

Consulado General de España en Pekín

## THE CONSULATE GENERAL OF SPAIN IN BEIJING INFORMS

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## Opening of new Spanish Visa Application Centres/VAC in the PR of China

Between March 31 and April 15 2016, under the authority of the Consulate General of Spain in Beijing, six new Spanish Visa Application Centres/VAC will start operating in Shenyang, Chongqing, Chengdu, Xi'an, Jinan and Wuhan. In addition, six more VAC will be opened in Nanjing, Hangzhou, Fuzhou, Changsha, Shenzhen and Kunming, under the jurisdiction of the Consulates General of Spain in Shanghai and Guangzhou.

Establishing these new Visa Application Centres will significantly facilitate and expedite the Schengen Visa application process for Chinese citizens, as well as for third country nationals travelling to Spain. Furthermore, when applying for a Schengen visa, people living in or near the twelve new VAC cities will no longer need to travel to the existing VAC in Beijing, Shanghai and Guangzhou in order to deliver their biometric data. However, the new Spanish VAC will not process Spanish residence visa applications.

The location and the opening calendar of the six new Spanish Visa Application Centres under the jurisdiction of the Consulate General of Spain in Beijing are the following:

Chongqing (31 March) 33-F, 33rd Floor, HNA-Poly International Centre, 235 Minsheng Road, Yuzhong District, Chongqing

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Xi'an (31 March) Room 1801/1802, Building A, Mole Collection Centers, Cross Road of Keji 6th Road and Fenghui South Road, High-tech Zone, Xi'an

Wuhan (8 April) Room 1707-1710, Building C of Hanjie International Headquarters, NO. 171 of Zhongbei Road, Wuchang District, Wuhan

Shenyang (8 April) No.3, Floor 4, Building A, Shenyang Fortune Plaza, No.61, Beizhan Road, Shenhe District, Shenyang

Chengdu (15 April) Room 3202/3203, 32F, Tower A, Chengdu Maoye Plaza, No.19, Dongyu Street, Jinjiang District, Chengdu

Jinan (15 April) 5th Floor, CITIC Plaza, No. 150 Luoyuan Avenue, Lixia District, Jinan

## The opening of new Spanish Visa Application Centres follows the agreement reached between the European Union (representing its Schengen Member States) and the PR of china, in the framework of their ongoing *Mobility and Migration Dialogue (MMD)*.

Beijing, March 14, 2016.

For further information, visit the websites of the Consulate General of Spain in Beijing (http://www.exteriores.gob.es/consulados/pekin/es/Paginas/inicio.aspx); in Shanghai (http://www.exteriores.gob.es/consulados/shanghai/es/Paginas/inicio.aspx); in Guanzhou (http://www.exteriores.gob.es/consulados/canton/es/Paginas/inicio.aspx); or the website of the VFS Visa Centre for Spain in Beijing (http://www.spainvisa-china.com/spanish/).