## Consulate General of India Osaka-Kobe \*\*\*

## **Subject : Restoration of Tourist/e Tourist Visa for Foreign Tourists**

Keeping in view the improvement in COVID-19 situation in India, the Government has considered the need for further relaxation of visa and travel restrictions.

2. Accordingly, with immediate effect, it has been decided that:

(i) Currently valid e-Tourist Visas issued for five years, which were suspended since March 2020, shall stand restored to nationals of eligible countries with immediate effect. Applications for fresh e-tourist visas for eligible nationalities can also be made at the Indian E-Visa Portal [https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/evisa/tvoa.html].

(ii) Currently valid old long duration regular Tourist Visas which remained suspended since March, 2020, shall stand restored for the nationals of Japan and USA. Fresh long duration Tourist Visas can also be issued to the nationals of Japan and USA.

3. In respect of quarantine and all other health / COVID-19 related matters, extant guidelines of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare of the Government of India shall be adhered to.

4. The foreign nationals on Tourist/e- Tourist Visas may enter into India only through designated Sea Immigration Check Posts (ICPs) or Airport ICPs by flights, including those under the Vande Bharat Mission or 'air bubble' scheme, or by any flights as allowed by the DGCA or Ministry of Civil Aviation. In no case will foreign nationals be allowed to enter through land borders or riverine routes on Tourist Visa/e- Tourist Visa.

5. These instructions shall come into force with immediate effect.

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