Visa waiver for Malaysian citizens

Marking the 40th anniversary of ASEAN-Japan friendship and cooperation this year, The Government of Japan has decided to re-introduce a visa waiver policy for Malaysian citizens who wish to visit Japan as temporary visits, starting from 1 July, 2013.

The specific details of the visa waiver policy are shown below: Starting date: 1 July 2013

Period of stay allowed: 90 days or less (only limited to the purpose of entering Japan being "temporary visits".)

(NOTE) In the case where the purpose of entering Japan is not categorized as "temporary visits", such as for employment etc, application for a Japanese visa in advance will still be required.

Who is eligible for the visa waiver policy: only limited to those holding general IC (with microchip) passports.

(NOTE) For those who do not hold a general IC (with microchip) passport, it is recommended that they should apply for a Japanese visa in advance.

For further details, please refer to the below link of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan: <u>http://www.mofa.go.jp/press/release/press6e_000127.html</u>