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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

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THE CHINESE-AMERICAN FRIENDSHIP
ASSOCIATION AT TRIANGLE AREA NORTH
CAROLINA (CAFA)
C/O SHAOBANG ZENG
112 KIRKFIELD DR
CARY, NC 27511

Accounting Period Ending:
December 31

Form 990 Required:
Yes

Addendum Applies:
No

Dear Applicant:

Based on information supplied, and assuming your operations will be as stated in your application for recognition of exemption, we have determined you are exempt from federal income tax under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code as an organization described in section 501(c)(3).

We have further determined that you are not a private foundation within the meaning of section 509(a) of the Code, because you are an organization described in section 509(a)(2).

If your sources of support, or your purposes, character, or method of operation change, please let us know so we can consider the effect of the change on your exempt status and foundation status. In the case of an amendment to your organizational document or bylaws, please send us a copy of the amended document or bylaws. Also, you should inform us of all changes in your name or address.

As of January 1, 1984, you are liable for taxes under the Federal Insurance Contributions Act (social security taxes) on remuneration of \$100 or more you pay to each of your employees during a calendar year. You are not liable for the tax imposed under the Federal Unemployment Tax Act (FUTA).

Since you are not a private foundation, you are not subject to the excise taxes under Chapter 42 of the Code. However, if you are involved in an excess benefit transaction, that transaction might be subject to the excise taxes of section 4958. Additionally, you are not automatically exempt from other federal excise taxes. If you have any questions about excise, employment, or other federal taxes, please contact your key district office.

Grantors and contributors may rely on this determination unless the Internal Revenue Service publishes notice to the contrary. However, if you lose your section 509(a)(2) status, a grantor or contributor may not rely

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on this determination if he or she was in part responsible for, or was aware of, the act or failure to act, or the substantial or material change on the part of the organization that resulted in your loss of such status, or if he or she acquired knowledge that the Internal Revenue Service had given notice that you would no longer be classified as a section 509(a)(2) organization.

Donors may deduct contributions to you as provided in section 170 of the Code. Bequests, legacies, devises, transfers, or gifts to you or for your use are deductible for federal estate and gift tax purposes if they meet the applicable provisions of Code sections 2055, 2106, and 2522.

Contribution deductions are allowable to donors only to the extent that their contributions are gifts, with no consideration received. Ticket purchases and similar payments in conjunction with fundraising events may not necessarily qualify as deductible contributions, depending on the circumstances. See Revenue Ruling 67-246, published in Cumulative Bulletin 1967-2, on page 104, which sets forth guidelines regarding the deductibility, as charitable contributions, of payments made by taxpayers for admission to or other participation in fundraising activities for charity.

In the heading of this letter we have indicated whether you must file Form 990, Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax. If Yes is indicated, you are required to file Form 990 only if your gross receipts each year are normally more than \$25,000. However, if you receive a Form 990 package in the mail, please file the return even if you do not exceed the gross receipts test. If you are not required to file, simply attach the label provided, check the box in the heading to indicate that your annual gross receipts are normally \$25,000 or less, and sign the return.

If a return is required, it must be filed by the 15th day of the fifth month after the end of your annual accounting period. A penalty of \$20 a day is charged when a return is filed late, unless there is reasonable cause for the delay. However, the maximum penalty charged cannot exceed \$10,000 or 5 percent of your gross receipts for the year, whichever is less. For organizations with gross receipts exceeding \$1,000,000 in any year, the penalty is \$100 per day per return, unless there is reasonable cause for the delay. The maximum penalty for an organization with gross receipts exceeding \$1,000,000 shall not exceed \$50,000. This penalty may also be charged if a return is not complete, so be sure your return is complete before you file it.

You are required to make your annual information return, Form 990 or Form 990-EZ, available for public inspection for three years after the later of the due date of the return or the date the return is filed. You are also required to make available for public inspection your exemption application, any supporting documents, and your exemption letter. Copies of these documents are also required to be provided to any individual upon written or in person request without charge other than reasonable fees for copying and postage. You may fulfill this requirement by placing these documents on the Internet. Penalties may be imposed for failure to comply with these requirements. Additional information is available in Publication 557, Tax-Exempt Status for Your Organization, or you may call our toll free

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number shown above.

You are not required to file federal income tax returns unless you are subject to the tax on unrelated business income under section 511 of the Code. If you are subject to this tax, you must file an income tax return on Form 990-T, Exempt Organization Business Income Tax Return. In this letter we are not determining whether any of your present or proposed activities are unrelated trade or business as defined in section 513 of the Code.

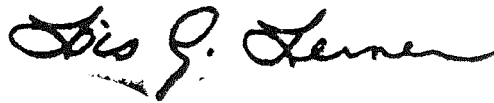
You need an employer identification number even if you have no employees. If an employer identification number was not entered on your application, a number will be assigned to you and you will be advised of it. Please use that number on all returns you file and in all correspondence with the Internal Revenue Service.

If we have indicated in the heading of this letter that an addendum applies, the enclosed addendum is an integral part of this letter.

