The Choice of Nationality

If you are a person of dual nationality, please make the choice of nationality!

Period within which the choice of nationality must be made.
- (a) If they have acquired multiple nationality before becoming 18 years of age, the choice of nationality shall be made before reaching 20 years of age. *
- (b) If they have acquired multiple nationality on or after the day when they reach 18 years of age, the choice of nationality shall be made within two years after the day when they acquired the second nationality.*

Individuals who failed to make the choice of nationality within the above-mentioned period, may be notified by the Minister of Justice that they are required to choose one of the nationalities they possess. If they fail to choose their nationality, they may lose their Japanese nationality.

THE NATIONALITY LAW: Article 14. Choice of nationalities
http://www.moj.go.jp/ENGLISH/information/tnl-01.html
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http://www.moj.go.jp/ENGLISH/information/tcon-01.html
https://www.moj.go.jp/EN/MINJI/minji06.html

Declaration to Choose Japanese nationality

[Informant]
A person who intends to choose Japanese nationality.
- ※ Personal appearance of the informant is a must. (No representative will be allowed)
- ※ Legal representative if the informant is below 15 years old (parental authority, etc.)

[Requirements] (All original except unless stated otherwise)
- (1) Notification of Choosing of Nationality: 2 pcs (available at the Embassy)
- (2) Photo ID, e.g., Passport, Driver's License, or SSS ID of the informant

*In accordance with the revision of the Family Registration Law, effective on April 1, 2024, it is no longer necessary, in principle, to submit a copy of the family register for notifications related to family register and nationality. On the other hand, the notification form has fields for the permanent domicile and the name of head of family, thus, please confirm these information prior to visiting the Embassy.

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