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No. 8822. EXCHANGE OF NOTES BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF IRELAND AND THE GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN CONSTITUTING AN AGREEMENT¹ CONCERNING RECIPROCAL WAIVING OF PASSPORT VISAS. DUBLIN, 1 SEPTEMBER 1966

I

From the Embassy of Japan at Dublin to the Department of External Affairs of Ireland

The Embassy of Japan presents its compliments to the Department of External Affairs, and has the honour to inform the latter that, with a view to facilitating travel between Japan and Ireland, the Government of Japan are prepared to make the following arrangements with the Government of Ireland.

- (1) Irish nationals holding valid Irish passports shall be free to travel from any place whatever to Japan, for a stay not exceeding six consecutive months, without the necessity of obtaining a visa in advance.
- (2) Japanese nationals holding valid Japanese passports shall be free to travel from any place whatever to Ireland, for a stay not exceeding six consecutive months, without the necessity of obtaining a visa in advance.
- (3) The competent authorities of Japan may authorize an extension of the period of stay of Irish nationals who entered Japan without a visa under the terms set out above. The competent authorities of Ireland may authorize an extension of the period of stay of Japanese nationals who entered Ireland without a visa under the terms set out above.
- (4) Irish or Japanese nationals holding valid diplomatic or official passports issued by the countries of which they are nationals shall be free to travel from any place whatever to Japan or Ireland without the necessity of obtaining a visa in advance, even if their stay in Japan or in Ireland may exceed six consecutive months.
- (5) If their object in entering Japan or Ireland is to take up employment or to exercise a profession or other occupation or to engage in public entertainment (including sport) for remunerative purposes, they shall be required to obtain a visa in advance.

¹ Came into force on 1 September 1966 by the exchange of the said notes.

- (6) The waiver of the visa requirement shall not exempt Irish nationals proceeding to Japan, or Japanese nationals proceeding to Ireland, from the necessity of complying with the respective laws and regulations of the countries concerning the entry, residence (temporary or permanent) and exit of aliens.
- (7) The competent authorities of Japan and of Ireland reserve the right to refuse leave to enter or stay in their countries in any cases where the person concerned is undesirable or otherwise ineligible under the general policy of the respective Government relating to the entry of aliens.
- (8) Visas, when required and granted, shall be free of charge and valid for any number of entries within twelve months from the date of issue, provided that the Government of Japan or Ireland, as the case may be, retains the right to grant visas valid for a single entry in particular cases.
- (9) Either Government may suspend the foregoing provisions in whole or in part, temporarily, for reasons of public policy. Any such suspension shall be notified immediately to the other Government through the diplomatic channel.

If the above arrangements are acceptable to the Government of Ireland, the Embassy of Japan has further the honour to suggest that these arrangements shall become effective on 1st September, 1966, and shall thereafter be subject to termination by either Government on thirty days' notice given to the other Government in writing.

Dublin, 1st September 1966

II

From the Department of External Affairs of Ireland to the Embassy of Japan at Dublin

The Department of External Affairs presents its compliments to the Embassy of Japan, and has the honour to acknowledge the receipt of the latter's Note of 1st September, 1966, which reads as follows :

[See note I]

The Department of External Affairs has the honour to inform the Embassy that the arrangements set out above are acceptable to the Government of Ireland, and that the Government of Ireland will apply the aforesaid arrangements, effective on 1st September, 1966, which shall thereafter be subject to termination by either Government on thirty days' notice given to the other Government in writing.

1st September, 1966