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The Embassy of the Republic of India in Japan presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan and has the honour to inform the latter that the Government of the Republic of India is prepared to take, on a reciprocal basis, the following measures from January 1, 2008 concerning the waiver of visa requirements:

1. Japanese Nationals in possession of valid diplomatic passports issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, seeking entry into the Republic of India for the purpose of exercising diplomatic or consular functions of the Government of Japan and such nationals holding the said passports who are the members of their families forming part of their respective households, may enter and stay in the Republic of India for the period not exceeding ninety (90) days without obtaining a visa. Such nationals shall be granted upon request from the diplomatic mission/consular post concerned, within ninety (90) days of his/her arrival, a residence visa for period of his/her official stay.

2. (1) Japanese nationals in possession of valid diplomatic passports issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, seeking entry into the Republic of India for the purpose other than those referred to in paragraph 1. and with the intention of staying in the Republic of India for a period not exceeding ninety (90) consecutive days, may enter the Republic of India without obtaining a visa.

(2) The waiver of the visa requirements under sub-paragraph (1) above shall not apply to any Japanese nationals who desire to enter the Republic of India with the intention of seeking employment or permanent residence, or of exercising a profession or other occupation (including public entertainment and sport for remunerative purposes).

3. The waiver of the visa requirements under paragraphs 1. and 2. above does not exempt Japanese nationals entering the Republic of India from the necessity of complying with the laws and regulations of the Republic of India concerning the entry, stay, residence, exit and other control over aliens.

4. The Government of the Republic of India reserves the right to temporarily suspend the application of all or any part of the foregoing measures for reasons of public policy including those relating to public security, order and health. Any suspension or lifting of the suspension will be notified immediately to the Government of Japan through the diplomatic channel.

5. The Government of the Republic of India reserves the right to refuse the entry into or stay in the Republic of India to Japanese nationals considered undesirable without providing the motives for its decision.

6. The Government of the Republic of India may terminate the foregoing measures by giving thirty (30) days' written notice to the Government of Japan.

The Embassy of the Republic of India in Japan avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan the assurances of its highest consideration.

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