

法規名稱：AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA AND THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF PALAU ON A WORKING HOLIDAY PROGRAM

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The Government of the Republic of China (ROC )

And

The Government of the Republic of Palau (ROP )

Hereinafter referred to as “the Parties” ,

INTERESTED in strengthening cooperative relations between their respective countries and

DESIRING to promote mutual understanding by allowing their young nationals to appreciate the culture and way of life of each other ’ s country by taking holidays during which they will have the possibility of working in order to sustain the financial resources at their disposal,

CONVINCED of the value of facilitating youth exchanges,

HAVE agreed as follows:

#### Article 1

This Agreement applies to young nationals of either of the two countries desiring to stay in the territory of the other country for the purpose of holidaying in order to increase their knowledge of the languages, culture and society of that country through a travel, study, internship, and work experience.

#### Article 2

The young persons who meet the conditions of this Agreement may

submit their application to the respective offices responsible for such matters, that is, the ROC Embassy in Koror and the ROP Embassy in Taipei.

Applicants shall meet the following requirements:

- (a) satisfy the eligibility and other criteria set out in the immigration legislation and policies of both Parties with regard to any criteria not set out in subparagraphs (b) to (k);
- (b) have reached the full age of 18 years, and not more than 35 years of age, on the date the application is received;
- (c) have no accompanying dependant or dependants;
- (d) possess a passport issued by either Party which must be valid for at least six months after the stated end date of the stay in the country of which they are not nationals;
- (e) have a valid return ticket or sufficient resources to purchase one;
- (f) have sufficient financial resources to provide for their needs at the beginning of their stay, as determined by either Party;
- (g) have taken all-risk insurances for the period of which they are authorized to stay, covering them for accidents at work and for healthcare, including medical cost, hospitalization and repatriation, for the full duration of their stay;
- (h) submit a medical certificate proving that they are not suffering from any disease or infirmity that may endanger public health, order or security;
- (i) produce a certificate of good conduct;
- (j) prove to the visa officer that their primary objective is to take holiday and that work is only a secondary objective and not the main reason for the visit;
- (k) have a sufficient knowledge of English or of one of the national languages of the Parties' territory;
- (l) pay the required fee;
- (m) be domiciled in one of the Parties' territory at the time of the application.

#### Article 3

1. Either Party, in accordance with this Agreement, will allow the participants who meet the requirements set out in Articles 1 and 2, to enter its territory under a multiple entry visa. Participants of either party will initially receive a six month visa which will be extended with an additional six months.
2. The duration of the participants' stay will not exceed the authorized period of twelve months and the purpose of their stay will not be subject to any change during this period.

#### Article 4

1. Holders of a passport of either Party to whom a working holiday visa has been issued will automatically be allowed to work and reside temporarily in the host country for the duration of their authorized stay.
2. Participants will be exempt from the obligation to hold a work permit to exercise an activity as a salaried worker. They will only be permitted to engage in temporary employment during their visit and may not work for more than six months.
3. Participants will not be permitted to engage in any study or training for more than six months.

#### Article 5

1. Participants shall be treated in the same way as individuals from the host country as far as the enforcement of laws and regulations is concerned.
2. When participants are employed, the laws and regulations of the host country concerning terms and conditions of work, remuneration, safety and hygiene in employment shall apply.
3. Participants and their employers will comply with the regulations of the host country in matters relating to social security.
4. Participants will not engage in employment that is contrary

to the purposes of this Agreement.

5. The Parties will encourage the appropriate organizations in the respective host countries to lend their support to the implementation of this Agreement and particularly to give relevant information to participants.

#### Article 6

1. Either Party may refuse to approve any particular application it receives.
2. Either Party may, consistent with its own legislation, refuse the entry into its territory of any participant whom it may consider undesirable, or remove from its territory any participant who has obtained entry under this Agreement.

#### Article 7

1. The minimum amount of resources required under Article 2, Sub-paragraph 2(f), will be set by mutual agreement in writing between the Parties.
2. The number of participants under this Agreement will be counted from the date this Agreement comes into effect until the end of the same year, and thereafter, annually from 1 January until 31 December.
3. When this Agreement enters into force, up to 200 participants per annum from either country will be allowed to benefit from it.
4. The Parties may determine annually and on the basis of reciprocity, via written exchanges, the number of individuals that will be allowed to benefit from this Agreement and the required application fee.

#### Article 8

Any difficulties in interpreting and implementing this Agreement may be resolved by the Parties through diplomatic channels.

#### Article 9



This Agreement may be amended at any time, through an exchange of diplomatic notes, between the Parties.

Article 10

1. This Agreement shall enter into force on the date of signature. This Agreement will remain in force until terminated by either Party giving three months' prior written notice to the other Party.
2. Either Party may temporarily suspend the application of this Agreement giving three months' prior written notice to the other Party.
3. Termination or temporary suspension of this Agreement will not affect the right to stay of persons already accepted into the Working Holiday Program.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, duly authorized by their respective Governments, have signed this Agreement.

DONE in duplicate at Koror, this 19th day of January, two thousand and seventeen, in the Chinese and English languages, both texts being equally authentic.

FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF  
THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA

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