

AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE ITALIAN REPUBLIC
ON A WORKING HOLIDAY SCHEME

The Government of Japan and the Government of the Italian Republic (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

Each Party will issue, free of charge, a working holiday visa to a national of the other country (hereinafter referred to as the "sending country") residing in the sending country 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) being between eighteen (18) and thirty (30) years of age, both inclusive, at the time of application;
- (c) not being accompanied by dependants except for those in possession of the working holiday or other visa issued by that Party;
- (d) possessing a passport which is valid for at least three (3) months longer than the intended period of his or her stay and a return travel ticket or sufficient funds with which to purchase such ticket;
- (e) possessing adequate funds for the maintenance of his or her stay in the receiving country, in accordance with the relevant laws and regulations;

- (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) complying with any health requirements imposed by that Party;
- (i) having sufficient medical insurance;
- (j) having no criminal record; and
- (k) 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 nationals of the sending country to apply for working holiday visas at the Embassy or Consulate of the receiving country located in the sending country. When necessary, applicants will be interviewed by the representatives of the Embassy or Consulate to determine their eligibility.

Article 3

1. The Government of Japan shall permit the nationals of the Italian Republic who possess valid working holiday visas to stay in Japan as participants of the Working Holiday Scheme for a period of one (1) year from the date of entry and allow them to engage in employment without work permit as an incidental activity of their holidays during the stay for the purpose of supplementing their travel funds in accordance with the laws and regulations in force in Japan.

2. The Government of the Italian Republic shall permit the nationals of Japan who possess valid working holiday visas to stay in the Italian Republic as participants of the Working Holiday Scheme for a period of one (1) year from the date of entry and allow them to engage in employment, whether or not under the same employer, for a period not exceeding six (6) months in total without work permit as an incidental activity of their holidays for the purpose of supplementing their travel funds in accordance with the laws and regulations in force in the Italian Republic.

Article 4

Each Party shall determine annually the number of working holiday visas to be issued for nationals of the sending country and shall notify the other Party of such number through diplomatic channels.

Article 5

Each Party will require nationals of the sending country who have entered the receiving country as participants of the Working Holiday Scheme to comply with the laws and regulations in force in the receiving country, including those relating to work and social security, during their stay in the receiving country.

Article 6

1. The provisions of this Agreement shall be implemented by the Parties in accordance with the laws and regulations in force in the respective countries, as well as applicable international law. In addition, the Government of the Italian Republic will implement this Agreement in accordance with the obligations ensuing from its membership of the European Union.

2. The provisions of this Agreement shall be implemented by the Parties within the limits of their respective budgetary appropriations.

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 (30th) day after the latter of the dates of receipt of the notifications.

2. Any dispute arising out of the interpretation or implementation of this Agreement shall be settled amicably through direct consultations or negotiations between the Parties through diplomatic channels.

3. The provisions of this Agreement may, at any time, be subject to consultations between the Parties through diplomatic channels.

4. Amendments of this Agreement may be negotiated between the Parties at any time. These amendments shall be concluded in writing through diplomatic channels and enter into force in accordance with the procedure provided for in paragraph 1 above.

5. 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 or public health. Any such suspension shall be notified immediately to the other Party through diplomatic channels.

6. Each Party may terminate this Agreement, through diplomatic channels, by giving three (3) months' written notice to the other Party.

7. Notwithstanding the termination of this Agreement or the suspension of the implementation of any provisions 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 to stay in the receiving country 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 Rome, on the second day of May 2022, in two originals each in the Japanese, Italian and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of any divergence of interpretation, the text in English shall prevail.

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