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The Embassy of Japan in the Republic of Estonia presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Estonia and has the honour to inform the latter that the Government of Japan, in a spirit of promoting closer co-operative relationship between Japan and the Republic of Estonia, desirous of providing wider opportunities for nationals of the Republic of Estonia, particularly the young people of the Republic of Estonia, to experience the culture and general way of life in Japan for the purpose of promoting mutual understanding between Japan and the Republic of Estonia, and wishing to provide arrangements for working holidays which are intended to make it possible for nationals of the Republic of Estonia to enter Japan primarily for a holiday for an extended period and also engage in employment as an incidental aspect of their holiday in order to supplement their travel funds, is prepared to take, on a reciprocal basis, the following measures with respect to the entry of nationals of the Republic of Estonia into Japan, subject to the relevant laws and regulations of Japan:

1. The Government of Japan will issue, free of charge, a working holiday visa valid for a period of three (3) months from the date of issuance on application from a national of the Republic of Estonia who satisfies all of the following requirements:
  - (i) is resident in the Republic of Estonia at the time of the application for the said visa;
  - (ii) intends primarily to spend holidays in Japan for a period of up to one (1) year from the date of entry;
  - (iii) is between eighteen (18) and thirty (30) years of age both inclusive at the time of application for the said visa;
  - (iv) is not accompanied by dependents unless those dependents are also entitled to enter Japan on their own grounds;
  - (v) possesses a valid passport of the Republic of Estonia, and a return travel ticket or sufficient funds to purchase such a ticket;
  - (vi) possesses reasonable funds for his or her maintenance during the initial period of stay in Japan;
  - (vii) intends to leave Japan at the end of his or her stay;
  - (viii) has not previously been issued the said visa;
  - (ix) has good health, a sound background and no criminal record; and
  - (x) intends to comply with the laws and regulations in force in Japan during his or her stay in Japan.
  
2. Application for the visa mentioned in paragraph 1 above will be required to be submitted to the Embassy of Japan in the Republic of Estonia in accordance with procedures specific to these arrangements. When necessary, the applicants will be interviewed by the representatives of the Embassy to determine their eligibility.

3. Applicants will not be refused the visa mentioned in paragraph 1 above solely on the grounds of their lack of knowledge of the Japanese language.
4. The Government of Japan will grant nationals of the Republic of Estonia who have the visas mentioned in paragraph 1 above to stay in Japan for up to one (1) year from the date of entry. They may not extend their stay beyond the period authorized, or alter their immigration status during their stay.
5. Participants from the Republic of Estonia in these arrangements will, during their stay in Japan, be able to take work incidental to their holiday in order to supplement their travel funds.
6. The Government of Japan will require nationals of the Republic of Estonia who have entered Japan under these arrangements to comply with the laws and regulations of Japan and not to engage in employment that is inconsistent with the purpose of these arrangements.
7. Participants from the Republic of Estonia in these arrangements may, subject to the relevant laws and regulations of Japan, enroll in language courses and/or similar courses for the purpose of learning the culture and general way of life in Japan.
8. The Government of Japan will determine annually the number of visa mentioned in paragraph 1 above to be issued for nationals of the Republic of Estonia and will notify the Government of the Republic of Estonia of such number through diplomatic channels.
9. The Government of Japan may suspend the foregoing measures in whole or in part temporarily for reasons of public security, public order, public health or immigration risk. Any such suspension will be notified immediately to the Government of the Republic of Estonia through diplomatic channels.
10. The Government of Japan may terminate the foregoing measures by giving three (3) months' written notice to the Government of the Republic of Estonia.
11. The foregoing measures will commence on the 120th day from the date of the notification confirming the completion of the internal procedures of the Republic of Estonia for the issuance of working holiday visas to nationals of Japan.

The Embassy of Japan in the Republic of Estonia avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Estonia the assurances of its highest consideration.

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