

Mobility: Immigration alert

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China Mainland

Issuance of certain visas suspended for Japanese and South Korean nationals

Executive summary

Effective 10 January 2023, the Chinese authorities suspended the processing and issuance of certain visas to Japanese and South Korean nationals until further notice.

Key developments

On 10 January 2023, Chinese embassies and consulates suspended the processing and issuance of certain visas (e.g., visas for the purpose of business, tourism, medical treatment, employment, transit or general private affairs) for Japanese nationals. In addition, Chinese embassies and consulates suspended the issuance of short-term visas to South Korean nationals visiting China Mainland for the purpose of business, tourism, medical treatment, transit or general private affairs. Japanese and South Korean nationals who already hold valid Chinese visas may continue to use these visas to enter China Mainland.

Further, effective 12 January 2023, the Chinese authorities suspended the 24/72/144-hour visa-free transit policy for Japanese and South Korean nationals until further notice.

Impact on employers

The suspension of processing and issuance of visas is expected to delay the deployment of Japanese and South Korean

nationals to China Mainland for assignment, employment or short-term business purposes.

Key steps

EY will continue to monitor these developments. Should you have any questions, we encourage you to contact one of our immigration professionals.

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