

Dear Sir/Madam

It may be a long story to you, but it is a real story, like every international student with a dream.

I am from Beijing, the capital of China. I have been in Melbourne for about three years. I successfully completed my Master Degree of Tourism and obtained NATTI. I worked in a travel agent as travel consultant to promote Australia tourism product to Chinese tourists and now I am working in a menswear company as customer service. My husband also completed his Master degree of IT, now he is working in a telecommunication company.

Three years ago, my husband and I considered furthering our education overseas. Finally, we chose Australia, because both of our parents visited here as tourists before. They told us it was an amazing place. Therefore, we packed our stuff, came to this beautiful land with wonder and curiosity. Sometimes, beginning is tough, but we tried to get used to live and study here, from its culture, language, food, traffic...and even Melbourne's changeable weather.

We studied hard in University. Using another language to study something complex is indeed hard. However, we tried our best to overcome. Studying until midnight was very normal. During the spare time, we had to do part-time job to support our life. I felt my life was absolutely different. In Beijing, I never lived independently, but I had to do everything here myself, I found I grew up. We gradually loved this place—clear sky, fresh air, bright sunshine and its beautiful people. I think the most important thing I like here is its open and fairness.

During university time, my husband successfully passed AUSTSWIM test and become a swim instructor. He said he likes this job; his local co-workers were very friendly and taught him lots of helpful words. When some parents said he was a good teacher or his student told him they loved him, he felt proud and I was proud of him.

During these two years study, we experienced happiness and sadness, our life was full of tears and laughs. My husband and I found we could not live without each other and we more and more love each other, therefore, after graduating from University, we married in Melbourne in 2009. Even though our parents were not here, but I still felt happy and sweet. I still remember that day, a lovely day, Melbourne witnessed our LOVE!

Finally, we decide to become Australia permanent resident and we submitted our application. You may ask why. Why? I have a dream here--having a property, gracing my backyard with lovely plants, enjoying sunshine with my husband, playing with my puppy on the grass. I love the feeling of living here.

We are determined to strive for this dream. Every beginning is tough, finding a job is not as easy as we thought, but we never give up. One's effort will pay off. Life seems to be getting better and better. As I mentioned before, now my husband is working in a telecommunication company. He loves his job and dose very well. We also have our own cleaning business. For me, I worked in a travel agent as travel consultant to help those Chinese tourists. Now, I am working in a menswear company as customer

service assistant. Last month, we have got the credit approval from bank, and we are planning to have our own property.

However, we are still waiting for the outcome of our application. Every change of the immigration policy by Australia Immigration makes us worried. I do not want to lose everything I have now, which I made great effort to obtain. I think it is unfair; you can reject us when we submit the application. However, we have been waiting for more than one year. We have our job, our business and even our property, and what we will lose is not simply money, but precious TIME!

Even though, I still trust Australia government. I believe fair justice, open and honest should be the basic quality for a nation. Australia is a peaceful, open and fair nation. Australia government will give us a fair justice.

That is my story and my opinion. I believe many people may have the similar experience with me. Just like one of my friend told me “when I came here, I found I had a dream from that time.” Now, I have a dream, please do not break it and please do not let us wait too long...

Your Sincerely