

## **PRE- REGISTRATION FOR IC PASSPORT HOLDERS**

As stated on September 30th, 2014, VISA-free for citizen holders of e-passport, by pre-departure registration, will be actively enforced from December 1 st , 2014.

The realization of this policy is expected to encourage Japanese tourism targeting 20 million tourists to Japan, as Japan's growth strategy, and can primarily play a major role in strengthening Japan-Indonesia relations.

### **1. Target**

Indonesian citizen who holds IC passport / e-passport (passport with chip logo on the front cover) according to ICAO (International Civil Aviation Organization) standard, register e-passport at Japan Country Office (Japanese Embassy / Consulate General of Japan / Office Japanese Consulate) in Indonesia before departure.

### **2. Proof of Free Registration Visa**

Indonesian citizens who have registered e-passport will be given proof of registration by the Embassy of Japan / Consulate General / Consulate Office with the following conditions:

- Destination Travel: short stay (sightseeing, business, family visit, friends visit, or other short stay)
- Duration of stay: 15 days
- Validity period: 3 years or until the valid passport validity limit (if the passport is less than 3 years old) Following the shortest period of validity.)
- Cost: free
- Registration Process:
  - 2 working days (in case of applying at Embassy of Japan)
  - 5 working days (in case of applying at Japan Visa Application Centre)

### **3. Procedure of registration pre-departure**

- a. The applicant or the applicant's representative carries an e-passport and application form (attached form: PDF or DOC) to the Embassy of Japan / Consulate General / Consulate Office in Indonesia for registration.
- b. If the applicant had previously applied for a visa waiver, applicant is required to submit his/her previous passport containing the visa waiver, along with the application form. If the passport is lost/stolen then the applicant needs to submit evidence of police report stating the case.
- c. The Embassy / Consulate General / Consulate Office will accept the application file, register the process, attach the VISA free sticker, and return it to the applicant again.
- d. The person concerned may travel to Japan for a maximum duration of stay of 15 days, many times until the sticker expires, without the need to register again at each trip.
- e. For VISA Free applicants who are not granted their application, shall apply VISA as usual.

### **4. Caution**

- a. WNI holders of passports other than e-passports still require VISA to enter Japan. VISA-free is only valid for maximum 15 days visit, if planning to stay more than 15 days, or work purpose in Japan, must apply for VISA by following applicable regulations.
- b. If there is a change of passport or a change of name in the passport, must re-register by following the applicable provisions.
- c. WNI holders of e-passports entering Japan without the previous VISA free registration will be banned at Japan Airport. Therefore, this registration must be made before departure. In addition, there are times when the airport Immigration Officer will inquire the purpose of arrival, duration of stay, or any other required information, including requesting a round trip ticket or ticket to

another country. From the result of question and answer by the Immigration officer it is possible that the concerned cannot enter to Japan.

- d. For Indonesian citizens who have been deported, in a period of obstruction, have committed a violation of law both in Japan and / or law violation in another country and have served 1 or more years of detention, unable to enter Japan even after pre-departure registration.

### **DIFFERENCE OF E-PASSPORT AND REGULAR PASSPORT ACCORDING TO ICAO STANDARD**

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