

**Malaysians to be exempted from Japan visas from July 1**  
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Malaysian short-term tourists to Japan need not apply for visas from July 1, the Japanese government said yesterday.

The new visa exemption also applied to travellers from Thailand while those from the Philippines and Vietnam will be issued with multiple-entry visas good for three years, stated [abs\\_cbnnews.com](http://abs_cbnnews.com) quoting Kyodo News.

The visa exemptions will in principle apply to those who hold chip-embedded passports.

For short-term visitors from Indonesia, the duration of stay on a multiple-entry visa will be extended to 30 days from the current 15 days, effective Monday, according to the Foreign Ministry.

"I hope these measures will further develop exchanges between Japan and the countries concerned, such as through an increase in the number of tourists to Japan from those countries and greater convenience in business," Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida told a news conference in Tokyo. - June 26, 2013.

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