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EXCHANGE OF NOTES BETWEEN THE REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES AND JAPAN ON THE WAIVER OF VISA REQUIREMENTS FOR HOLDERS OF DIPLOMATIC PASSPORTS

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EMBASSY OF JAPAN

MANILA

NO. 312- 24

The Embassy of Japan in the Republic of the Philippines presents its compliments to the Department of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Philippines and has the honor to inform the latter that the Government of Japan is prepared to take, on a reciprocal basis, the following measures from October 1, 2024 concerning the waiver of visa requirements for diplomatic passport holders:

1. Nationals of the Republic of the Philippines in possession of valid diplomatic passports issued by the Department of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Philippines, seeking entry into Japan for the purpose of exercising diplomatic or consular functions of the Government of the Republic of the Philippines and such nationals holding the said passports who are the members of their families forming part of their respective households, may enter Japan without obtaining a diplomatic visa and stay in Japan during their mission.

2.

(1)

Nationals of the Republic of the Philippines in possession of valid diplomatic passports issued by the Department of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Philippines, seeking entry into Japan for the purpose other than those referred to in paragraph 1 above and with the intention of staying in Japan for a period not exceeding ninety (90) consecutive days, may enter Japan without obtaining a visa.

(2)

The waiver of the visa requirements under sub-paragraph (1) above will not apply to any nationals of the Republic of the Philippines who desire to enter Japan with the intention of seeking employment or permanent residence, or of exercising a profession or other occupation (including public entertainment and sport for remunerative purposes).

3. The waiver of the visa requirements under paragraphs 1 and 2 above does not exempt nationals of the Republic of the Philippines entering Japan from the necessity of complying with the laws and regulations of Japan concerning the entry, stay, residence, exit and other control over foreign nationals.

4. The Government of Japan reserves the right to temporarily suspend the application of all or any part of the

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foregoing measures for reasons of public policy including those relating to public security, order and health. Any suspension or lifting of the suspension will be notified immediately to the Government of the Republic of the Philippines through diplomatic channels.

5. The Government of Japan reserves the right to refuse the entry into or stay in Japan to nationals of the Republic of the Philippines considered undesirable without providing the motives for its decision.

6. The Government of Japan may discontinue the foregoing measures by giving thirty (30) days written notice to the Government of the Republic of the Philippines.

The Embassy of Japan in the Republic of the Philippines has further the honor to acknowledge that, in case of any change in the passports issued by the relevant authorities of either country, the Embassy of Japan in the Republic of the Philippines and the Department of the Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Philippines will exchange specimens of the changed passports prior to the implementation of the change.

The Embassy of Japan in the Republic of the Philippines avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Department of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Philippines the assurances of its highest consideration.

Manila, July 5, 2024

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
MANILA

No. 24- 2289

The Department of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Philippines presents its compliments to the Embassy of Japan in the Republic of the Philippines and has the honor to inform the latter that the Government of the Republic of the Philippines, is prepared to take, on a reciprocal basis, the following measures from October 1, 2024 concerning the waiver of visa requirements for holders of Japanese diplomatic passports:

1. Nationals of Japan in possession of valid diplomatic passports issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, seeking entry into the Republic of the Philippines for the purpose of exercising diplomatic or consular functions of the Government of Japan and such nationals holding the said passports who are the members of their families forming part of their respective households, may enter the Republic of the Philippines without obtaining a diplomatic visa for a maximum duration of ninety (90) consecutive days of stay in the Republic of the Philippines. Such nationals should be granted permission to stay in the Republic of the Philippines during their mission provided that they register for accreditation within ninety (90) days of their arrival.

2.

(1)

Nationals of Japan in possession of valid diplomatic passports issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, seeking entry into the Republic of the Philippines for the purpose other than those referred to in paragraph 1 above and with the intention of staying in the Republic of the Philippines for a period not exceeding ninety (90) consecutive days, may enter the Republic of the Philippines without obtaining a visa.

(2)

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The waiver of the visa requirements under sub-paragraph (1) above will not apply to any nationals of Japan who desire to enter the Republic of the Philippines with the intention of seeking employment or permanent residence, or of exercising a profession or other occupation (including public entertainment and sport for remunerative purposes).

3. The waiver of the visa requirements under paragraphs 1 and 2 above does not exempt nationals of Japan entering the Republic of the Philippines from the necessity of complying with the laws and regulations of the Republic of the Philippines concerning the entry, stay, residence, exit and other control over foreign nationals.

4. The Government of the Republic of the Philippines reserves the right to temporarily suspend the application of all or any part of the foregoing measures for reasons of public policy including those relating to public security, order and health. Any suspension or lifting of the suspension will be notified immediately to the Government of Japan through diplomatic channels.

5. The Government of the Republic of the Philippines reserves the right to refuse the entry into or stay in the Republic of the Philippines to nationals of Japan considered undesirable without providing the motives for its decision.

6. The Government of the Republic of the Philippines may discontinue the foregoing measures by giving thirty (30) days written notice to the Government of Japan.

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