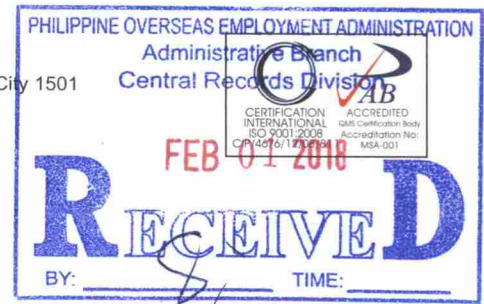




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**CHINA UNVEILS NEW VISA PROGRAM FOR
HIGH END FOREIGN TALENTS**

The Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) has reported on Shanghai Municipal Government's unveiling of a new visa program for high-end foreign talents. Under the new visa program, the **China R Visa or China Talents Visa** is being issued to individuals who are considered high end foreign talents which includes scientists, science and technology leading talents, international entrepreneurs, special talents and other foreign high-end talents urgently needed in the economic and social development of China.

The China R Visa is a multiple entry visa that is valid from five (5) to ten (10) years and allows individuals to stay in China for 180 days for each entry. The application for an "R" Visa is accomplished online and is free of charge. Shanghai's Municipal Human Resources and Social Security Bureau assess the visa applicant based on a grading and classification for high-end foreign talents. Qualified applicants are issued confirmation letter or certification within five (5) days of submission online of the application form. The said confirmation letter or certification allows qualified applicants and members of their families to apply for "R" Visa at Chinese Embassies or Consulates in their respective home countries.

Attached for the information and guidance of all concerned is the listing of High-End Foreign Talents (Category A).


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