Because this letter could help resolve any questions about your exempt status and foundation status, you should keep it in your permanent records.

If you have any questions, please contact the person whose name and telephone number are shown in the heading of this letter.

Sincerely yours,



Lois G. Lerner
Director, Exempt Organizations

* CAFA annual gross receipts are less than \$25,000.

OMB No. 1545-1150

Form **990-EZ**

Short Form
Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax
 Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code (except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)
 ▶ For organizations with gross receipts less than \$100,000 and total assets less than \$250,000 at the end of the year.
 ▶ The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

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Internal Revenue Service

A For the 2001 calendar year, or tax year beginning January 1, 2001, and ending December 31, 20 01

- B** Check if applicable:
- Address change
 - Name change
 - Initial return
 - Final return
 - Amended return
 - Application pending

C Name of organization
The Chinese-American Friendship Association
at Triangle Area, NC (CAFA)
 Number and street (or P.O. box, if mail is not delivered to street address) Room/suite
P.O. BOX 898
 City or town, state or country, and ZIP + 4
CARY, NC 27512

D Employer identification number
56: 2226533
E Telephone number
(919) 462-7327
F Enter 4-digit (GEN) ▶

• Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ).

G Accounting method: Cash Accrual
 Other (specify) ▶

I Web site: ▶ WWW.RTPCAFA.ORG
J Organization type (check only one)— 501(c) (3) ◀ (insert no.) 4947(a)(1) or 527

H Check if the organization is not required to attach Schedule B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF).

K Check if the organization's gross receipts are normally not more than \$25,000. The organization need not file a return with the IRS; but if the organization received a Form 990 Package in the mail, it should file a return without financial data. **Some states require a complete return.**

L Add lines 5b, 6b, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts; if \$100,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. ▶ \$

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (See Specific Instructions on page 35.)

Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2
	3	Membership dues and assessments	3
	4	Investment income	4
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a
	5b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b
	5c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (line 5a less line 5b) (attach schedule)	5c
	6	Special events and activities (attach schedule):	
	6a	Gross revenue (not including \$ _____ of contributions reported on line 1)	6a
	6b	Less: direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	6b
6c	Net income or (loss) from special events and activities (line 6a less line 6b)	6c	
7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a	
7b	Less: cost of goods sold	7b	
7c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (line 7a less line 7b)	7c	
8	Other revenue (describe ▶ _____)	8	
9	Total revenue (add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8)	9	
Expenses	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule)	10
	11	Benefits paid to or for members	11
	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15
	16	Other expenses (describe ▶ _____)	16
17	Total expenses (add lines 10 through 16)	17	
Net Assets	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (line 9 less line 17)	18
	19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)	20
	21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year (combine lines 18 through 20)	21

Part II Balance Sheets—If Total assets on line 25, column (B) are \$250,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ.

(See Specific Instructions on page 39.)

	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22	Cash, savings, and investments	22
23	Land and buildings	23
24	Other assets (describe ▶ _____)	24
25	Total assets	25
26	Total liabilities (describe ▶ _____)	26
27	Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	27

For Paperwork Reduction Act Notice, see the separate instructions.

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Part III Statement of Program Service Accomplishments (See Specific Instructions on page 40.)

Expenses (Required for 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations and 4947(a)(1) trusts; optional for others.)

What is the organization's primary exempt purpose? Describe what was achieved in carrying out the organization's exempt purposes. In a clear and concise manner, describe the services provided, the number of persons benefited, or other relevant information for each program title.

Part IV List of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Key Employees (List each one even if not compensated. See Specific Instructions on page 40.)

Table with 5 columns: (A) Name and address, (B) Title and average hours per week devoted to position, (C) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-), (D) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation, (E) Expense account and other allowances.

Part V Other Information (Note the attachment requirement in General Instruction V, page 14.)

Yes No

33 Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of each activity. 34 Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents but not reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes. 35 If the organization had income from business activities, such as those reported on lines 2, 6, and 7 (among others), but NOT reported on Form 990-T, attach a statement explaining your reason for not reporting the income on Form 990-T. 36 Was there a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or substantial contraction during the year? (If "Yes," attach a statement.) 37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions. 37b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year? 38a Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee OR were any such loans made in a prior year and still unpaid at the start of the period covered by this return? 38b If "Yes," attach the schedule specified in the line 38 instructions and enter the amount involved. 39 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter: a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9 39a Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities 39b 40a 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter: Amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911; section 4912; section 4955 b 501(c)(3) and (4) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or did it become aware of an excess benefit transaction from a prior year? If "Yes," attach an explanation. c Amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under 4912, 4955, and 4958 d Enter: Amount of tax on line 40c, above, reimbursed by the organization 41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed. 42 The books are in care of Telephone no. Located at ZIP + 4 43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041-Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year

Please Sign Here

Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge. Signature of officer: Peter Cheng Date: 9/12/02 Type or print name and title: PETER CHENG CAFA TREASURER

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Preparer's signature, Date, Check if self-employed, Preparer's SSN or PTIN, Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4, EIN, Phone no.

