

## Acquisition of Japanese Nationality with acknowledgement by his/her Japanese Father (Acquisition of Japanese Nationality under Article 3 of the Amended Japan Nationality Law)

Consulate General of Japan at Manila

Those who are under 20 years of age, born as an illegitimate child of a Japanese father and eventually duly acknowledged by his/ her Japanese father will be able to acquire Japanese Nationality.

### Qualifications for Acquiring Nationality

- Candidates are required to have the following qualifications:
  - he/she has been duly acknowledged by his/her Japanese father and the acknowledgement is stipulated in the Family Registry {koseki tohon} of his /her Japanese father;
  - he/she is under 20 years old;
  - he/she has never been a Japanese national; and
  - his/her father was a Japanese national at the time of his/her birth; and
- his/her father should presently be a Japanese national (if deceased, should have been a Japanese national at the time of death).

**Acquisition of Nationality thru Interim Measure:** Candidates who fulfill all the following qualifications may also be able to acquire Japanese nationality by filing a petition on or before **December 31, 2011**.

- he/she was born on or after January 02, 1983.
- he/she was acknowledged( in the Japanese Family Registry {koseki tohon}) by his/her father before he/she reached the age of 20.
- his/her father was a Japanese national at the time of his/her birth; and
- his/her father should presently be a Japanese national (if deceased, should have been a Japanese national at the time of death).

### I. Procedure on Filing Acknowledgment (at the Consulate General of Japan at Manila)

#### 1.) Requirements

- ①Family registry {koseki tohon} (or certificate of the whole articles on family register {zenbujiko shomeisho}) of acknowledging Japanese father: 2 copies
- ②Certified true copy of child's birth certificate: (with registry number and seal of civil registrar if not issued by the NSO) and its Japanese translation : 2 copies each

**Warning: Please verify that the father's name is indicated in the birth certificate**

- ③Certified true copy of the mother's birth certificate and its Japanese translation: 2 copies each
  - ④Mother's National Statistics Office issued Certificate of Non- record of Marriage (CENOMAR) proving that at the time of the child's birth the mother was not married and its Japanese translation: 2 copies each
  - ⑤When deemed necessary, other documents may also be required.
- 2.) Filing the Acknowledgement: The Japanese father is required to appear personally, he should present a valid identification card with picture (Passport etc.) and submit the above mentioned documents. He should fill up and sign two Acknowledgement report forms available at the Consulate.

II. **Procedure on Filing the Report of Acquiring Japanese Nationality** (at the Consulate General of Japan at Manila)

1. Requirements

- ① Father's Family register {koseki tohon} (family registry before revision {kaiseigen koseki tohon}, removed family registry {joseki tohon}, or certificate of the whole articles on family register {zenbujiko shomeisho} may also be necessary) from birth up to the present: 2 copies each
- ② Certified true copy of child's birth certificate: (with registry number and seal of civil registrar if not issued by the NSO) and its Japanese translation: 2 copies each

**Warning: Please verify that the father's name is indicated in the birth certificate**

- ③ Child's Certificate of Residency issued by the Barangay office where the child is residing and its Japanese translation: 2 copies each
- ④ Certified true copy of the mother's birth certificate and its Japanese translation: 2 copies each
- ⑤ National Statistics Office issued Certificate of Non- record of Marriage (CENOMAR) proving that at the time of the child's birth, the mother was not married and its Japanese translation: 2 copies each
- ⑥ Proof of the parents travel history during the period of the mother's pregnancy (passport, Certificate of Travel Record issued by the Philippine Bureau of Immigration and Deportation, etc.): 1 set
- ⑦ Written Affidavit with the following contents (Japanese translation -if not written in Japanese): 1 each
  - A. narrative summary on how the parents got acquainted
  - B. narrative summary of their relationship up to the time of the child's birth
  - C. narrative summary of their relationship from the child's birth up to the time of acknowledgement
  - D. narrative summary of their relationship from the child's acknowledgement up to the present (including the fact if the father and child are living together; who is supporting the child)
  - E. history of marriage and present civil status
  - F. signature and date
- ⑧ 2 pictures (5cm x 5cm taken within 6 months, please write the date when the picture was taken at the back of the picture)
  - a. If the child is under 15 years of age, a picture taken together with his or her designated parental authorities (taken with both parents if they are married and if not married, taken only with the mother is acceptable)
  - b. If the child is 15 years old and above: a picture taken alone.

⑨ **When deemed necessary, other documents may also be required.**

2. Filing the Report of Acquiring Japanese Nationality:

- A. if the child is under 15 years of age, personal appearance of the child and his or her designated parental authorities ( both parents if they are married and if not married, appearance with only the mother is acceptable)
- B. if the child is 15 years old and above, personal appearance of the child, who will file the report him or herself.

The applicant or applicants are required to bring an identification card with picture (Passport etc.) and the above mentioned documents and should fill up and sign two Acquisition of Nationality Report forms available at the Consulate.

\*Around 2 months after filing the report, notice will be given as to the results of the Acquisition of Japanese nationality by the Ministry of Justice through the Embassy, there upon procedures for registration in the family registry must be under taken.