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北京，4月18（新华）—前NBA明星斯蒂芬·马布里通过微博晒了一张绿卡的照片，他已成为中国永久居民。

BEIJING, April 18 (Xinhua) -- Former NBA star Stephon Marbury has become a permanent Chinese resident as he showed his "green card" on his Weibo account on Monday.



BEIJING, April 18, 2016 (Xinhua) -- Former NBA star Stephon Marbury (L) poses with Zhang Jiandong, deputy Mayor of Beijing, during a ceremony in Beijing, capital of China, April 18, 2016. Stephon Marbury, a leading player in Beijing Duck basketball team who helped the team winning three champions in the Chinese basketball league, received his Chinese "green card", or People's Republic of China Foreigner's permanent residence card here Monday. Marbury left the NBA Knicks in 2010 and reinvented himself in China, where he was named one of its 10 "model citizens" in 2014 and honorary citizen of Beijing. (Xinhua)

Marbury posted a short video on twitter-like Weibo, showing he received the Foreigner's Permanent Residence

Card from Zhang Jiandong, vice mayor of Beijing.

Beijing's super guard is the first foreign player to get China's green card in the Chinese Basketball Association (CBA) league's 21-year history.

"I'm so thankful and blessed to receive my green card today from the Beijing Government. It's a true honor to be part of the capital of China. I hope I can not only help win more championships but continue to bring positive energy and love," said the two-time NBA All-star.

A Chinese green card is one of the hardest to obtain with only around 5,000 issued since 2004, when the policy was introduced. That compares with about 600,000 foreigners currently living in China.

The 39-year-old veteran, who steered Beijing to three titles in past four seasons, is recognized as the most successful foreign player in CBA history. A museum in honor of him was unveiled in downtown Beijing last December.

