

## **NIKKEI-JIN VISA (JAPANESE DESCENDANT)**

### **A. WHO MAY APPLY FOR THIS TYPE OF VISA?**

Children of Japanese Nationals born on or before the end of World War II (referred to as the 2nd Generation), the 2nd Generation's descendants and their spouses are eligible to apply for this type of visa.

### **B. REQUIREMENTS (Visa Application with Certificate of Eligibility)**

#### **1. Philippine Passport**

- Broken passport is not accepted. Passports must be signed and must have at least two (2) blank visa pages.

#### **2. Visa Application Form**

- Available at the Embassy website, at the entrance of the Embassy or at any of the accredited travel agencies.
- Application form should be filled out all items correctly, If item is not applicable, please fill in [N/A]. Embassy may not accept application with blank item, no signature or no date in the form; may deny the application that is filled out incorrectly or wrong information.

#### **3. Photo**

- Specs: 4.5cm x 4.5cm, with white background
- Photo must be taken within 6 months.
- Please write applicant's name and birthdate on back side of the photo.
- Photo must be pasted on the application form.

#### **4. Koseki Tohon of the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation**

#### **5. Birth Certificate**

- If the birth certificate from Philippine Statistics Office (PSA) is unreadable, or has incomplete information, please submit the birth certificate issued by PSA together with a birth certificate issued by the Local Civil Registrar.
- If the birth certificate is "late registration", please submit in addition, a baptismal certificate and school record (Form 137) from high school or elementary and School Yearbook (if possible).
- If there is no record in PSA, please submit a "Certificate of Non-Record" from PSA together with a birth certificate from the Local Civil Registrar.

#### **6. Marriage Certificate (applicable only for married)**

- If the marriage certificate from Philippine Statistics Office (PSA) is unreadable, or has incomplete information, please submit the marriage certificate issued by PSA together with a marriage certificate issued by the Local Civil Registrar.
- In case there is no record in PSA, please submit a "Certificate of Non-Record" from PSA together with the Marriage Certificate from the Local Civil Registrar.

- (5) and (6) must be issued within one year from PSA Main Office/Serbilis Outlet Center (Nationwide).

#### **7. Family Tree**

- From 1<sup>st</sup> Generation including all descendants up to present and those who are deceased must be included.
- Please use the Format of Japanese Embassy

#### **8. Family Photo (old and new)**

- Please submit original photo taken together with parents, brothers and sisters and other relatives etc. (must be pasted and labelled on a bond paper )

#### **9. Wedding Photos**

- If you are unmarried no need to submit

#### **10. Certificate of Eligibility both the original and photocopy**

### **C. REQUIREMENTS (Visa Application WITHOUT Certificate of Eligibility)**

#### **1. Visa Application Form**

- Available at the Embassy website, at the entrance of the Embassy or at any of the accredited travel agencies.
- Application form should be filled out all items correctly, If item is not applicable, please fill in [N/A]. Embassy may not accept application with blank item, no signature or no date in the form; may deny the application that is filled out incorrectly or wrong information.

#### **2. Photo**

- Specs: 4.5cm x 4.5cm, with white background
- Photo must be taken within 6 months.
- Please write applicant's name and birthdate on back side of the photo.
- Photo must be pasted on the application form.

#### **3. Copy of Philippine Passport**

#### **4. Koseki Tohon of the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation**

#### **5. Birth Certificate**

- If the birth certificate from Philippine Statistics Office (PSA) is unreadable, or has incomplete information, please submit the birth certificate issued by PSA together with a birth certificate issued by the Local Civil Registrar.
- If the birth certificate is "late registration", please submit in addition, a baptismal certificate and school record (Form 137) from high school or elementary and School Yearbook (if possible).
- If there is no record in PSA, please submit a "Certificate of Non-Record" from PSA together with a birth certificate from the Local Civil Registrar.

#### **6. Marriage Certificate (applicable only for married)**

- If the marriage certificate from Philippine Statistics Office (PSA) is unreadable, or has incomplete information, please submit the marriage certificate issued by PSA together with a marriage certificate issued by the Local Civil Registrar.
- In case there is no record in PSA, please submit a “Certificate of Non-Record” from PSA together with the Marriage Certificate from the Local Civil Registrar.
- (5) and (6) must be issued within one year from PSA Main Office/Serbilis Outlet Center (Nationwide).

**7. Family Tree**

- From 1<sup>st</sup> Generation including all descendants up to present and those who are deceased must be included.
- Please use the Format of Japanese Embassy

**8. Family Photo (old and new)**

- Please submit original photo taken together with parents, brothers and sisters and other relatives etc. (must be pasted and labelled on a bond paper )

**9. Wedding Photos**

- If you are unmarried no need to submit

**10. Baptismal Certificate**

**11. School Record (form 137)**

**12. PNP DI Clearance**

**13. NBI Clearance**

**14. Document to prove self-support in Japan**

- Proof such as Employment Contract with Japanese Company, Income Certificate from a Guarantor in Japan, etc.

**[In case the applicant is supported by his/her relative/s in Japan]**

**15. Residence Certificate (Juminhyo)**

- Residence Certificate (Juminhyo), with description of his/ her family relationship with all family members from the City Hall of relative in Japan.

