## Visa requirements for ASEAN countries

In celebration of the 40<sup>th</sup> Year of ASEAN-Japan Friendship and Cooperation, the Government of Japan has recently decided to implement new visa requirements for nationals of the Philippines, Vietnam, Indonesia, Malaysia and Thailand.

In this respect, erroneous information has been circulated to the effect that Japan has lifted visa requirements for nationals of the Philippines, Indonesia and Vietnam.

While Japan has decided to allow the issue of multiple-entry visas for nationals of the Philippines and Vietnam, and extended the period of stay for recipients of multiple-entry visas for nationals of Indonesia, Japan has not withdrawn visa requirements for these three countries.

For more information, kindly read the press release on the website of the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs (<a href="www.mofa.go.jp/index.html">www.mofa.go.jp/index.html</a>).