

WAIVER OF VISA FEES FOR NONIMMIGRANTS

Exchange of notes at Tokyo July 6 and 7, 1926
Entered into force July 7, 1926
*Not revived after World War II*¹

Department of State files

The American Ambassador to the Minister of Foreign Affairs

No. 115

TOKYO, July 6, 1926

EXCELLENCY:

I have the honor to inform Your Excellency that my Government is desirous of concluding an arrangement with the Imperial Japanese Government, by exchange of notes, to the following effect:

The Government of the United States will agree to collect no fees for passport visas or applications therefor from subjects of Japan who desire to visit the United States, including insular possessions, temporarily as tourists or temporarily for business or pleasure or who go in continuous transit through the United States or who, having been lawfully admitted to the United States, later go in transit from one part of the United States to another through foreign contiguous territory or who are entitled to enter the United States solely to carry on trade under, and in pursuance of, the present existing treaty of commerce and navigation, provided the Government of Japan will not require visa fees of citizens of the United States of like classes and under like circumstances.

This arrangement could, of course, be terminated at the will of either Government.

I avail myself of this opportunity to renew to Your Excellency the assurances of my highest consideration

CHARLES MACVEAGH

His Excellency

Baron SHIDEHARA,

His Imperial Japanese Majesty's
Minister for Foreign Affairs,
etc.

¹ Not included among treaties and other agreements continued in force or revived by U.S. note of Apr. 22, 1953, pursuant to art. 7 of treaty of peace signed at San Francisco Sept. 8, 1951 (3 UST 3175; TIAS 2490).

The Minister of Foreign Affairs to the American Ambassador

[TRANSLATION]

DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS

Tokio, July 7th, 1926

No. 46

MR. AMBASSADOR:

Your Excellency was good enough to inform me by your Note No. 115 dated July 6, 1926, of the desire of the American Government to conclude an arrangement between the two Governments for the reciprocal relinquishment of fees for passport visas or applications therefor. In reply, I have the honor to state as follows:

The Government of Japan agrees to collect hereafter no fees for passport visas or applications therefor from citizens of the United States who desire to visit Japan, including her overseas possessions, temporarily as tourists or temporarily for business or pleasure or who go in continuous transit through Japan or who, having been lawfully admitted to Japan, later go in transit from one part of Japan to another through foreign contiguous territory or who are entitled to enter Japan solely to carry on trade under, and in pursuance of, the present existing treaty of commerce and navigation, provided the United States Government will not hereafter require fees for passport visas or applications therefor of Japanese subjects of the classes and in the circumstances specified in your note under acknowledgment.

It is understood that this arrangement is terminable at the will of either Government.

I avail myself of this occasion to renew to Your Excellency, Mr. Ambassador, the assurance of my highest consideration.

BARON KIJURO SHIDEHARA
Minister for Foreign Affairs

His Excellency CHARLES MACVEAGH,
*Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary
of the United States of America.*