To all foreign nationals residing in Japan and to all foreign nationals visiting Japan

Starting April 1, 2016, changes will be made to the format of the Disembarkation Card for Foreign Nationals and Embarkation and Disembarkation Card for Re-entrants! Moreover, the Embarkation Card for Foreign Nationals will no longer be used!

Outline of the Amendment

The new format will no longer have some of the boxes such as “nationality/region”, “sex” and “passport number”, and in order to prevent the omission of necessary information, the sections for “answers to required questions” and “signature”, which used to be on the back, will now be on the front of the Disembarkation Card for Foreign Nationals.

Moreover, you will no longer be required to select either “Re-entry Permission” or “Special Re-entry Permission” in the Embarkation Card for Re-entrants, but instead will have to fill in whether or not you intend to re-enter Japan.

For further details, please refer to the Immigration Bureau website ➤ http://www.immi-moj.go.jp

New format of the Disembarkation Card for Foreign Nationals

The section for “answers to required questions”, which used to be on the back, will be moved to the front. Please check one of the boxes for each question without fail.

The “signature” box which used to be on the back will be moved to the front.

New format of the Embarkation and Disembarkation Card for Re-entrants

Please check ✓ either one of the boxes below without fail.

●You wish to re-enter Japan

1. 時間的な退出であり、再入国する予定です。
   I am leaving Japan temporarily and will return.

●You have been granted “re-entry permission”, which still has some time remaining on it, and do not plan to re-enter Japan within the valid period.

2. “再入国許可”的有効期間内に再入国の予定はありません。
   I do not plan to re-enter Japan while my re-entry permit is valid.

Check the box if you do not plan to re-enter Japan while your re-entry permit, which you have obtained at a regional immigration bureau, is valid.

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Points of the Amendment

The main changes from the old format are as follows:

**Disembarkation Card for Foreign Nationals**
- Deletion of "nationality/region" and "sex"
- The year of the "date of birth" to be given as four digits instead of two digits
- Deletion of the question "How much money in cash do you presently have in your possession?"
- Deletion of "occupation" and "passport number", and "transit" as the purpose of visit
- Deletion of the date box for the section on "intended length of stay in Japan"
- Required questions and signature sections, which were previously on the back of the card, to be moved to the front.

**Disembarkation Card for Re-entrants**
- Deletion of "nationality/region" and "sex"
- The year of the "date of birth" to be given as four digits instead of two digits
- Deletion of the question "How much money in cash do you presently have in your possession?"

**Embarkation Card for Re-entrants**
- Deletion of "nationality/region" and "sex"
- The year of the "date of birth" to be given as four digits instead of two digits
- Additional required information of "intended period out of Japan"
- Changes in the section on intention to re-enter Japan (please refer to Q3 given below for further details).

Q&A on Format Changes

**Q1:** Does this mean I'll no longer be able to use the old format?

**A:** You will be able to continue using both the Disembarkation Card for Foreign Nationals and Embarkation and Disembarkation Card for Re-entrants for the time being.

**Q2:** If I use the old Embarkation Card for Re-entrants, which box should I check to indicate I intend to re-enter Japan?

**A:** If you are using the old format, please check as given below.

Old Embarkation Card for Re-entrants [3 types]

**Q3:** If I plan to re-enter Japan, will I have to select whether I am departing with re-entry permission or special re-entry permission at the time of my departure as before?

**A:** You will not be required to make this selection since the immigration inspector will carry out the procedures making a decision based on the intended period out of Japan which you will have given in your ED card.

**Q4:** Why is it that foreign nationals who possess "re-entry permission", which still has time remaining on it, have to hand in an Embarkation Card for Re-entrants even if they do not plan to re-enter Japan?

**A:** Mid to long-term residents are subject to the Residential Basic Book system, which is why we need to confirm whether or not the foreign national intends to re-enter Japan.

**Q5:** Will I be able to use the new card before April 1?

**A:** Please note you will not be able to use the new card before April 1.

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