

Notes for Volunteers

1. Suggested Length of period: 2 weeks or above
2. Mandarin speaking is highly desirable for meaningful communication with both the children and staff in the POPCH and function effectively as all staff and children in POPCH can only communicate in Mandarin.
3. The POPCH is located in a small town – Yangcun Township, which is in the mid-way between Beijing City and Tianjin City. Please be prepared that there is very limited resources available in this township
 - **Restaurant:** There are limited choices of re restaurants available, especially for western food, only KFC, McDonald's, Subway and Pizza Hut available in Yangcun. There are no restaurants, only small local food stalls, available in walking distance from POPCH. An average meal usually costs about RMB 15 – RMB 30 per person in local restaurant. Free simple lunch (with rice and vegetables in local style) will be provided in POPCH from MON-FRI (except public holidays) upon request.
 - **Supermarket:** There are local supermarkets in this township, where local food, groceries and personal necessities can be bought but very limited imported items are available.
 - **Transportation:** The public transportation the locals use daily are mainly the three-wheels “tuk-tuk”, there are also buses available in the township as well but with limited frequencies. No registered taxi available.
 - **Internet Access:** Limited internet access in Children's Home; only available in office area.
 - **Insurance:** Please purchase your own medical travel insurance and send us a copy upon your arrival.
 - **Lodging:**
 - Home Inn, a business inn located 4km from children's home, daily room rate is around RMB197 per room (2 beds with hot shower/ TV and Internet service/exact rate subject to confirmation), transportation is around RMB20 one way to/from children's home;
 - Hanting Inns and hotel, a business inn located 4km from children's home, daily room rate is around RMB184 per room (2 beds with hot shower/ TV and internet service/ exact rate subject to confirmation), transportation is around RMB20 for one way to/from children's home;
 - All-legend Business hotel, a 4-star hotel located 10km from children's home, daily room rate is around RMB 240 per room (2 beds with hot shower/TV and internet service/ western restaurant

and Chinese restaurant/ exact rate subject to confirmation), transportation is around RMB35 for one way to/from children's home;

- All-legend International hotel, a 4-star hotel located 10km from children's home, daily room rate is around RMB 320 per room (2 beds with hot shower/TV and internet service/ western restaurant and Chinese restaurant/ exact rate subject to confirmation), transportation is around RMB35 for one way to/from children's home.

4. All application will be subjected for the approval from our local counterpart – Civil Affairs Bureau. Please send back the application form to us at least one month in advance.
5. Pick up service for your arrival and departure:
 - Transportation from Wuqing train station upon your arrival at and departure from the project will be provided. Please provide us your train schedule;
 - Pick up by rental car from designated point in Tianjin city or Beijing city to project can be arranged at the cost of volunteers upon request;
 - Travel to nearby areas such as Beijing and Tianjin downtown during weekends can be arranged at the cost of volunteers upon request.
6. Vaccination: Please ensure you are vaccinated against Hepatitis A, B and tuberculosis.
7. It is inappropriate to discuss matters relating to politics/religion, contact the local churches and Christians without prior approval, or distribute leaflets on religion.