

The Opening of Japan Visa Application Centre

February 1, 2017

Embassy of Japan in Sri Lanka

Along with the number of visitors from Sri Lanka to Japan, we have seen a significant increase in the number of visa applications submitted to the Embassy in recent years. In order to provide better services to visa applicants, we are pleased to announce the establishment of a Japan Visa Application Centre.

The establishment of the visa centre will offer extended hours for submissions of visa application and collections of processed passport, greatly reducing the waiting time associated with the process. Applications will now be accepted in cities outside of Colombo (in 9 locations), offering greater convenience to applicants.

Japan Visa Application Centre will be operated by VFS Global and will begin its operations on February 9th (Thursday) as shown below.

● VFS Global Japan Visa Application Centre

Business Hours (Submissions/Collections)	8am~4pm (Monday to Friday, excluding Embassy's holidays)
Address	No.4 1/1, Geethanjali Place, Colombo 03, Sri Lanka
Telephone	(+94) 720-910-106
E-mail	info.japansl@vfshelpline.com
Website	http://www.vfsglobal.com/japan/srilanka

In addition, VFS Global will set up visa application intake and drop-off points in 9 locations throughout Sri Lanka (Kandy, Jaffna, Kurunegala, Galle, Puttalam, Katunayake, Peliyagoda, Biyagama and Ratmalana), for the convenience of applicants living in remote locations. For more details, please refer to the website mentioned above.

●**How to Apply:** An appointment must be made in advance. Please make an appointment online via the website mentioned above.

●**Documents for Application :** No changes have been made to the required documents for application.

●**Fees / Commissions :** In addition to the standard visa fees, commissions will be charged by Japan Visa Application Centre based on the services provided.

For more information, please refer to the website mentioned above.

●Important Notice

Please note that visa applications will no longer be accepted at the visa counter in the Embassy of Japan **after February 8th (Wednesday)**. All visa applications are to be submitted to Japan Visa Application Centre from February 9th onwards.

For diplomatic/official matters and urgent matters requiring humanitarian assistance, please contact the Embassy's consular section (Tel. +94-11-269-3831).