax or regular letter (if it is not urgent) as soon as it is ready. Please be advised that due to the 2008 Beijing [Olympics](#), the Chinese Embassies and Consulates around the world will be busy with the Olympic visitors and your visa applications could be delayed or misplaced if they are applied during this period. In addition, during this period, more documents from you than normal may be required for you to get visas and multiple-entry visas could be eliminated. The Olympics will be from August 8-24, 2008, and the Paralympics will be from September 6-17, 2008.

Thus, it is advised to wait near the end of August 2008 to actually submit your visa applications (or follow advices from travel agencies, Chinese Embassies, or Chinese Consulates). To save time (without having the applications been sent back due to incomplete applications), you could collect all information that is needed to apply for visas before you actually submit the visa applications to the Chinese Embassies or Consulates. Often, obtaining the information, such as your itineraries of travels, hotel confirmations, tour confirmations, round-trip air tickets, renewing passports when necessary, official invitation letters, completed Chinese visa application forms, and your photos is more time consuming than actually getting visas, which could often be expedited within one day if extra fees are paid. Therefore, please check with your travel agencies, local Chinese Embassies, or local Chinese Consulates to find out what documents are needed for your visa applications first. This is especially necessary since new visa regulations may be in place due to the Beijing Olympics.

The link below is provided by the China International Conference Center for Science and Technology ([CICCST](#)) and any questions regarding the visa application document should be directly addressed to CICCST with the contacts listed in the links below. To ensure a timely delivery of the visa application document, the request for the document should be sent via the following link before the deadline, **September 30, 2008**. After the deadline, a timely the document may not be guaranteed. (Please REFRESH your browser to view an updated page that contains correct links!)

**Notes:** Please notice that sometimes Macintosh (Apple) computers do not work well with the CICCST websites. In addition, [Firefox browser](#) (a free community-based open source software) in Microsoft (MS) Windows might work better than MS Internet Explorer in MS Windows for the CICCST websites. If you experience any technical problems, please do not hesitate to contact CICCST directly.

### Visa Document from CICCST for the 2008 IEEE IUS:

<http://cast-meeting.cn/VisaApplicationMethod.asp> (Closed)

CICCST Contact Information for Questions: Phone/Fax: 011-86-10-82116226; Email: [bjsjcenter@sina.com](mailto:bjsjcenter@sina.com)

Within 48 hours after submitting required information successfully, you should receive an email confirmation. If not, please contact CICCST via email or phone above.

After getting the official document from CICCST, you could proceed to actually apply for a visa by various methods. One of the easier ways to get a visa is to use a commercial company who will bring your application to the Chinese

Embassy or Consulate so that you do not have to be there in person. The normal processing time for getting a visa is about 5-15 working days depending on the country you are in. Rush services such as one-day service may be available with additional fees. A USA national needs a visa to enter China. Please check the FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) and contact one of the commercial companies below to get answers for any questions you may have.

To view our technical program, please follow the links, [Condensed Program](#), [Full Program \(Program Book\)](#), [Abstract Book](#), and [Meeting Planner](#).

### **Companies to Assist Nationals of the United States to Get Visa:**

There are many companies to assist visa applications with a fee (check [www.google.com/](http://www.google.com/) with key words such as "Chinese visa application company"). These companies make visa application easier. Links to some companies are listed below for the convenience of attendees only. The 2008 IEEE IUS committee does not endorse any particular company.

Chinese Visa Office: <http://www.visa-chinese.com/>  
ChinaServices.us: <http://www.uschinavisa.com/>  
China Visa Service Center: <http://www.mychinavisa.com/>  
VISA EXPRESS: <http://www.visaexpress.net/china/index.htm>  
China Visa Bureau: <http://www.chinavisabureau.com/>  
China Visa Service Center: <http://www.mychinesevisa.com/>  
BCV Visa and Passport Service: <http://www.bcvisa.com/>  
MD Visa Plus: <http://www.mdvisaplus.com/>  
Passport Plus: <http://www.passportsplus.com/>  
Chinese Service Center of America: <http://www.visamailservice.com/>  
It's Easy Services: <http://www.itseasy.com/>  
ApplyChineseVisa: <http://www.applychinesevisa.com/>

### **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) for Visa from the Chinese Embassy in USA:**

FAQ: <http://www.china-embassy.org/eng/hzqz/faqv/t170583.htm>

### **A Link to the Chinese Embassy in USA:**

Embassy: <http://www.china-embassy.org/eng/>

### **Visa Application Form from the Chinese Embassy in USA:**

Application Form: <http://www.china-embassy.org/chn/hzqz/zgqz/P020070611087242661716.pdf>

## II. Cheaper Air Tickets to China

### Beijing Airport Code:

There is only one commercial international airport in Beijing, China, [The Beijing Capital International Airport](#). The airport code is **PEK**, which can be used for you to book flights.

