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The Hon. Mr. Edward Ho Sing-tin,
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It is with great pleasure that I write to pass on the good news to you that following our recent discussions on the subject, visa charges for HKSAR passport holders wishing to visit Japan have been substantially lowered, thus eliminating the gap that has thus far existed between them and BNO passport holders.

I am most pleased to be able to inform you that as of December 1st, 1999, visa fees for HKSAR passport holders wishing to travel to Japan will be reduced from the current levels of HK\$400 (multiple entry) and HK\$200 (single entry), to an across-the-board charge of HK\$80. As I hope you will agree, this is a substantial reduction, particularly in terms of multiple entry visas, and we very much hope this new arrangement will help to encourage the further development of bilateral trade, investment and tourism.

Once again let me say what a pleasure it is for being able to inform you about this good news concerning visa charges. I look forward to seeing you again in the near future to discuss other ways in which we can continue to further enhance Japan - Hong Kong relations.

Yours sincerely,

Kunihiko Makita
Consul-General