

The Honourable Raymond Chan, M.P.
Ministry of Foreign Trade.

April 7, 1995

Dear Mr Chan,

Due to my inadequacy of the English language, I was unable to discuss my case with the Member of Parliament in our community. Now that my son and I are trapped into a very desperate and helpless situation, I have no alternative but to write you, Mr Chan, knowing that you will help me and reflect the truth to the relevant government departments.

My son, Feng Gao, after receiving his B.S. in computer science from the ZhongShan University, GuangZhou, PRC in 1982, departed for United States to further his postgraduate study in Berkeley University, California. He finished his doctorate degree in 1988 and joined the UBC Computer Science Faculty as assistant professor. In 1991 he became a Canadian citizen and soon afterwards submitted an application to sponsor my husband and I to migrate to Canada so that the family can reunite.

Back in Jan 24, 1992, both my husband and I received a letter from the Canadian Consulate in Hong Kong notifying us to proceed with our immigration application. The timing was bad because several postgraduate students under my husband's supervision were still working on their thesis; so we pleaded for an adjournment.

Then came June 1993. Suddenly we learnt Feng Gao had hallucinosis. Since he was all alone in Canada, we as parents immediately proceeded our immigration application. At the same time, I obtained a tourist visa, flew to Canada and take care of him until this day.

During my stay, I was fortunate to be granted several visa extension by the Immigration Office. Meanwhile, my husband and I followed the procedure laid down by the Canadian Consulate in Hong Kong and eventually completed our medical examination in May (GuangZhou) and July (Vancouver) respectively. Since my son needs me, I continue to apply for visa extension, hoping that my immigration papers will be issued while I am still here.

In my last visa extension, the lady officer interviewing me told me that for the last time, she would extend my stay to June 30, 1995; the reason being that I have stayed in Canada for almost two years, which is much longer than the normal practice. Furthermore, since my son is out of a job, she was worried that I might become a financial burden to the Canadian Government. Regarding our immigration application, she suggested to me that we can either apply for adjournment or appeal the case if it is turned down. When I told her that my uncle in Toronto is willing to sponsor and financially support me, she replied that he is not qualified because he is not a direct family member.

From then on, we were living in agony and pain. If I leave Canada, nobody will care for Feng Gao. Most likely his sickness will deteriorate. According to the psychiatrist handling his case, hallucinosis is a form of mental breakdown. Feng Gao simply cannot stand up to the immense pressure of seeing his mother deserting him.

In the last twelve months, I consistently attend the meetings organized by the Broadway Mental Health Team and then apply what I learnt on my son. That explains why he is gradually recovering and no longer require any hospitalisation. If my son is sick because of immorality, I might have abandoned him. But he is not. In real life, everybody can be sick, and every sick person can be well again. If I nurse my son two years, then leave him to face his problems, he might disappear or even kill himself. This is not humane, and unfair to my son. My conscience will not let me do it, and if I did it I will have no peace of mind.

For the future prospect of Feng Gao, and fulfill our parenthood, my husband is willing to relinquish his immigration application. In return we hope the Canadian Government will, base on humanitarian reasons, allow me to migrate to Canada so that I can continue helping our son to get out from his syndromes, so that he will not become a burden to Canada but on the

67

contrary, make use of his professional knowledge and training to serve Canada and his fellowmen.

Should I be granted migration, I hereby guarantee that I shall never seek any welfare support from the Canadian Government. My daughter, Ning Gao, presently lecturing in New York State University, is willing to support me so that I can take good care of her only brother. My son-in-law, Yu Zhuo Li, a lecturer with the Clarkson University, USA, also confirms his total support.

The impact of our son's unexpected illness is immense and agonising. Please show empathy and sympathy to our family. Pray consider our case and help us while you can.

Ruifang Wang
258 E 58th Ave
Vancouver V5X 1V9
Tel:323-8110
Immigration file No.:5133-242773

Encl. Letters from the Ministry of Attorney General and the University Hospital.

Ruifang Wang

68