AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF SPAIN REGARDING A WORKING HOLIDAY SCHEME

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

In a spirit of promoting 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

Each Party will issue, free of charge, to a national of the other country (hereinafter referred to as the "sending country") residing in that country a working holiday visa if such national meets all of the following requirements and that Party deems appropriate:

- (a) intending to enter the other country (hereinafter referred to as the "receiving country") primarily for the purpose of spending holidays;
- (b) aged between eighteen and thirty years, both inclusive, at the time of application for the working holiday visa;
- (c) not being accompanied by dependants except for those in possession of working holiday visas or other visas issued by that Party;
- (d) possessing a valid passport, and a return travel ticket or sufficient funds with which to purchase such ticket;
- (e) possessing reasonable funds for the maintenance of his or her stay in the receiving country during the initial period of the stay;

- (f) intending to leave the receiving country 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 that Party;
- (h) being in good health verified by a medical certificate;
- (i) declaring that he or she has no criminal record; and
- (j) intending to comply with the laws and regulations in force in the receiving country during his or her stay in the receiving country.

Article 2

Each Party shall permit a national of the sending country to apply for working holiday visa at the Embassy or consulate of the receiving country located in the sending country. When necessary, the applicant will be interviewed by the representatives of the Embassy or consulate of the receiving country to determine his or her eligibility.

Article 3

Each Party shall permit the nationals of the sending country who possess valid working holiday visas to stay in the receiving country for a period of up to one year from the date of entry and allow them to engage in employment in so far as necessary for the purpose of supplementing their travel funds in accordance with the laws and regulations in force in the receiving country.

Article 4

- 1. Each Party shall determine annually the number of the working holiday visas it may issue for nationals of the sending country and shall notify the other Party of such number through diplomatic channels.
- 2. Each Party shall notify the other Party of the minimum amount of the funds mentioned in Article 1(e).

Article 5

Nationals of the sending country who have entered the receiving country with the working holiday visas shall comply with the laws and regulations in force in the receiving country during their stay in the receiving country.

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. This Agreement shall enter into force on the thirtieth 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. Any amendment shall be concluded in a written form.
- 4. Either Party may suspend the implementation of the foregoing provisions, in whole or in part, temporarily for reasons of public policy. Any such suspension shall be notified immediately to the other Party through diplomatic channels.
- 5. Either Party may terminate this Agreement by giving three months' written notice to the other Party through diplomatic channels.
- 6. Notwithstanding the termination of this Agreement or 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 sending country who, at the date of such termination or suspension, has been issued a valid working holiday visa or is permitted to stay in the receiving country 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 5th day of April 2017, in duplicate in the Japanese, Spanish 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

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF SPAIN