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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## Visa application for eligible Pinoy travelers to Japan

The Japanese Embassy in the Philippines has released an advisory on the changes in the scope of acceptance of visa application for Filipino travelers to Japan.

The advisory emphasized the inclusion of eligible Filipino travelers under the "Phased Measures toward Resuming Cross-Border Travel", a special quota on the entry into and departure from Japan, which covers technical intern trainees and specified skilled workers.

Applicants may directly visit the embassy for own visa application while students and technical intern trainees within the same sending/accepting organization can apply through a representative with authorization letters from every applicant.

For short-term stay for business, required documents for visa application include visa application form with attached photo, passport, certificate of employment, invitation letter, letter of guarantee, and a written pledge.

The embassy may also request for additional requirements if necessary, as well as deny visa acceptance for incomplete requirements. The list of required documents can be accessed at https://www.mofa.go.jp/ca/fna/page22e\_000921.html

The accepting time for visa application starts at 8:40am to 11:00am, every Mondays to Fridays except on embassy holidays. Also, the embassy does not accept applications after the said accepting time.

Prior to visit to the Embassy, applicants are also advised to first contact its hotlines through the numbers 02-8834-7514 and 02-8834-7508 as the embassy is strictly implementing appointment schedule and social distancing measures as preventive measures against COVID-19.###