

Listening:Paul's Overseas Trip 1

Last month Paul went on a trip.He went to Japan and China.There were a couple of reasons for the trip.One reason for the trip was for business.He wanted to start some restaurants in both countries.The other reason was for pleasure.Paul enjoys travelling and he wanted to visit some friends.

Before leaving on the trip,Paul had several problems.First,his passport was going to expire.As a result,he needed to apply for a new passport.Second,he needed to get a visa to enter China.In order to apply for a visa,he needed his new passport.He had six weeks to get everything done.

After applying for a new passport,it took two weeks to get it.Once he got the passport,he went to the Chinese consulate in Toronto and applied for a visa.He filled out an application form and stood in a long line.He was surprised by how many people were applying for visas.It took more than an hour to submit his application.He submitted his application for the visa on a Friday.A week later he went back to the consulate to pick up his visa.To his surprise,when he got there the consulate was closed.The consulate was closed because it was a Chinese holiday.Paul was angry at himself for not checking the consulate's website.On its website the consulate's schedule was posted.There was a notice saying that the consulate would be closed that day.

As a result,Paul had to come back the next Monday.This was because the consulate is closed on weekends.Finally on Monday,he got the visa and he was ready to go.

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Another problem with the trip was his travel schedule.He needed to extend his stay in Japan.One week in Japan wasn't enough.Three Japanese restaurant owners wanted to meet with him.He needed more time for the meetings than a couple of days.And he didn't want to miss staying with a

good friend of his.

His friend lives near Mt. Fuji and owns a great restaurant. This was one thing Paul didn't want to miss. As a result, He extended his stay in Japan. Instead of staying for just a week he decided to stay for 10 days.

As a result, he had to change the dates for his stay in China. The meetings in China were delayed by 3 days. Instead of arriving on the first of the month, he arrived on the fourth. Fortunately, there were no problems with his new schedule in China.

However there were fewer meetings than he expected. There wasn't much interest in opening new Italian restaurants. Still, he had one very good meeting. He met a young Chinese restaurant owner who was interested. The young man already has a restaurant, but he wants to improve it. He and Paul like each other right away. They met twice in Beijing and are planning to meet again.

The young Chinese man's name is Yi. He is planning to come to see Paul. They are going to meet late next week in Toronto. Together they will work on a business plan. Paul is glad that he took the trip. He thinks it was a successful and enjoyable trip.

Vocabulary: Emergency Vehicles

Ambulances are used to transport injured or sick people to a hospital. And ambulance has trained medical personnel who can treat injured or sick people. A wheelchair is for people who can't walk. Wheelchairs have four wheels and often pushed by people from behind. Fire engines are used to fight fires. Firefighters like this one often rescue people from burning buildings. Tow trucks are used to tow cars. This tow truck is towing a car to a repair shop. Helicopters are used to rescue people from dangerous places. This helicopter is lifting someone from a sinking boat.

Vocabulary:Weather&Activities

This tree is bending over because of the strong wind.It is going to be windy for the next few days.It's a very clear night so they can look up and see many stars.There isn't a single cloud in sky.It's very cold today,so they are wearing very warm clothes.Without warm clothes,they would freeze to death.It's nice to eat ice cream on a hot day.This mother is buying ice cream for her daughter.This old man has to wear glasses to read.Without reading glasses he can't see clearly enough to read.