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Handbook for Foreign
Journalists Covering the NPC
and CPPCC Sessions

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1. Notices for Covering

1.1 Please wear your press card when entering the Great Hall of the People (GHP), the Press Center, and the stations of NPC deputies and CPPCC members. An invitation is also needed for the Press Conference of the Premier.

1.2 Please do not push or shout in the meeting room. Answering or making phone calls are not allowed during the meeting. Please turn off your cell phones or switch them to the silent mode.

1.3 Please dress properly and keep the order in the meeting room.

1.4 Please follow the rules of security check. It is forbidden to carry any weapons or inflammable, explosive and dangerous objects as well as other

objects irrelevant with the covering activity. Any violation will be treated in accordance with rules.

1.5 Please do not raise questions to NPC deputies or CPPCC members while the meeting is in process. TV reporters are not allowed to give stand-up reporting in the meeting rooms.

1.6 During press conferences and briefings, please raise your questions upon the approval of the host and make your questions short and clear.

1.7 Please follow the instructions of the field management staff when covering meetings, press conferences and briefings.

1.8 If you wish to interview NPC deputies or CPPCC members in front of the east gate of the GHP before the

start of plenary meetings, please do it on the square below the steps instead of standing on the steps or on the road to the east of the GHP. Please complete the interview at least 15 minutes prior to every plenary meeting.

1.9 Please abide by the Chinese laws and relevant regulations during your covering process.

2. Service provided by the Press Center

The Press Center of the two sessions is located at the Media Center (No.11 Fuxing Road, Beijing).

The Press Center issues press cards and vehicle passes to journalists, provides sessions-related documents and materials, releases meeting agenda and schedules of press conferences and briefings, arranges interviews with

NPC deputies or CPPCC members and answers your questions related to the two sessions. In addition, a computer service area has been set up in the Press Center, providing free online enquiry. The Center also provides free refreshment for journalists from 9am to 9pm.

Please visit our official websites for more information, such as meeting agenda, schedules of press conferences and briefings, open delegation arrangements, interview applications, deputy name lists, delegation stations and shuttle bus services.

Official websites of the Press Center:

NPC: www.npc.gov.cn/pc/12_3

CPPCC: www.cppcc.gov.cn

For information about the NPC meetings, please call 68522335 or 68522336, 68522275 (fax),.

For information about the CPPCC meetings, please call 68522034 or 68522027.

3. Credentials

Both the press card and the vehicle pass are only applicable during the entire period of the two sessions for the applicants themselves and should not be lent to others. One vehicle pass is valid only for a given vehicle. Vehicles with taxi labels or bearing non-Beijing registration plates are not allowed to use the vehicle passes. The vehicle should be parked at the designated area. During plenary meetings at the GHP, please drive into the Tiananmen Square through the southeast entrance which is closed to pedestrians.

From 7 a.m. February 22 to 8 p.m. March 17, cars with the vehicle pass

are not subject to car license plate limit.

Please keep well your press card and vehicle pass and inform the Press Center or the Security (Telephone number shown on the back of the press card) immediately in case of loss. The holder will be held responsible for any severe consequences arising from lending or loss of press cards or vehicle passes.

4. Venues of Events

4.1 The opening and closing ceremonies as well as the plenary meetings of the two sessions will be held at the GHP. Journalists covering these meetings should go to the designated areas on the second or third floor according to the press cards.

4.2 The NPC and the CPPCC will hold

press briefings and conferences respectively at the Media Center. Please pay attention to the notices on the Press Center website for the time and venues of these events.

4.3 For all plenary meetings and group meetings of NPC delegations and group meetings and joint discussions of CPPCC members that are open to foreign journalists, you are allowed to listen and cover during the entire open period. Such open meetings may be held at the GHP or at the delegation stations. Detailed information will be released on the Press Center website in advance.

5. Admission time

5.1 For plenary meetings at the GHP, journalists may enter the meeting room 80 minutes in advance; for press briefings, press conferences and open meetings of NPC delegations,

journalists may enter the meeting room 60 minutes in advance. Journalists must go through security check at the south passage of the east gate of the GHP.

5.2 Journalists may enter the meeting room 30 minutes in advance for open delegations meetings held at the delegation stations.

5.3 For events held at the Press Center, journalists may enter the venue 60 minutes in advance.

6. Areas of Covering

6.1 To cover NPC plenary meetings and the CPPCC opening ceremony held at the GHP, journalists with press cards marked with number 2 should be seated on the second floor and those with number 3 on the third floor. For CPPCC plenary meetings, all

journalists should be seated in the press area on the second floor.

6.2 To cover press briefings and conferences held at the GHP, journalists should take seats in order; cameramen should place cameras behind the last row of seats; photographers with telephoto lens should take photos from the rear area of the conference room.

6.3 To cover plenary meetings and open group meetings of NPC delegations and open CPPCC group or joint groups meetings, journalists should sit in the press area of the meeting room.

7. Interviews with NPC Deputies or CPPCC Members

7.1 If you wish to interview NPC deputies, you should apply through the

website of the NPC. The process is as follows: visit www.npc.gov.cn, click “Press Center”, “Apply for interview” and apply through the application system according to instructions.

To interview CPPCC members, please log onto www.cppcc.gov.cn and look for “Application for Interviewing CPPCC Members”. Fill in the application form and click the “submit” button.

7.2 Upon receipt of the applications, the Press Center will contact the NPC deputies or CPPCC members and inform you once the request is approved by the interviewee.

7.3 Interviews with NPC deputies and CPPCC members will be arranged at the Press Center or public area of their stations.

8. Collecting Documents

Journalists can get documents of the plenary meetings of the two sessions 60 minutes earlier at the Document Collecting Area for Foreign Journalists located on the south side of the second floor of the GHP. You can also get them at the Press Center if you fail to collect them on the spot.

9. Miscellaneous

Journalists who come to China temporarily to cover the two sessions should leave China within your valid visa period of stay and complete the customs clearance of equipments upon exit.