

## **Opening of Japan Visa Application Centre**

As the number of foreign visitors to Japan has been increasing significantly in recent years, the number of visa applications submitted to the Consulate-General of Japan in Hong Kong has also been experiencing a sharp rise. In order to provide better service to the visa applicants, the Consulate-General of Japan will open the “Japan Visa Application Centre”.

The Japan Visa Application Centre, operated by VFS Global, will be launched on **Friday, 9 December 2016**. Hereafter, applicants are advised to submit visa applications and collect their passports at the centre.

### **【Japan Visa Application Centre】**

Hours of Operation:

Submission: 8:30 am-3:00 pm (Monday to Friday, except public holidays)

Collection : 8:30 am-4:45 pm (Monday to Friday, except public holidays)

Address: Unit 3, 16/F, 148 Electric Road, North Point, Hong Kong

Helpline: (852) 3167 7033

Email: [info.jphk@vfshelpline.com](mailto:info.jphk@vfshelpline.com)

Application procedure: [book an appointment online](#)

(<http://www.vfsglobal.com/japan/Hongkong/English/index.html>)

Note:

- 1) A walk-in service is available but priority will be given to pre-booked applicants.
- 2) A service charge will apply. For details, please refer to the above website.
- 3) Applications through [travel agencies accredited by the Consulate-General](#) will remain available. However, the service charge of the centre will be applied on top of the service charge of the accredited agencies.

### **【IMPORTANT NOTICE】**

**After 9<sup>th</sup> December 2016, the Consulate-General of Japan will no longer accept visa applications directly. Please submit your applications to the Japan Visa Application Centre. (The Consulate-General of Japan will issue visas for the applications submitted before 8<sup>th</sup> December 2016.)**

For diplomatic/official matters and humanitarian assistance, please contact the Consular section of the Consulate-General of Japan ((852) 2522-1184).