

Signed at Tokyo October 8, 1998  
Entered into force April 1, 1999

**Agreement between  
the Government of the Republic of Korea  
and  
the Government of Japan regarding Working Holiday Visas**

The Government of the Republic of Korea and the Government of Japan,

In a spirit of promoting closer co-operative relationship between the two countries,  
and

Desirous of providing wider opportunities for their nationals, 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**

Either Government will issue, free of charge, to the nationals of the other country residing in the other country single entry working holiday visas that are valid for one(1) year from the date of issuance when such nationals meet all of the following requirements and such Government deems appropriate:

- (a) intend to enter the country primarily for the purpose of spending holidays;
- (b) are between eighteen(18) and twenty-five(25) years of age, both inclusive, at the time of application for the working holiday visas, except in those cases where the competent authorities of the Government decide to extend the limitation of age up to thirty(30) years;
- (c) are not accompanied by children;
- (d) possess valid passports and return travel tickets or sufficient funds with which to purchase such tickets;
- (e) possess reasonable funds for their maintenance during the initial period of stay in the other country; and
- (f) are in good health.

**Article 2**

Nationals of either country may apply for the working holiday visas at the Embassy or consulates of the other country located in their country.

**Article 3**

Either Government shall permit the nationals of the other country who possess valid working holiday visas to stay in its country for one year from the date of entry and allow

them to engage in employment as an incidental activity of their holidays for the purpose of supplementing their travel funds.

#### **Article 4**

Nationals of either country who have entered the other country with the working holiday visas shall comply with the laws and regulations in force in the other country during their stay in such country.

#### **Article 5**

Both Governments shall endeavor to encourage youth, cultural and community organizations in their respective countries to provide appropriate counselling facilities for the nationals of the other country who have entered the other country with the working holiday visas.

#### **Article 6**

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

#### **Article 7**

1. This Agreement shall enter into force on the first day of April 1999.
2. Either Government may suspend the implementation of the foregoing provisions, in whole or in part, temporarily for reasons of public policy. Any such suspension shall be notified immediately to the other Government through the diplomatic channel.
3. Either Government may terminate this Agreement by giving three(3) months written notice to the other Government.
4. Notwithstanding termination of this Agreement or suspension of the implementation of any provisions of this Agreement, unless otherwise agreed by both Governments, any person who at the date of such termination or suspension already holds a valid working holiday visa shall be permitted to enter and/or remain in such country and to work in accordance with such visa until it expires.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed this Agreement.

DONE at Tokyo on the eighth day of October 1998, in duplicate in the English language.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF  
THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF  
JAPAN