### Air Tickets by Consolidators:

There are many companies who provide cheaper air tickets to China. These companies purchase a large number of air tickets from airlines at a substantial volume discount, and thus could offer a much lower rate for people who travel to China as compared to purchasing the tickets from regular travel agencies or directly from the airlines. These discounted rates may be available about 3 months or longer before your travel. However, the cheaper seats could be sold out quickly and thus it is advised to purchase the tickets as soon as the low rates are available (you could check frequently with the agencies to find out when the discounted rates would be available). The following is a list of such companies for the convenience of attendees only. The 2008 IEEE International Ultrasonics Symposium (IUS) does not endorse any specific company.

**TravelSuperLink.com:** [http://www.travelsuperlink.com/china\\_air/](http://www.travelsuperlink.com/china_air/)

**Consolidator List:** [http://www.travelsuperlink.com/china\\_air/airtravel\\_us\\_china\\_agent.htm](http://www.travelsuperlink.com/china_air/airtravel_us_china_agent.htm)

Links below connect you to other websites that provide contacts of a large number of travel agencies doing businesses related to the China air travel. The links are provided for your convenience:

**Auburn University:** [http://www.auburn.edu/student\\_info/peoples\\_republic\\_cso/travels.htm](http://www.auburn.edu/student_info/peoples_republic_cso/travels.htm)

**A Collection of Chinese Travel Agencies:** <http://www.cs.cmu.edu/~yang/airchina-agencies.html>

Other travel agencies that are specialized in China air travel are listed below. Again, there is no endorsement from the 2008 IEEE IUS for any of the agencies:

**Great China Tour:** Tel. (800)227-3624

**Da Zhong:** Tel. (800)872-4882

**Yang Sheng (Triple C):** Tel. (800)638-9580; (301)279-7650; (301)762-3887(Fax)

**Li Zhi:** Tel. (800)345-1688

**East West Travel Inc. (Korean Company):** Tel. (800)233-7603

**Liu Fu Travel (Chicago):** Tel. (800)886-8580; (800)887-6883; (800)536-2828

**Gate Way Travel (Michigan):** Tel. (800)536-2828; (810)626-8881; (810)737-5585;

**Oceania Tour (in Chicago):** Tel. (800)621-4685; (800)786-1688

**Yang Ming:** Tel. (800)889-0007

**Fang Hua (Los Angeles):** Tel. (800)371-7888

**Gui Bin:** Tel. (800)782-6888

**Jia Xing:** Tel. (800)292-1688

**Xi An:** Tel. (800)628-8899

**Phoenix Travel:** Tel. (800)889-0007

### Other Links for Cheaper Air Tickets:

**FlyChina.com:** <http://www.flychina.com/>

**Asia Deals:** <http://www.bt-store.com/>

## **Phone Numbers to Airlines (52 in Total):**

The following is a list of direct phone numbers to various airlines. They are listed for your convenience only. They were collected long time ago and thus may or may not be accurate any longer:

