

2013 Morehouse College Summer China Study Abroad Program
Participation terms and conditions, release, and waiver
May 13, 2013 – June 3, 2013

I, _____, the undersigned applicant have agreed to participate in the 2013 Morehouse College Summer China Study Abroad Program (hereafter "the Program") organized by Morehouse Chinese Studies Program. In consideration of being permitted to participate in the Program, I acknowledge and agree to the following:

1) Prior to my travel to China to participate in the Program, I agree to:

- (a) Review the U.S. State Department information concerning travel to and around China, and become familiar with the risks and dangers of travel to and around China (including, but not limited to, the risks to my own health and personal safety posed by such travel).
- (b) Independently obtain a policy of comprehensive health and accident insurance which provides coverage for injuries and illnesses I sustain or experience during my participation in the Program, including (but not limited to) medical evacuation from China.
- (c) Consult a medical practitioner to ensure that:
 - i. I have no medical conditions that would prevent international travel.
 - ii. My vaccinations and immunizations are up to date.
 - iii. I am mentally and physically capable of engaging in strenuous activity overseas (including, but not limited to, walking long distances, climbing stairs, carrying luggage and/or backpacks, lengthy bus and van trips, and withstanding outdoor climate conditions).
- (d) Not participate in the Program if my medical practitioner advises that participation presents a direct threat to my health and safety, or the health and safety of others.

- (e) Report to Morehouse Chinese Studies Program, at least thirty (30) days prior to my departure for China, any physical or mental condition I have which may require special medical attention or accommodation during my participation in the Program (it being understood that such notice does not obligate Morehouse Chinese Studies Program to provide such attention or accommodation).
- (f) Certify that to the best of my knowledge that I am in good health and physically, mentally and emotionally capable of participating in the Program. I agree to submit with my application a statement of any limiting conditions, physical and otherwise, that should be made known to the Program Director.
- (g) Prove that I have a passport that is valid not only for the duration of my visit to China, but also for six months after my entry or return from China.
- (h) Prove that I have a valid China visa for the duration of my visit to China.
- (i) Attend all the mandatory pre-departure orientations and briefings.

2) During my participation in the Program, I agree to:

- (a) Comply with the rules, instructions, and guidelines issued or communicated by Program officials or representatives regarding personal and professional conduct, safety and security, and operational procedures.
- (b) Comply with all applicable laws and regulations, including (but not limited to) laws pertaining to immigration, customs, and entry/exit of foreigners.
- (c) Not engage in any unlawful or potentially dangerous activities.
- (d) Treat everyone with dignity and civility, and not engage in any form of discrimination, harassment, or other inappropriate conduct toward others.
- (e) Conduct myself in a courteous, professional, and businesslike manner.
- (f) Permit Program officials or representatives to photograph, videotape, and interview me in connection with Program activities, and I hereby consent to Morehouse Chinese Studies Program's use of my name and any photographs, videos, and/or interviews of me.

- (g) Participate enthusiastically in all activities throughout the Program, arrive on time and only depart when each activity has officially ended. I must sleep each night in the designated residence hall throughout the Program and eat all meals with the Program participants at the designated facility. Also, under the terms of the Chinese-only pledge, all books, magazines, music, DVDs, CDs, T.V., radio, etc. must be in Chinese (except for phone conversations and emails in English with my family). I understand I may not work during the course of the Program, schedule outside activities during this period. In addition, I must be prepared for class and exhibit respect for classmates, teachers, program staff, and director throughout the Program.
- (h) Recognize the right of the Director to immediately terminate my participation in the Program after a warning that I have failed to abide by any one program regulation.
- (i) Recognize that early departure from the program, by choice or dismissal after day 2, will result in the grade of "F" and will not receive any Morehouse course credits.
- (j) Show up and depart at the designated time and U.S. airport with the Program. I understand it will be my own responsibility to arrange an alternative way to reach the Program site in China at my own expense.
- (k) Grant Morehouse College, its employees and agents full authority to take whatever actions it may consider to be warranted under the circumstances regarding their protection of my health and safety, and I hereby release each of them from any liability for any such decisions or actions as may be taken by them in connection therewith. The authority granted in the preceding sentence shall include the right to place me, at my own expense, in a hospital, for medical services and treatment, or if no hospital is readily accessible, to place me in the hands of a local medical doctor for treatment. If it is deemed necessary or desirable by the College's employees or agents, I authorize them to transport me back home, by commercial airline or otherwise, at my own expense, for medical treatment.
- (l) Supply a signed copy of this document to my parent or guardian.

