

18 AUGUST 2011
URGENT AND IMPORTANT
VISA ADVISORY FOR INDIAN VISA APPLICANTS

All South Korean Nationals and Nationals of other countries residing in the Republic of Korea (ROK) who are desirous of applying for any type/category of Visa to visit India are advised to read the instructions contained in the Advisory carefully while applying: -

1. The Agreement/Contract of the Embassy of India, Seoul (ROK) with its present Visa outsourcing Service Provider, M/s. TT Services Korea ends on 20 August 2011. Therefore, TT Services Korea will accept **Visa Applications from applicants only upto 1200 hours on 19 August 2011 (Friday)**. Those Visa Applications accepted by M/s. TT Services on 19 August at their office will be processed as usual and Passports with the Visa stickers duly affixed may be collected from TT Services office on 23 August (Tuesday) as 22 August is a public holiday. It is reiterated that M/s. TT Services Korea will NOT accept any Visa Applications after 20 August 2011.
2. From 23 August 2011, all Visa Applicants for India from ROK are advised that the entire Visa Issuing Process will be done at the premises of the Embassy of India, Seoul by the Indian Embassy Staff till further notice on this website.
3. All Visa Applicants will have to come to the Indian Embassy in person with their visa applications and related documents or send it through their Travel Agents/representatives. **No Visa Application sent through post/courier or online will be accepted by the Embassy.** The online facility and that by post/courier offered by TT Services Korea will be terminated with their contract on 20 August 2011.
4. All relevant information on the visa application process is available at the sub-menu 'Visa Services' on this website. Visa Application may also be downloaded from there.
5. Visa Applicants from 23 August 2011 are advised to come to the Embassy of India Premises at 37-3 Hannam Dong (see 'Location' on website) with their Visa Applications duly completed (typed or handwritten) in all respects, alongwith relevant documents or send the same through their travel agents/representatives.
6. After initial checking of the Visa Application and Documents, the applicant will be directed to the bank to deposit the appropriate Visa Fees. On submission of fee receipt obtained from the bank, the visa application will be accepted with the individuals' passport. The individual/travel agent/representative will be given a time and date for collection of passport with appropriate visa affixed. Visa officer, however, reserves the right to call an

applicant for a personal interview, and reject the visa without assigning any reasons. No refund of fee already paid will be made in case of rejection.

7. The Embassy of India reserves the right to accept or reject any visa application based on the Government of India Visa Rules.

8 .The new timings for submission and collection from 23 August 2011 at the Embassy of India are as under: -

(a) **Visa Application Submission** : Applications may be submitted between 1000 hours and 1200 hours on all working days in the Embassy of India from Monday to Friday every week.

(b) **Collection of Passports with Visas Affixed** : In case of South Korean passport holders, from the date the Visa Application of an individual/travel agent is accepted, the passports with Visa Affixed will be returned between 1600 and 1700 hours on the **third day of applying**, counting the day of applying as day one.

(c) For other Nationalities, visas will be issued 7 days after the acceptance of the Visa Application.

9. The above Visa Issue Procedure will come into effect from 23 August 2011. The Embassy of India reserves the right to modify any of the abovementioned guidelines without assigning any reasons for the same.

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