

Visa Waiver for UAE Nationals based on Passport-Registration System (announced after Japan-UAE Foreign Ministers' Meeting on 24th April)

Outline

UAE nationals possessing valid ordinary passports which have been registered to the diplomatic missions of Japan (embassies, consulates-general or consular offices) are exempted from obtaining a visa in advance if the purpose of visit of Japan is short-term stay (for sightseeing, visit to relatives/friends, etc.).

Date of Commencement: 1st July 2017

Duration of Stay: Thirty (30) days

Application Procedure: Fill out the registration form and submit it with e-passport

Registration Fee: Free

Period of Validity:

A period of three (3) years or the expiration date of the passport, whichever comes first, holders of the registered passport can enter Japan without a visa during the period of validity.

Time Required for Registration:

The registered passport will be returned the next working day.

Advantages

Although an e-passport needs to be submitted to a consulate or a diplomatic mission of Japan for pre-registration, the procedure has been much simplified and accelerated as shown below.

- Free of charges
- The registered passport will be returned the next working day.
- No supplemental documents are required. Just to fill in a simple registration form with required information such as applicant's name and contact information.
- Registration can be made without any specific travel plans to Japan.
- Registration can be made by any person designated by the passport holder such as relative, driver.



Cautions

- Entry into Japan will be denied unless the visitor has completed the registration of the e-passport in advance.
- In case a visitor granted a certificate of registry has obtained a new e-passport, new registration is required.
- Pre-registration is not required for those who possess valid visas for short-term stay.
- Those who wish a short-term stay (for sightseeing, business, visit to relatives/friends, etc.) that exceeds thirty (30) days need to obtain a visa just as they have to do now.



Mutual Visa Exemption for Diplomatic and Official/Special Passport Holders

(to be announced after Japan-UAE Foreign Ministers' Meeting on 24th April)

Outline

1. UAE nationals who possess valid diplomatic or official/special passports issued by the Government of the UAE and wish to enter Japan for diplomatic, consular or official missions, as well as the family members who belong to the household of the above-mentioned UAE nationals can enter Japan without obtaining visas regardless of their durations of stay.

2. UAE nationals who possess valid diplomatic or official/special passports and wish to enter Japan for a short-term stay (for sightseeing, business, visit to relatives/friends, etc.) that does not exceed ninety (90) consecutive days can enter Japan without obtaining a visa.