3) I understand and agree that Morehouse Chinese Studies Program:

- (a) Reserves the right to make changes to the travel itinerary when it is necessary, and Morehouse Chinese Studies Program shall not be responsible for transportation carrier penalties, re-booking fees, fare changes, missed carrier connections, or vehicle reservations, or for any loss whatsoever to me by reason of any such change to the travel itinerary (including, but not limited to, any other travel arrangements affected by such changes).
- (b) Has no responsibility for any costs and expenses that I incur during any of my pre-Program stay in Atlanta, Georgia or post-Program extension of my stay in China for personal or other reasons.
- (c) Has no responsibility for my costs and expenses if I depart early from the Program.
- (d) Has no responsibility or liability to me, in whole or in part, for:
- i.** sickness, disease, or injuries sustained by me in connection with my travel and participation in the Program, or for medical treatment and/or furnishing special medical attention or accommodation while in China, or for any expenses I may incur for the purposes of obtaining insurance or obtaining treatment for injuries and illnesses I sustain in connection with my participation in the Program;
 - ii.** any loss whatsoever to me by reason of weather, strikes, acts of God, war, quarantine, civil unrest, public health risks, terrorism, and criminal activity within China and in transit to/from China (including, but not limited to, theft, vandalism, and fraud);
 - iii.** any loss of my baggage and personal property, which I agree is transported at my own risk;
 - iv.** my failure to hold a valid passport, or my denial of entry/exit in China;
 - v.** my personal costs associated with my presence in China (including, but not limited to, my personal telephone costs and other costs that Morehouse Chinese Studies Program has not agreed in writing to cover; and
 - vi.** cancellation of the Program prior to departure or early termination of the Program after departure due to unforeseen or other uncontrollable circumstances.

4) Morehouse Chinese Studies Program, in its sole discretion, reserves the right to decline to accept or retain me in the Program at any time should my actions or behaviour impede the operation of the Program or the rights or welfare of any person. Similarly, if my conduct violates any policy or procedure of the Program, or any applicable law or regulation, I may be required to leave the Program in the sole discretion of Program officials or representatives.

5) I, individually, and on behalf of my heirs, successors, assigns, and personal representatives, hereby release and forever discharge Morehouse Chinese Studies Program, and each of Morehouse College's divisions, affiliates, or subsidiaries, and each or any officer, director, trustee, employee, or agent of any of the foregoing, and their respective successors and assigns, from and against claims, demands, actions, liabilities, injuries, expenses, and damages (including attorneys' fees and litigation costs, and direct, indirect, incidental, consequential, or special or exemplary damages) resulting from, arising out of, or related to, my participation in the Program, or any related or independent travel or activities, whether or not caused by the actions or omissions of Morehouse Chinese Studies Program.

6) I, individually, and on behalf of my heirs, successors, assigns and personal representatives, hereby agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless Morehouse Chinese Studies Program and each of the Morehouse College's divisions, affiliates, or subsidiaries, and each or any officer, director, trustee, employee, or agent of any of the foregoing, and their respective successors and assigns, from and against third party claims, demands, actions, liabilities, injuries, expenses, and damages (including attorneys' fees and litigation costs, and direct, indirect, incidental, consequential, or special or exemplary damages) resulting from, arising out of, or related to, my participation in the Program, or any related or independent travel or activities.

7) In signing this document I hereby acknowledge that I have read this entire document, that I understand its terms, and that I am bound by its terms.

Note: Please return this signed document to Morehouse Chinese Studies Program by **March 1, 2013.**

Signature: _____

Print your name (as shown on your passport): _____

Cell phone number: _____

Morehouse M#: _____

Your parent's name: _____

Your parent's cell number: _____

Date: _____

