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**An overview of the China program
for those people thinking about adopting from China**

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Reflections from Adoptive Parents

We asked some of our adoptive parents to tell us why they chose China....

Why China? Sometimes, it is just meant to be.

As a single woman, there were a limited number of countries who would accept my application to adopt, and at the time I was approved by DoCS, the program that I had chosen was suspended.

Just when I thought that my options were disappearing fast, I was notified that the agreement with China had been signed and that I should consider China as an option. My marital status and age met the requirements, the overall cost including travel, and the length of stay required in China was considerably less than other country's programs. I then considered the future for my Chinese born daughter being raised in Australia where there is a large Chinese population and realised that the opportunities for her to forge links with her heritage are plentiful. Also, the proximity of China to Australia meant that she will be able to travel there in the future whenever she wishes.

A surprising link within my family came to light after I decided to adopt from China, I found out that many years ago my grandmother (now deceased) became godmother for the daughter of a Chinese family. My parents were delighted with my choice of China, they have great respect for the many Chinese people that they have known throughout their lives.

From birth, my daughter was in the SWI. At the age of 5 months she was placed with a foster family until we became a family when she was just 16 months old.

Now she is a clever and funny five year old, strong, confident and yet still shy, and of course the most beautiful daughter in the world.

We are returning to her birth country shortly and she is full of excitement and wonder. So am I. ~ ds

The adoption process is so predictable and well run from the China end. The children are so special. Adopting a toddler was a magic- if unanticipated- experience. It was such a privilege to be with my daughter as she discovered a whole new world beyond the orphanage walls. Her delight in her new life was palpable in the way a younger child's could never be. Her Chinese name means new beginning and she really brought a new beginning to all our family. ~ jg

Adopting from China was a wonderful experience for our family, and our new daughter is a happy, healthy and delightful child who is the light of our lives. With the China program being so large, it means that we have an excellent support network which is important not only for us as adoptive parents but also for our children, both now and in the future. Travelling to China as a group (usually about 6 families) creates close bonds between the families and means shared memories and lasting friendships which benefit both us and our children. The process runs smoothly in China and we constantly marvel at how it is possible to be blessed with a child who is so perfectly suited to our family. ~jh