**16. Employment Certificate of relative in Japan**

**17. Income Certificate (Shotoku Shomeisho) from City Hall and Tax Return Certificate (Nozeishomeisho form 2) from Tax Office**

- Must be issued within 3 months from the date of issuance. Tax Certificates must indicate the amount of gross income.

**18. Guarantee Letter**

**D. REQUIREMENTS (Visa Application WITHOUT Certificate of Eligibility and no member in the family has applied for Nikkei-jin Visa under the same 2<sup>nd</sup> generation)**

**In addition to the requirements listed in C. above, please submit the additional requirements below**

- 1. Background History about 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation in English and it's Japanese translation**  
(Detailed history of the 1<sup>st</sup> Generation, 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation and their spouses; nationality, whether the 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation chose either a Filipino Nationality or a different one; Japanese relatives in Japan, if any)
- 2. Birth Certificate of the Spouse of the 1<sup>st</sup> Generation**
- 3. Birth Certificate of the 2<sup>nd</sup> generation**
- 4. Birth Certificate of the Spouse of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation**  
[Birth Certificate]

- If the birth certificate from Philippine Statistics Office (PSA) is unreadable, or has incomplete information, please submit the birth certificate issued by PSA together with a birth certificate issued by the Local Civil Registrar.
  - If there is no record in PSA, please submit a “Certificate of Non-Record” from PSA together with a birth certificate from the Local Civil Registrar.
- 5. Marriage Certificate of the 1<sup>st</sup> Generation**
- 6. Marriage Certificate of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation**  
**[Marriage Certificate]**
- If the marriage certificate from Philippine Statistics Office (PSA) is unreadable, or has incomplete information, please submit the marriage certificate issued by PSA together with a marriage certificate issued by the Local Civil Registrar.
  - If there is no record in PSA, please submit a “Certificate of Non-Record” from PSA together with a marriage certificate from the Local Civil Registrar.
- 7. Death Certificate (if the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation already died)**
- If the death certificate from Philippine Statistics Office (PSA) is unreadable, or has incomplete information, please submit the death certificate issued by PSA together with a death certificate issued by the Local Civil Registrar.
  - If there is no record in PSA, please submit a “Certificate of Non-Record” from PSA together with a death certificate from the Local Civil Registrar.
  - (2) up to (7) must be issued within one year from PSA Main Office/Serbilis Outlet Center (Nationwide).
- 8. Family Photos of the 1st Generation and 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation**
- Please submit a photo taken together with parents, brothers and sisters and other relative etc. (must be pasted and labelled on a bond paper)

**[Requirements 9 to 11 below must be submitted if possible. However, if 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation is already registered in Koseki Tohon, there is no need to submit the following requirements)**

- 9. Documents to prove that the 1<sup>st</sup> Generation resided in the Philippines**
- Wedding photos of 1<sup>st</sup> Generation, passport etc.
  - If there is proof in the entries of the Koseki Tohon that the 1<sup>st</sup> Generation resided in the Philippines, no need to submit this requirement.
- 10. Documents to prove the relationship between the 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation’s descendants and the relatives in Japan**
- Letters between relatives (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Generation Descendants who returned to Japan after World War II), and proof such as photos taken when the relative in Japan stayed in the Philippines.
- 11. Any other documents to prove the relationship between the 1<sup>st</sup> Generation and the present generation.**

**E. PROCEDURE OF APPLICATION**

- Visa application is through accredited travel agencies  
 All visa applications without a Certificate of Eligibility (COE) must be filed only through the accredited travel agencies or through the registered Nikkei-Jin agencies starting July 30, 2007. Visa applications with Certificate of Eligibility (COE) may also be filed through agencies.

Applications filed through the agencies are accepted from 11:00AM to 12:00NN on Weekdays only.

- Personal Visa Application  
Only applicants with Certificate of Eligibility (COE) may apply directly at the Embassy of Japan in the Philippines and at the Consulate Offices in Cebu and Davao.

APPLICATION TIME:

**Embassy of Japan in Manila**

3:00PM to 4:00PM on Weekdays only.

**Consulate Offices in CEBU and DAVAO**

8:40 AM to 12:30 PM on Weekdays only.

**F. Reminders**

- It is encouraged to apply for a visa well-ahead of the desired date of departure to Japan.
- All documents must be put inside a long, brown envelope (please do not seal) with the word "NIKKEI-JIN" in bold letters written on it and must be submitted at the designated time at the Nikkei-jin Window.
- All documents must be original unless otherwise stated.
- Size of document for application should be A4 size only. If document is other size, please submit copy that is already adjusted in A4 size from its original and without staples or pasting pages.
- Documents issued from Japan are only valid within three (3) months from the date of issuance (except for the Koseki Tohon, which is valid for six (6) months from the issue date).
- Please be informed that submitted documents will not be returned. However, if the document/s cannot be issued or reproduced again (e.g., rare and important documents such as the 1st Generation's Passport), the Embassy will only keep a copy and the original will be returned to the applicant/s.
- Applicants who will not be able to submit some of the requirements are requested to submit an explanation letter instead.
- If the applicant/s cannot submit additional requirements within three (3) months, his/her application/s will be terminated.
- After the examination of documents, the applicant/s is/are to be interviewed. The interview schedule will be notified by telephone through the agencies or the contact number/s provided in the visa application form. Depending on each case, the Embassy may request for other family members to be interviewed together with the applicant/s. Please take note of such instructions.