

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE KINGDOM OF SWEDEN
AND THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN
REGARDING WORKING HOLIDAY VISAS**

The Government of the Kingdom of Sweden and the Government of Japan (hereinafter referred to collectively as the “Parties” and individually as the “Party”),

In a spirit of promoting a 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

Each Party will issue, free of charge, a working holiday visa to a national of the other country (hereinafter referred to as the “sending country”) residing in that country if such national meets all of the following requirements and if the Party deems appropriate:

- (a) intending to enter the other country (hereinafter referred to as the “receiving country”) primarily for the purpose of spending holidays, with employment not being the primary reason for the visit;
- (b) being between eighteen (18) and thirty (30) years of age, both inclusive, at the time of application for the working holiday visa;
- (c) not being accompanied by dependents except for those in possession of separate working holiday visas or other valid visas/residence permits issued by the receiving country;
- (d) possessing a passport valid at least for the term co-terminus with the period of his or her stay and a return travel ticket or sufficient funds to purchase such a ticket;
- (e) possessing sufficient funds for the maintenance during the initial period of his or her stay in the receiving country;
- (f) intending to leave the receiving country at the end of his or her stay and not altering his or her status of residence during the stay;
- (g) not having previously been issued a working holiday visa by that Party;
- (h) being in good health;
- (i) as for a national of the Kingdom of Sweden, having sufficient medical insurance, and as for a national of Japan, holding a comprehensive medical and hospitalization insurance which shall remain in effect throughout his or her stay in the Kingdom of Sweden; and
- (j) intending to comply with the laws and regulations in force in the receiving country during his or her stay in the receiving country.

Article 2

Each Party shall permit nationals of the sending country to apply for the working holiday visas at the Embassy of the receiving country located in the sending country, or online to the competent authority of the receiving country, where applicable. When necessary, applicants will be interviewed by the representatives of the Embassy to determine their eligibility.

Article 3

1. Relevant authorities of the Kingdom of Sweden will issue, subject to the provisions of Article 1, to a national of Japan a working holiday visa in the form of a temporary residence and work permit, valid for one (1) year from the date of issuance and shall permit the national of Japan who possesses such visa to stay in the Kingdom of Sweden for the period of the validity of the visa in order to engage in employment as an incidental activity of his or her holiday for the purpose of supplementing his or her travel funds.

2. The Government of Japan will issue, subject to the provisions of Article 1, to a national of the Kingdom of Sweden a working holiday visa valid for entry within three (3) months from the date of issuance and shall permit the national of the Kingdom of Sweden who possesses a valid working holiday visa of Japan to stay in Japan for a period of up to one (1) year from the date of entry in order to engage in employment as an incidental activity of his or her holiday for the purpose of supplementing his or her travel funds.

Article 4

Each Party may determine annually the number of the working holiday visas it may issue for nationals of the sending country and will notify the other Party of such number through diplomatic channels.

Article 5

Notwithstanding the provisions of Articles 1 and 3, either Party reserves the right not to approve any particular application for a working holiday visa which it receives, to refuse entry into its country to any person who has been issued a working holiday visa, to revoke a working holiday visa, or to remove any person who has obtained entry under a working holiday visa, in accordance with its laws and regulations in force.

Article 6

Nationals of either Party who have entered the receiving country with a valid working holiday visa shall comply with the laws and regulations in force in the receiving country and shall not engage in employment that is contrary to the purpose of this Agreement during their stay in the receiving country.

Article 7

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

Article 8

The Parties shall notify each other, in writing, of the completion of their respective internal procedures necessary for the entry into force of this Agreement. This Agreement shall enter into force on the thirtieth (30th) day after the latter of the dates of receipt of the notifications.

Article 9

1. Any dispute regarding the interpretation of this Agreement shall be resolved by the Parties through diplomatic channels.
2. Amendments to this Agreement may be negotiated between the Parties at any time. These amendments shall be concluded in written form. The provisions of this Agreement may, at any time, be subject to consultations between the Parties through diplomatic channels.
3. Either Party may suspend the implementation of the provisions of this Agreement, in whole or in part, temporarily for reasons of national security, public order, public health or immigration considerations. Any such suspension and the lifting thereof shall be notified immediately to the other Party through diplomatic channels.
4. Either Party may terminate this Agreement by giving three (3) months written notice to the other Party. Notwithstanding the termination of this Agreement or the suspension of the implementation of any provisions of this Agreement, unless otherwise decided by the Parties through diplomatic channels, each Party shall afford favourable consideration to the request for entry or stay of any national of the sending country who, at the date of such termination or suspension, has been issued a valid working holiday visa, or has been permitted to enter or remain in the territory of the receiving country.

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

DONE at Tokyo on the 26 of August 2019, in duplicate in the Swedish, Japanese and English languages, all texts being equally authentic. In case of divergence the English text shall prevail.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT
OF THE KINGDOM OF SWEDEN

FOR THE GOVERNMENT
OF JAPAN