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NOTE VERBALE

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs presents its compliments to the Embassy of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and has the honour to inform the latter that the Government of Japan is prepared to take, on a reciprocal basis, the following measures from May 1, 2005 concerning the waiver of visa requirements:

1. Vietnamese citizens in holding valid diplomatic or official passports issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, seeking entry into Japan for the purpose of exercising diplomatic or consular functions or official duties of the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and such citizens holding the said passports who are the members of their families forming part of their respective households, may enter the territory of Japan without obtaining a visa irrespective of the duration of stay in Japan.

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

(2) The waiver of the visa requirements under sub-paragraph (1) mentioned above shall not apply to any Vietnamese citizen desiring to enter Japan with the intention of seeking employment or permanent residence, of exercising a profession or other occupation or of engaging in a public entertainment (including sport) for remunerative purposes.

3. The waiver of the visa requirements under paragraphs 1 and 2 mentioned above dose not exempt Vietnamese citizens entering Japan from the necessity of complying with the laws and regulations of Japan concerning the entry, stay, residence, exit, and other control over aliens.

4. The Government of Japan reserves the right to refuse the entry into or stay in its country to Vietnamese citizens considered undesirable.

5. The Government of Japan, when it terminates the above measures, will give thirty (30) days' written notice to the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam the assurances of its highest consideration.



Tokyo, March 8, 2005.