

**U.S. Embassy in Singapore**

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**American Citizen Services (ACS) Newsletter**

***February –March 2010***

The newsletter is our way of sharing topics of general interest as well as any changes in Embassy hours or procedures. We will continue to send time-sensitive announcements separately. If you need to update your registration, please click [here](#). Please share your feedback with us at [SingaporeACS@state.gov](mailto:SingaporeACS@state.gov). *Thank you!*

If you no longer live in or travel to Singapore, please click [here](#). If you have any difficulty with your registration or feedback, please contact us at [SingaporeACS@state.gov](mailto:SingaporeACS@state.gov).

**Topics covered in this Issue:**

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**Upcoming ACS Closures**

The Consular section will be closed on the following dates in February and March 2010. For an emergency during these holidays involving an American citizen, please contact the Duty Officer at 6476-9100.

**February 15-16, 2010 (Monday and Tuesday)**

**Singapore Holiday: Chinese New Year**

**U.S. Holiday: Washington's Birthday 2/15**

**February 25, 2010**

**Consular Administrative Day\***

**March 25, 2010**

**Consular Administrative Day\***

Holidays: The Embassy observes certain local and American holidays. On these days, the Consular Section will be closed. For an emergency involving an American citizen, please contact the Duty Officer at 6476-9100 at any time.

\* We will be closed for all routine American Citizen Services such as passport renewal, extra passport pages and notarial services on these days. We will be open for collection of documents only at 3:00 – 3:30pm. Regular services will resume the following working day.

### **Current Travel Warnings of regional interest:**

**Travel Warnings** are issued to describe long-term, protracted conditions that make a country dangerous or unstable. Below please find a link to Travel Warnings for countries of regional interest. For a complete listing of Travel Warnings for all regions, please visit:

<http://travel.state.gov>.

[Pakistan](#)

### **Current Travel Alerts of regional interest:**

**Travel Alerts** are issued to disseminate information about short-term conditions, generally within a particular country, that pose imminent risks to the security of U.S. citizens. Below please find links to current Travel Alerts for countries of regional interest. For a complete listing of Travel Alerts for all regions, please visit <http://travel.state.gov>.

- [India](#) January 29, 2010
- [Philippines](#) January 20, 2010
- [Malaysia](#) January 15, 2010

### **Current Warden Messages of regional interest:**

**Warden Messages** are notices sent directly to American citizens to provide important information about local conditions.

[Indiscriminate corrosive fluid attacks in Hong Kong 1/15/10](#)

## **Country Specific Information Updates**

The Department of State maintains at all times Country Specific Information for every country in the world. This information is updated approximately twice a year or as necessary due to changing conditions. Recently, updates have been posted for the following countries in the region.

[Burma](#)      January 20, 2010

[China](#)      December 31, 2009

[Indonesia](#)      December 3, 2009

[Pakistan](#)      January 7, 2010

[Sri Lanka](#)      January 20, 2010

## **Preparing for Tax Season**

All U.S. citizens and residents living or traveling outside the United States are generally required to file income tax returns in the same way as those residing in the United States. The deadline to file is April 15, 2010.

The IRS has created a new **comprehensive tax page** which is directed to U.S. citizens who reside abroad. This page contains basic tax information that Americans overseas need to know and also includes links to more detailed topics such as the foreign earned income exclusion, foreign tax credit, reporting foreign bank accounts, Fulbright grants, state taxes, and a myriad of others. For more information on this topic you may also go to our website at:

[http://singapore.usembassy.gov/us\\_income\\_taxes.html](http://singapore.usembassy.gov/us_income_taxes.html)

## **Smart Travel for Students Abroad:**

Are you or someone you love, a student traveling this spring or summer? Ready to buckle up, put on your headphones, peruse your in-flight magazine, and begin your travel adventure?

Not so fast...When traveling abroad, you need more than just maps and flip flops. That's where we come in. When you go abroad, go from here!

<http://studentsabroad.state.gov/>

**Topic of Interest:** Save yourself time by coming prepared to the Embassy.

Have your application already printed out and filled in prior to coming to American Citizen Services. See the below links to various passport applications. For all children under the age of 16, please make an appointment. We ask that all other persons coming into American Citizen Services take a queue number and wait to be seen.

To add **visa pages to your passport** please go to:

[http://singapore.usembassy.gov/add\\_extra\\_visa\\_pages.html](http://singapore.usembassy.gov/add_extra_visa_pages.html)

- Appointment required: NO
- Fee: NO
- Processing time: Ready on the next business day. Collection is from 3:00-3:30pm in the Visa Services waiting room.

For an **adult passport renewal for anyone age 16 or above** please go to:

[http://singapore.usembassy.gov/acs\\_applicants\\_age\\_16\\_above.html](http://singapore.usembassy.gov/acs_applicants_age_16_above.html)

- Appointment required: NO
- Fee: YES
- Processing time: Ready in 7-10 working days. Collection is from 3:00-3:30pm in the Visa Services waiting room.

For all **minor passport renewal for children under the age of 16** please go to:

[http://singapore.usembassy.gov/applicants\\_age\\_below\\_16.html](http://singapore.usembassy.gov/applicants_age_below_16.html)

- Appointment required: YES
- Fee: YES
- Processing time: Ready in 7-10 working days. Collection is from 3:00-3:30pm in the Visa Services waiting room.

To report a **birth abroad and apply for a minor passport** please go to:

[http://singapore.usembassy.gov/birth\\_abroad.html](http://singapore.usembassy.gov/birth_abroad.html)

- Appointment required: YES
- Fee: YES
- Processing time: Ready in 7-10 working days. Collection is from 3:00-3:30pm in the Visa Services waiting room.

For **notarial services** please go to:

<http://singapore.usembassy.gov/notaries.html>

- Appointment required: NO

- Fee: YES
- Processing time: Same day service
- We do not do apostilles. For information on how to obtain one go to this link:  
[http://travel.state.gov/law/info/info\\_606.html](http://travel.state.gov/law/info/info_606.html)

American Citizen Services' **public hours of operation** are 8:30am-12:00pm on Monday-Friday and 1:30pm-3:00pm on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday.

- **Passport pass-back** is between 3:00-3:30pm on Monday - Friday unless the Embassy is closed for a holiday.

For specific **holiday or administrative day closures** please go to:

<http://singapore.usembassy.gov/closure-dates.html>