

PLEDGE

We, _____,
the tour operator designated by the Embassy of Japan in India, to operate
“ Package Tour of Japan” for the Indian Nationals visiting Japan hereby
pledge as follows :

1. “Package Tour for Japan”, which will be organized and operated by us, will contribute towards promotion of tourism between our two countries.
2. It will be the responsibility of us to verify and ensure that the Indian tourists visiting Japan under the “Package Tour for Japan” have sufficient funds for their stay there and are visiting Japan for the tourism purpose only.
3. The appropriate guidance from us will be provided to the Indian tourists participating in the “Package Tour for Japan” so that the tourists would abide by rules and regulations of Japan during their stay there as well as follow prescribed itinerary strictly.
4. In case of any tourist under our “Package Tour for Japan” do not follow conditions mentioned in 3 above. We will not object to suspension/Cancellation of the designated tour operator status by the Embassy of Japan in India.

(Year) / (Month) / (Day)

(signature of the representative)

TOURIST VISA APPLICATION FOR PACKAGE TOUR TO JAPAN

Embassy of Japan

The Japanese and Indian Government have designated the year 2007 as the “Japan-Indo Friendship Year “as well as the “Japan-India Tourism Exchange Year”. Given this situation, Visa Relaxation Scheme for “**Package Tourists to Japan**” will come into operation from May 1st onwards of this year. The aims and objectives of the scheme are to promote people-to-people exchange between Japan and India.

1. **Visa Relaxation Scheme**

Some document required for Japanese visa shall be exempted for Indian nationals who travel to Japan by package tour organized by the Indian travel agencies that are short-listed and recognized by the Embassy of Japan or Consulate-Generals of Japan in India. These recognized travel agencies will assume accountability to the Embassy of Japan or Consulate-Generals of Japan in place of tourists.

2. **Definition of “Package Tourists to Japan”**

The term of “**Package Tourist to Japan**” refers to the person who visit Japan by the tour which is organized by the travel agencies recognized by the Embassy of Japan or Consulate-Generals of Japan. The travel agencies arrange the tours with appropriate planning that includes itineraries, touring sites, touring duration, and activities that can be included as free activities; optional tours can also be included for group tours. The travel agency should secure the travel expenses from their customers.

3. **Eligibility Conditions for Recognition**

The travel agencies interested to be recognized may apply to the Embassy of Japan or Consulate-Generals of Japan and must go through the selection process. The Embassy of Japan and Consulate-Generals of Japan will review the application in light of the following criteria.

- (1) The business scale of the travel agency and its sound management
- (2) Experience in operating group tours overseas and the travel agency’s reliability, for example, whether the travel agency is approved by International Air Transport Association (IATA) and be eligible to issue air tickets by itself.
- (3) Adequate number of staff and funds to cope with any kind of emergent situation.
- (4) Any tie-up/collaboration with travel agencies in Japan, as well as major airlines, including an ongoing negotiation with a Japanese collaborator.

- (5) Well planning of the package tour to Japan organized by the agency.
- (6) Recognition granted by the Indian Government as a tour operator.

4. Required Document for Visa Application:

(1) Currently those who apply for temporary visa for sight seeing to Japan are required to submit ①a passport, ②visa application form with pasted photograph, ③a return air ticket or reservation confirmation, ④itinerary and ⑤income certificate or bank statement. For those who wish to travel to Japan under the “**Package Tour to Japan**”, whose definition is given in section 2, ③④⑤ will be exempted.

(2) In lieu of the above-mentioned exempted documents, the recognized travel agency should submit a tour outline, tour members name list, itinerary and contact addresses of recipient travel agencies in Japan, to the Embassy of Japan or Consulate-Generals of Japan.

5. Type of Visa to be Issued :

Category : Temporary Visa
Type : Single Entry Visa
Duration of stay: 15, 30, 90 days (depending on the tour schedule)
Validity : 3 months

6. Responsibilities of the Recognized Travel Agencies

(1) It is understood that the recognized travel agencies aim to promote people-to-people exchange between Japan and India under the scheme. The travel agencies should, under their social responsibility and their business reputation, take full responsibility to let all the tourists follow the itinerary and duly return to their home country according to the tour schedule without any overstay.

(2) The recognized travel agencies should submit the attached pledge form.

(3) Travel agencies should report to the Embassy of Japan or Consulate-Generals of Japan about the return of tour participants upon the completion of tours.

(4) If any overstay by tour participants taken place, the concerned travel agency should immediately report to the Embassy of Japan or Consulate-Generals of Japan about the above circumstances and the action planned to be taken by the agency.

7. Penalty

(1) In case any overstay takes place among tourists of the package tour, the Embassy of Japan or Consulate-Generals of Japan may penalize the concerned travel agency as follows :

- Penalty -5 points Suspension of recognition for a month
- Penalty -8points Suspension of recognition for six month
- Penalty -10points Suspension of recognition for one year

(2) The penalty points are given as follows:

- In case of the travel agency being found not responsible with regards to the over stay. (Per one over stay) -1 point
- In case of the travel agency being found to be responsible with regards to the over stay. (As above) -2 points
- In case of the travel agency makes a false report. (As above) -3 points

(3) If intentional involvement of the travel agency is identified into the case of over stay, the Embassy of Japan or Consulate-Generals of Japan will withdraw at any time the recognition, regardless of the penalty points.

(4) The Embassy of Japan or Consulate-Generals of Japan may also withdraw the recognition in case the travel agency concerned is found to indulging in unfair/illegal activities.