From 1 January 2012 you need to go to the Embassy in Seoul if you need a new passport. The Danish honorary consulate in Busan will from that date no longer receive passport applications.

From 1 January 2012 new Danish passports must contain digital photos, fingerprints and signatures. In this way the security against forgery and misuse of passports is strengthened considerably. Passports issued before 1 January 2012 already hold a digital photo of the holder. Your present passport is still valid until the date of expiry.

What can be handled by the consulate in Busan from 1 January 2012?

After 1 January 2012 the consulate can still extend the validity of passports and issue emergency passports.

A condition for extension of an expired passport is that it expired no longer than two years ago. A passport can only be extended once and for a maximum of 12 months. An emergency passport is issued with validity limited to the period required for the duration of the journey and rules of the countries to be travlled through and for a maximum of 12 months. An emergency passport must be rendered to the Police or to a Danish mission abroad after use.

Travelling with an extended or an emergency passport may cause problems with other countries' border controls. Therefore we recommend that you make sure that the authorities of the country or countries you plan to travel to recognize extended or emergency passports. For instance it is not possible to travel without a visa to the USA on an extended passport.

Can I get a new passport during my holiday in Denmark?

Yes. Already today it is possible – and cheaper – to get a passport with a municipality (kommune) in Denmark. All Danish citizens can apply for a passport at the Civil Service Center (Borgerservicecenter) in any municipality. It is not necessary for you to reside in or in other way be attached to the municipality. You can find addresses of Civil Service Centres here. You may wish to call beforehand for information on opening hours, booking of appointment etc. and inform them that you reside abroad.

Can my child be included in my passport?

No. Since 1 October 2004 children, also newborns and children without names, must have their own passport. A consulate may issue a temporary (emergency) passport if you are in urgent need of a passport. See above on emergency passports.

Must children also give their fingerprints?

No. Fingerprints are not collected from children below 12 years of age, but they still have to appear in person in order to apply for a passport. From 1 January 2012 application for passports for children can only be handed in at the Embassy.

Must I also go to the Embassy to collect my new passport?

No, you only have to appear in person to apply for the passport. You may – as it is today – have your passport sent to you. But first you must send in your old passport for cancellation.