Issuance of visa for Myanmar citizens travelling to Japan (review of new entry restrictions for foreign nationals released on June 1 2022)

To Japanese residents To everyone residing in Myanmar,

June 1, 2022

On May 26, the Government of Japan announced border measures starting from June this year. The overview of the measures is as follows.

 New Border measures (designation of countries/regions based on New Measures (28) related to strengthening border measures)

(Japanese) : https://www.anzen.mofa.go.jp/info/pcwideareaspecificinfo_2022C048.html

 Visa application for foreign nationals eligible for Phased measures towards resuming cross-border travel

(Japanese): <u>https://www.mofa.go.jp/mofaj/ca/fna/page22_003381.html</u> (English): <u>https://www.mofa.go.jp/ca/fna/page22e_000921.html</u>

With this measure, foreign nationals recognized as having a need to visit Japan with the purpose of visiting relatives and friends will be able to enter Japan from 1 June. Moreover, foreign nationals who will participate in tours organized by travel agencies will also be able to enter Japan from 10 June.

The information on visa application in accordance with the new measures at our Embassy is as follows.

Foreign nationals who wish to apply for a visa to travel to Japan, including students, technical intern trainees, and travelers participating in tours organized by travel agencies, are required to show the certificate obtained from completing the registration in "Entrants, Returnees Follow up System (ERFS)"operated by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare. Please contact the receiving organization located in Japan (school, host companies, organization, or travel agency) to obtain the ERFS certificate.

For applicants who has obtained the ERFS certificate from the receiving organization, the documents necessary to apply for visa at the Embassy are indicated in "I. Eligible Person" below.

Those who intend to go to Japan to visit relatives or friends are not required to obtain the ERFS certificate.

To avoid the visa application counters from overcrowding, all visitors need to make reservations before visiting to the Embassy. Please refer to "II. Reservation Methods for Applying Visa" for details.

I. Eligible Persons

(1) Short-term Stay (Business)

Business trip for no more than 90 days in Japan for activities without pay such as trip for business communication, negotiation, contract signing, after-sales service, promotion, market research, etc.

- Required Documents
 - (Japanese) <u>https://www.mm.emb-japan.go.jp/profile/PDF%20file/2017business.jp.pdf</u> (English) <u>https://www.mm.emb-japan.go.jp/files/100312612.pdf</u>
 - (Myanmar) https://www.mm.emb-japan.go.jp/files/100326385.pdf
 - * ERFS Certificate is required.
 - * You may need to submit additional documents for visa screening as necessary.
- (2) Short-term Stay (Sightseeing)

Short-term stay for sightseeing purpose (Only when a travel agency among others organizing the trip serves as the receiving organization of the entrants.).

Please note that, visa application for individual sightseeing is still suspended for the time being and will not accept the visa application for those travel purpose.

Required Documents

(Japanese) <u>https://www.mm.emb-japan.go.jp/profile/PDF%20file/2017sightseeing.jp.pdf</u> (English) <u>https://www.mm.emb-japan.go.jp/files/100312619.pdf</u> (Myanmar) <u>https://www.mm.emb-japan.go.jp/files/100326390.pdf</u>

- * ERFS Certificate is required.
- X You may need to submit additional documents for visa screening as necessary.
- (3) Short-term Stay (Visiting relatives and friends)Foreign nationals who wish to visit relatives residing in Japan or recognized as having a need to

visit Japan for a short-term, such as for attending a wedding ceremony or funeral of friends and visiting hospitalized friends in Japan can apply for this type of visa.

Please note that, application for multiple visa is still suspended for the time being and will not accept the visa application for those travel purpose.

○ Required Documents

(Japanese) <u>https://www.mm.emb-japan.go.jp/profile/PDF%20file/2017relatives.jp.pdf</u> (English) <u>https://www.mm.emb-japan.go.jp/files/100312634.pdf</u> <u>https://www.mm.emb-japan.go.jp/files/100326394.pdf</u> (Myanmar) <u>https://www.mm.emb-japan.go.jp/files/100326394.pdf</u>

- X You may need to submit additional documents for visa screening as necessary.
- X You may need to submit the copy of wedding invitation card or doctor's medical certificate, etc. to confirm the purpose of your visit.

Applicants need to submit the invitation letter at the Embassy for visa application along with the Pledge about the compliance to preventative measures agreed by a relative or a friend residing in Japan as an inviting person.

