



# RESIDENT VIETNAM READY TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ON IMMIGRATION

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## OUR SERVICES:

- Business Visa, Work Permit, Temporary Resident Card, driving license conversion
- Destination Services: LookSee Trip, Home-Search, School-Search, Settling-In Assistance, Tenancy Management
- Car Leasing Assistance
- Cross cultural and Business Protocol Training

## PREVIOUS ISSUES:

- **Aug 2009:** Business visa for Vietnam. New Regulation
- **May 2009:** Ministry of Labor to carry out some Inspection on Foreign labor
- **Feb 2010:** What is like Being an Expatriate in 2009?

## Ministry of Labor, Invalids and Social Affairs issues Letter 828 in relation to the management of expatriates in Vietnam

Since May 2009, The Ministry of Labor, War Invalids and Social Affairs (MOLISA) has been working on measures to solve foreign labour compliance issues.

On 22 March 2010, the MOLISA issued Official Letter No. 828/LĐTBXH-VL in relation to the management of foreign employees working in Vietnam.

Through this letter, the Minister officially requests and instructs related Ministries and Departments at all levels (provincial and central) to intensify the management of expatriates for a better control.

More specifically the Letter requires that attention be paid

to the following points:

- Improvement of access to information and instructions for companies that recruit foreign employees

- Collection of statistics on Foreign Employees in each province/city by carrying out inspection, focusing on the compliance of recruitment procedures and application of work permit. Companies will be fined if found incompliant, and any foreign employee who does not hold a valid Work Permit may be deported.

- Immediate issuance of cooperation form among all Ministries and Departments at all levels, in information exchange

for controlling purpose.

At the end of every Quarter, MOLISA at each province/city level will send report on the statistic of Foreign Employees to the Central Government. The report should identify clearly the number of companies recruiting foreign employees (in which Profession, Position, Industry...).

The issuance of Official Letter 828 shows again the determination of the Vietnamese government to better control foreign labour and is a clear warning of stronger enforcement of requirements relating to the employment of foreigners.

## "MEET OUR IMMIGRATION CONSULTANT"



You are expatriate working in Vietnam or Human Resources professional and have concerns about Immigration related issues such as Work Permit, Visa, Resident Card...?

Starting from April 13th, Resident Vietnam will run an additional service in its Relocation centre in Ho Chi Minh City "MEET OUR IMMIGRATION CONSULTANT" dedicated to Expatriates and HR people. Our consultant will be delighted to answer all questions you may have on Immigration and foreign labour requirements.

- **Where:** Resident Vietnam - Relocation centre, 1st floor, No39 Le Loi Street, District 1, HCMC
- **When:** Every Tuesday and Thursday from 13:30 to 15:30 starting from April 13th and for a period of 3 weeks.

Do not miss this opportunity! It is recommended that you book an appointment in advance at: [info@residentvietnam.com](mailto:info@residentvietnam.com)

## Body + Mind

Celebrate World Health Day and help address a unique issue that is often under treated- *mental health.*

Mental health is how we think, feel and act as we cope with life. It also helps determine how we handle stress, relate to others and make choices.

Leaving friends and family behind and the adjustment of a new life in Vietnam are just a few mental adjustments we all face. This informal, coffee talk is a great way to interact with our doctors and find out small ways you can help you or others mentally adjust to your new environment.

When: April 7, 2010- 10:30am  
Where: Sofitel Plaza Hotel, 1 Thanh Nien Rd.  
Who: Dr. Carl Sternberg, Clinical Psychologist & Dr. Isabelle Spronken, General Practitioner.

Register for the talk at our Hanoi clinic  
or email [lia.garcia@internationalsos.com](mailto:lia.garcia@internationalsos.com)



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## 2010 Series of Monthly Doctor's Talks By International SOS



Mark your calendar and get ready for our doctors to bring you the latest information on health issues in Vietnam.

**Jan. 26-** New arrival talk (General health issues in VN)

**Feb. 9-** Heart Health to get ready for Valentine's Day

**March 23-** Healthy Eating & Diabetes

**April 7-** World Health Day

**May 11-** World No Tobacco Day/Cancer

**June 1-** Children's Health (International Children's Day)

*July- NO TALK- SUMMER BREAK!*

**August 25-** New arrival talk (General health issues in VN)

**Sept 7-** Oral Health/Dental Hygiene

**Oct. 12-** Women's Health

**Nov 16-** Men's Health (MOVEMBER)

*December- NO TALK- HAPPY HOLIDAYS!*

*Coffee and refreshments are also provided, so bring a friend and come mingle with our doctors!*

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