**Aer Lingus:** Tel. 800-223-6537  
**Aerolineas Argentinas:** Tel. 800-333-0276  
**Aeromexico:** Tel. 800-237-6639  
**Air Canada:** Tel. 800-776-3000  
**Air France:** Tel. 800-237-2347  
**Air India:** Tel. 800-223-2250  
**Air Jamaica:** Tel. 800-523-5585  
**Air New Zealand:** Tel. 800-262-1234  
**Alitalia:** Tel. 800-223-5730  
**All Nippon Airways:** Tel. 800-235-9262  
**America West Airlines:** Tel. 800-247-5692  
**American Airlines:** Tel. 800-433-7300  
**Avianca:** Tel. 800-284-2622  
**British Airways:** Tel. 800-247-9297  
**BWIA International:** Tel. 800-233-2742  
**Cathay Pacific Airways:** Tel. 800-223-5730  
**Continental Airlines:** Tel. 800-525-0280  
**Delta Airlines:** Tel. 800-221-1212  
**Dominicana Airlines:** Tel. 800-327-7240  
**Ecuadoriana:** Tel. 800-328-2367  
**Egyptair:** Tel. 800-334-6787  
**El Al Israel Airlines:** Tel. 800-223-6700  
**Finnair:** Tel. 800-950-5000  
**Iberia:** Tel. 800-772-4642  
**Icelandair:** Tel. 800-223-5500  
**Japan Air Lines:** Tel. 800-525-3663  
**KLM:** Tel. 800-777-5553  
**Korean Air:** Tel. 800-421-8200  
**Lufthansa:** Tel. 800-645-3880  
**Malev Hungarian:** Tel. 800-223-6884  
**Mexicana:** Tel. 800-531-7921  
**Midway Airlines:** Tel. 800-621-5700  
**Midwest Express Airlines:** Tel. 800-452-2022  
**Northwest Airlines:** Tel. 800-225-2525  
**Olympic Airways:** Tel. 800-223-1226  
**Philippine Airlines:** Tel. 800-435-9725  
**Polish Air-Lot:** Tel. 800-223-0593  
**Qantas Airways:** Tel. 800-227-4500  
**Royal Jordanian:** Tel. 800-223-0470  
**Sabena:** Tel. 800-955-2000  
**SAS Scandinavian Airlines:** Tel. 800-221-2350  
**Saudia Arabian Airlines:** Tel. 800-472-8342  
**Singapore Airlines:** Tel. 800-742-3333  
**SKY BUS:** Tel. 800-755-9287

**Southwest Airlines:** Tel. 800-531-5601

**Swissair:** Tel. 800-221-4750

**TAP Air Portugal:** Tel. 800-221-7370

**TWA:** Tel. 800-221-2000

**United Airlines:** Tel. 800-241-6522

**USAir:** Tel. 800-428-4322

**Varig:** Tel. 800-468-2744

**Virgin Atlantic:** Tel. 800-862-8621

## III. Taxi and Bus Help

### Taxi Fare from Beijing Capital Airport:

**Beijing Advisor:** <http://www.beijing-visitor.com/index.php?cID=413&pID=993>

**China Advisor:** [http://www.chinaadviser.com/beijing\\_airport.html](http://www.chinaadviser.com/beijing_airport.html)

### Notes to Taxi Drivers:

The following are notes to taxi drivers in both Chinese and English for the Conference Hotels. Please click on the image of the note of a selected hotel to download a high-resolution PDF file and then show the note to a taxi driver in Beijing (to book any of the following hotels, please follow the link "[Conference Hotels](#)"):



### Airport Shuttle Buses and Subways:

There are several shuttle buses operating from the Beijing International Airport to some hotels in Beijing (see the link below). Information on shuttle buses to the Continental Grand Hotel and other conference hotels could also be available in the future.

A subway ([Airport Line](#)) has been built recently for the 2008 Beijing Olympics and is connected to Beijing International Convention Center (BICC) and the conference hotels through other newly built subway [lines #10, #8, and #5](#).

**Shuttle Buses:** <http://www.elong.net/flights/BjAirportBus.aspx>

**Subway Lines (Airport Line, #10, and #8):** <http://www.beijing-visitor.com/map-of-beijing-subway.htm>

## IV. Beijing City and Subway Maps

### Beijing Page:

Beijing Page: <http://www.beijingpage.com/>

### Beijing Tour Maps:

China Highlights: <http://www.chinahighlights.com/beijing/map.htm>

### Links to PDF Version of Beijing City Maps:

Beijing City Map: <http://www.cityofnanaimo.com/asia/China/Beijing.pdf>

More Beijing City Map: [http://www.ezconf.net/docs/ICVES'07/map\\_of\\_Beijing.pdf](http://www.ezconf.net/docs/ICVES'07/map_of_Beijing.pdf)

### Beijing Subways:

A few subway lines ([Lines #8, #10, #5, and Airport Lines](#)) have been built for the 2008 Beijing Summer Olympics and Paralympics, which will be held from August 8-24, 2008 and from September 6-17, 2008, respectively. These subways connect BICC (the conference site) to the center of Beijing and will make it easier for attendees to visit the city center without traffic jams and to find cheaper accommodations vacated by the hundreds of thousands of Olympic visitors:

Subway Maps: <http://www.beijing-visitor.com/map-of-beijing-subway.htm>

Additional Subway Maps: <http://www.chinahighlights.com/beijing/map/beijing-subway-map.htm>

### More Beijing Maps:

More Maps: <http://www.drben.net/ChinaReport/Beijing/MapsofBeijing/BeijingMapsMenu-All.html>