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American rush to adopt Chinese babies

Hong Kong: A growing number of Americans are paying \$3,000 to adopt Chinese orphan baby girls, a Hong Kong newspaper said on Sunday.

The *Sunday Morning Post* said demand was so high that the United States consulate in the south China city of Guangzhou had set up an adoption unit staffed by a state department officer to handle the babies' immigration applications, the first of its kind in an American overseas mission.
(*Reuter*)