• The Pledge :

(Japanese) <u>https://www.mofa.go.jp/mofaj/files/100351133.pdf</u> (English) <u>https://www.mofa.go.jp/files/100351152.pdf</u>

• The Invitation Letter :

(Japanese) <u>https://www.mofa.go.jp/mofaj/files/100351134.pdf</u> (English) <u>https://www.mofa.go.jp/files/100351153.pdf</u>

(4) Those who hold the following certificate of eligibility

"Business Manager", "Intra-company transferee", "Engineer/Specialist in humanities / International services", "Nursing Care", "Highly skilled professional", "Technical Intern Training", "Specified skilled workers", "Designated activities (Start-up)", "Highly skilled foreign professional", "Professor", "Artist", "Religious Activities", "Journalist", "Legal/Accounting Services", "Medical Services", "Researcher", "Instructor", "Entertainer", "Skilled Labour", "Cultural Activities", "Student", "Trainee", "Spouse or Child of Japanese", "Spouse or Child of Permanent Resident", "Long-Term Resident", "Dependent".

○ Required Documents

- (A) Visa Application Form (With photo attached)
- (B) Passport
- (C) Certificate of Eligibility
- (D) ERFS Certificate
- X You may need to submit additional documents for visa screening as necessary.

Please note that the status "Spouse of child of Japanese", "Spouse or child of Permanent Resident", "Long term resident", and "Dependent" does not require ERFS Certificate.

However, those Certificate of Eligibility that is issued after 1 January 2020, and those who apply for visa with an expired Certificate of Eligibility, the receiving organization or family members residing in Japan must provide a document which states that they are "able to continue to host the visa applicant for the activities same as what it was originally indicated in the application for the Certificate of Eligibility".

(Japanese) https://www.moj.go.jp/isa/content/930005022.pdf

(English) https://www.moj.go.jp/isa/content/930005023.pdf

(Myanmar) https://www.moj.go.jp/isa/content/001339113.pdf

II. Reservation Methods for Applying for Visa

Due to the spread of the COVID-19, the Embassy of Japan in Myanmar has introduced the following reservation system to prevent visa application counters from overcrowding and to maintain certain distance between the visitors.

To make reservation for visiting the consular section

Email : ryoji@yn.mofa.go.jp

Phone: (Japanese, English, Myanmar Language all available)

09-501-2203

09-2509-54553

Please contact the above e-mail address or phone numbers with the following facts;

- Name of Visitor
- · Name of Applicant
- Time Slots of Your Choice (between 8:30am and 11:00 am)
- Purpose of Visit : (Technical Intern Training/ Student/ Visiting Relatives and Friends etc.)
- · Contact number and email address (Required)

III. Others

(1) Japan's border measures (For those arrive in Japan after 1st June 2022) (Ministry of

Health, Labour and Welfare HP)

(Japanese)<u>https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/0000121431_00209.html</u> (English) <u>https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/covid-19/bordercontrol.html</u>

- (2) Inquiries Regarding this measure (Call Center)
 - 0 1 2 0 2 9 7 6 9 9 (Japanese Only)
 - 0 1 2 0 2 4 8 6 6 8 (Japanese Only)
 - + 0 5 0 1 7 5 1 2 1 5 8 (Japanese, English, Chinese, Korean)
 - $0\ 5\ 0\ -1\ 7\ 4\ 1\ -8\ 5\ 5\ 8$ (Japanese, English, Chinese, Korean) Reception Hour: 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. (available every day throughout the year)
- (3) Measures for Resuming Cross-Border Travel
 (Japanese) <u>https://www.mofa.go.jp/mofaj/ca/cp/page22_003380.html</u>
 (English) <u>https://www.mofa.go.jp/ca/cp/page22e_000925.html</u>
- (4) Border measures to prevent the spread of novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)
 (Japanese) <u>https://www.mofa.go.jp/mofaj/ca/fna/page4_005130.html</u>
 (English) <u>https://www.mofa.go.jp/ca/fna/page4e_001053.html</u>
- (5) Regarding denial of landing to prevent the spread of COVID-19 (novel Coronavirus)
 "Reconsideration of new entry restrictions for foreign nationals" (Summary)
 (Immigration bureau of Japan HP)
 (Japanese) <u>http://www.moj.go.jp/isa/content/001347330.pdf</u>
 <u>http://www.moj.go.jp/isa/content/001347329.pdf</u>
 (English) <u>http://www.moj.go.jp/isa/content/001361129.pdf</u>
- (6) Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare New COVID-19 Consultation Counter (Strengthening Quarantine)
 From Japan: 0120-565-653
 From Overseas: +81-3-3595-2176 (Japanese, English, Chinese, Korean)
- (7) Immigration Bureau of Japan (Refusal of entry, Re-entry to Japan)Telephone: (Operator) 03-3580-4111 (Extension number 4446, 4447)
- (8) Ministry of Foreign affairs visa information Foreign residence support center Phone Number: 0570-011000 (Navi-Dial: Follow the instruction and press 1 for Japanese

Language then press 5) for some IP phones, 03-5363-3013

■Contact: Embassy of Japan in Myanmar Phone Number: 01-549644~648 E-Mail: <u>ryoji@yn.mofa.go.jp</u>