

**To foreign nationals who wish to postpone their visit to Japan  
owing to the Tohoku - Pacific Ocean Earthquake**

March 25, 2011

The following special measures will be implemented with regard to foreign nationals who have been compelled to postpone their visit to Japan owing to the recent situation in Japan in the aftermath of the Tohoku - Pacific Ocean Earthquake and intend to travel for identical purposes to Japan within six months of the date their current visa was issued. For further information, please contact the nearest Embassy or Consulate-General of Japan.

1. Foreign nationals eligible to apply for visa under the special measures

(1) Foreign nationals who have a valid single-entry visa

(A) Please apply for a new visa at the Embassy or Consulate-General of Japan where you made your initial application within the period of validity of your current visa. You can apply for a new visa only once under the present special measures.

(B) Based on the new visa application, the period of validity of your new visa will be three months.

(2) Foreign nationals who have a single-entry visa that was valid as of March 11, 2011, but is currently expired.

(A) Please apply for a new visa at the Embassy or Consulate-General of Japan where you made your initial application within five months of the date of issuance of your current visa. You can apply for a new visa only once under the present special measures.

(B) Based on the new visa application, the period of validity of your new visa will be one month or two months, depending on when you submit your application.

2. Visa categories covered by the special measures

(1) Temporary Visitor Visa (for short-term business affairs, etc., for visiting relatives/acquaintances, and for the purpose of tourism, etc)

(2) Visa for Medical Stay

(3) "Professor," "Artist," "Religious activities," "Journalist," "Investor/Business manager," "Legal/Accounting services," "Medical services," "Researcher," "Instructor," "Engineer," "Specialist in humanities/International services," "Intra-company transferee," "Entertainer," "Skilled labor," "Cultural activities," "College student," "Trainee," "Dependent," "Designated activities (excluding Working Holiday)," "Spouse or Child of Japanese national," "Spouse or Child of permanent resident," "Long-term resident"

Note: Foreign nationals who apply for a visa with a Certificate of Eligibility in principle are required to enter Japan within the period of validity of their Certificate of Eligibility. However, if it is possible to confirm that they will enter Japan with the status of residence stipulated in the Certificate of Eligibility by August 31, 2011, foreign nationals may apply for a visa even if the period of validity of their Certificate of Eligibility has expired.

3. Necessary documents

(1) Visa application form

(2) One photograph

(3) Passport

(4) For those who plan to attend a symposium or other event, please submit documents that prove that the schedule of the event has been changed.

In the process of screening of your application at the Embassy or Consulate-General of Japan, you may be requested to submit additional documents or attend an interview, as necessary.

#### 4. Visa Fees

No fees will be required for the issuance of visas under these special measures.