

AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL
REGARDING WORKING HOLIDAY VISAS

The Government of Japan and the Government of the State of Israel (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 citizens, 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 shall issue, subject to working holiday visa fees prescribed by the laws and regulations of its country (hereinafter referred to as the "receiving country"), to a citizen of the other country (hereinafter referred to as the "sending country") permanently residing in the sending country upon his or her application a working holiday visa if such a citizen meets all of the following requirements and that Party deems appropriate:

- (a) intending to enter the receiving country primarily for the purpose of spending holidays with employment being an incidental rather than a primary reason for the visit;
- (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;
- (d) possessing a passport of the sending country valid for a minimum of six (6) months longer than the anticipated length of his or her stay in the receiving country, and a return travel ticket or sufficient funds to purchase such a 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) having sufficient medical insurance as required by laws and regulations in force in the receiving country;
- (i) having 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 citizen of the sending country to apply for a working holiday visa at the Embassy of the receiving country located in the sending country. When necessary, applicants will be interviewed by the representatives of the Embassy to determine their eligibility.

Article 3

A citizen of the sending country who possesses a working holiday visa issued pursuant to Article 1 and who is granted permission to enter the receiving country may stay in the receiving country pursuant to the terms of this Agreement for a period not to exceed twelve (12) months from the date of entry into the receiving country, and may undertake paid employment without a separate work permit as an incidental activity of his or her holiday for the purpose of supplementing his or her travel funds, in accordance with the laws and regulations in force of the receiving country.

Article 4

Participants from Japan in the working holiday scheme in the State of Israel under this Agreement may not work for a same employer for more than three (3) months during the period of their stay in the State of Israel. Participants from Japan in the working holiday scheme in the State of Israel under this Agreement may enroll in a language training or study program of up to three (3) months during the period of their stay in the State of Israel.

Article 5

Each Party may issue a maximum of two hundred (200) of the working holiday visas mentioned in Article 1 to citizens of the other country per annum.

Article 6

A citizen of the sending country who has entered the receiving country with a working holiday visa shall comply with the laws and regulations of the receiving country during his or her stay in the receiving country and not be engaged in employment that is contrary to the purpose of the working holiday scheme.

Article 7

Each Party reserves the right to, consistent with the laws and regulations of the respective countries, refuse the entry into the territory of its country by any citizen of the other country who has been issued a working holiday visa under this Agreement but whom it may consider undesirable, or remove any person who has entered and has been staying in the territory of its country under this Agreement but whom it may consider undesirable.

Article 8

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

Article 9

1. This Agreement shall enter into force on the ninetieth (90th) day after the latter of the dates of receipt of the diplomatic notes by which the Parties notify each other of the completion of their respective internal procedures necessary for this Agreement to enter into force.

2. Any dispute regarding the interpretation and the application 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 such amendments shall be made in written form and shall enter into force in accordance with the procedure set out in paragraph 1 of this Article. The provisions of this Agreement may at any time be subject to consultations between the Parties through diplomatic channels.

4. Either Party may suspend the implementation of the provisions of Article 1 to Article 5, in whole or in part, temporarily for reasons of public policy. Any such suspension or lifting thereof shall be notified immediately to the other Party through diplomatic channels.

5. Either Party may terminate this Agreement by giving ninety (90) days written notice to the other Party through diplomatic channels.

6. Notwithstanding the termination of this Agreement or the suspension of the implementation of any provisions of Article 1 to Article 5, unless otherwise decided by the Parties through diplomatic channels, each Party shall afford favorable consideration to the request for entry or stay of any citizen of the sending country who, at the date of such termination or suspension, has been issued a valid working holiday visa or has been 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 28th day of April, 2023, corresponding to the 7th day of Iyar, 5783, in duplicate in the Japanese, Hebrew, and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of any divergence of interpretation, the English text shall prevail.

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