Relaxation of Visa Requirements for Chinese Citizens

The Government of Japan has decided to relax the visa requirements for Chinese citizens starting from May 8, 2017.

According to the new measures, Chinese citizens with PRC passports residing in the area of jurisdiction of the Consulate-General of Japan in Hong Kong (Hong Kong, Macau) can also apply for multiple-entry visas for sightseeing. Multiple-entry visas valid for 5 years, with a period of stay of up to 90 days for each visit, will be issued to individuals with substantially high incomes. Multiple-entry visas valid for 3 years, with a period of stay of up to 30 days for each visit, will be issued to applicants with sufficient financial capability.

1. Eligibility

Those who hold a general IC (with microchip) passport or ordinary Machine-Readable passport (MRP) that is in compliance with the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) standards and meet relevant criteria are eligible to apply.

- (1) Individuals with substantially high incomes or sufficient level of financial capability
- (2) Family members of (1) (limited to directly-related family members in the second degree and siblings from the same household (relatives by blood and by affinity)).

(Note) <u>Consulate-General of Japan in Hong Kong accepts applications</u> from those who are currently residing in Hong Kong or Macau.

We do not accept applications from temporary visitors. A Hong Kong or Macau residency visa as well as a Hong Kong or Macau ID card must be presented when applying.

2. Necessary documents

Please find the procedure and requirements of the visa application under <u>"Application</u> <u>Procedure for a Multiple Entry Temporary Visitor Visa (Applicants with PRC Passports)</u>" on our official website.

3. Link

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