

AGREEMENT BETWEEN  
THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN AND  
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF FINLAND  
REGARDING A WORKING HOLIDAY SCHEME

The Government of Japan and the Government of the Republic of Finland (hereinafter referred to collectively as the "Parties" and individually as the "Party"),

In a spirit of promoting a closer co-operative relationship between the two countries, and

Desirous of providing wider opportunities for their nationals, particularly the youth, to appreciate the culture and general way of life of the other country for the purpose of promoting mutual understanding between the two countries,

Have agreed as follows:

Article 1

1. The Government of Japan will issue a working holiday visa to a national of the Republic of Finland residing in the Republic of Finland if such a national meets all of the following requirements and the Government of Japan deems appropriate:

- (a) intending to enter Japan primarily for the purpose of spending holidays;
- (b) being between eighteen (18) and thirty (30) years of age, both inclusive, at the time of application for a working holiday visa;
- (c) not being accompanied by dependents except for those in possession of working holiday visas or other visas issued by the Government of Japan;
- (d) possessing a valid passport, and a return travel ticket or sufficient funds with which to purchase such a ticket;
- (e) possessing reasonable funds for the maintenance during the initial period of his or her stay in Japan;
- (f) intending to leave Japan at the end of his or her stay and not altering his or her status of residence during the stay;

- (g) not having previously been issued a working holiday visa by the Government of Japan;
- (h) being in good health;
- (i) having sufficient medical insurance;
- (j) having no criminal record; and
- (k) intending to comply with the laws and regulations in force in Japan during his or her stay in Japan.

2. The Government of the Republic of Finland will issue a residence permit for a working holiday to a national of Japan if such a national meets all of the following requirements and the Government of the Republic of Finland deems appropriate:

- (a) intending to enter the Republic of Finland primarily for the purpose of spending holidays;
- (b) being between eighteen (18) and thirty (30) years of age, both inclusive, at the time of application for a residence permit for a working holiday;
- (c) not being accompanied by dependents except for those in possession of residence permits for a working holiday or other residence permits issued by the Government of the Republic of Finland;
- (d) possessing a valid passport, and a return travel ticket or sufficient funds with which to purchase such a ticket;
- (e) possessing reasonable funds for the maintenance during the initial period of his or her stay in the Republic of Finland;
- (f) intending to leave the Republic of Finland at the end of his or her stay and not altering his or her status of residence during the stay;
- (g) not having previously been issued a residence permit for a working holiday by the Government of the Republic of Finland;
- (h) being in good health;

- (i) holding a comprehensive medical and hospitalization insurance which shall remain in effect throughout his or her stay in the Republic of Finland;
- (j) having no criminal record; and
- (k) intending to comply with the laws and regulations in force in the Republic of Finland during his or her stay in the Republic of Finland.

## Article 2

1. The Government of Japan shall permit a national of the Republic of Finland to apply for a working holiday visa at the Embassy of Japan located in the Republic of Finland. When necessary, the applicant will be interviewed by the representatives of the Embassy of Japan to determine his or her eligibility.

2. The Government of the Republic of Finland shall permit a national of Japan to apply for a residence permit for a working holiday at the Embassy of the Republic of Finland located in Japan or online. When necessary, the applicant will be interviewed by the representatives of the Embassy of the Republic of Finland to determine his or her eligibility.

## Article 3

1. The Government of Japan shall permit a national of the Republic of Finland who possesses a valid working holiday visa to stay in Japan as a participant of the Working Holiday Scheme for a period of up to one (1) year from the date of entry and allow him or her to engage in employment as an incidental activity of his or her holiday during the stay for the purpose of supplementing his or her travel funds in accordance with the laws and regulations in force in Japan.

2. The Government of the Republic of Finland shall permit a national of Japan who possesses a valid residence permit for a working holiday to stay in the Republic of Finland as a participant of the Working Holiday Scheme for a period of up to one (1) year from the date of issuance of the said permit and allow him or her to engage in employment as an incidental activity of his or her holiday during the stay for the purpose of supplementing his or her travel funds in accordance with the laws and regulations in force in the Republic of Finland.

#### Article 4

Each Party shall determine annually the number of working holiday visas or residence permits for a working holiday it may issue for nationals of the other country and shall notify the other Party of such a number through diplomatic channels.

#### Article 5

1. Notwithstanding the provisions of Articles 1 and 3, the Government of Japan reserves the right not to approve any particular application for a working holiday visa which it receives, to refuse entry into Japan to any national of the Republic of Finland who has been issued a working holiday visa, to revoke a working holiday visa, or to remove any national of the Republic of Finland who has entered Japan under a working holiday visa, in accordance with its laws and regulations in force.

2. Notwithstanding the provisions of Articles 1 and 3, the Government of the Republic of Finland reserves the right not to approve any particular application for a residence permit for a working holiday which it receives, to refuse entry into the Republic of Finland to any national of Japan who has been issued a residence permit for a working holiday, to revoke a residence permit for a working holiday, or to remove any national of Japan who has entered the Republic of Finland under a residence permit for a working holiday, in accordance with its laws and regulations in force.

#### Article 6

The provisions of this Agreement shall be implemented in accordance with the laws and regulations in force in the respective countries.

#### Article 7

1. The Parties shall notify each other, in writing, of the completion of their respective internal procedures necessary for the entry into force of this Agreement through diplomatic channels. This Agreement shall enter into force on the thirtieth (30th) day after the latter of the dates of receipt of the notifications.

2. Any dispute regarding the interpretation of this Agreement shall be resolved by the Parties through diplomatic channels.

3. Amendments to this Agreement may be negotiated between the Parties at any time. The amendments shall be concluded in a written form. Any amendments shall enter into force in the same conditions as referred to in the provisions of paragraph 1 of this Article.

4. Either Party may suspend the implementation of the provisions of this Agreement, in whole or in part, temporarily for reasons of public security, public order, public health or immigration considerations. Any such suspension and the lifting thereof shall be notified immediately to the other Party through diplomatic channels.

5. Either Party may terminate this Agreement by giving three (3) months written notice to the other Party through diplomatic channels.

6. Notwithstanding the termination of this Agreement or the suspension of the implementation of any provision of this Agreement, unless otherwise decided by the Parties through diplomatic channels, each Party shall afford favourable consideration to the request for entry or stay of any national of the other country who, at the date of such termination or suspension, has been issued a valid working holiday visa or a valid residence permit for a working holiday, or has been permitted to stay in the territory of the country of that Party in accordance with Article 3.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed this Agreement.

DONE at Tokyo on the 11th day of May 2022, in duplicate in the Japanese, Finnish and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of any divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT  
OF JAPAN

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