

Trade and Investment Field

(Objectives and perspectives of regulatory reform)

Tapping into global economic growth is essential to achieve Japan's economic growth.

Eight tasks for promoting imports, exports, and direct investment

(1) Promoting investment in Japan

(2) Easing airport regulations

(3) Reviewing the registered foreign lawyers system

(4) Promoting mutual recognition

(5) Rationalizing import / export customs procedures

(6) Revising immigration policies

(7) Reviewing financial regulations to boost inbound and outbound investment

(8) Streamlining trade-related logistics

Reviewing Regulations Concerning Foreign Companies Starting a Business in Japan



Currently, When a foreign company / person tries to start a business in Japan...

They try to register a company

Cannot obtain registration unless the company has at least one representative resident in Japan

A representative needs to be resident in Japan

A representative tries to be resident in Japan

Cannot obtain a visa for entering Japan unless the business is registered

A company registration is required

A "chicken or the egg" dilemma

(Reform direction)

Allowing the registration of a company without a representative in Japan

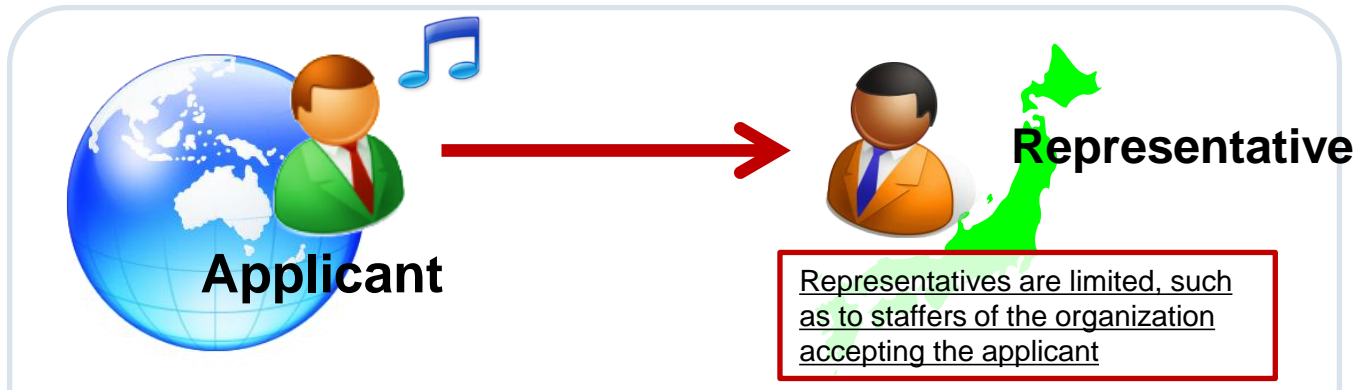
Issuing visas to foreign nationals who are trying to start a business but has not yet registered a company



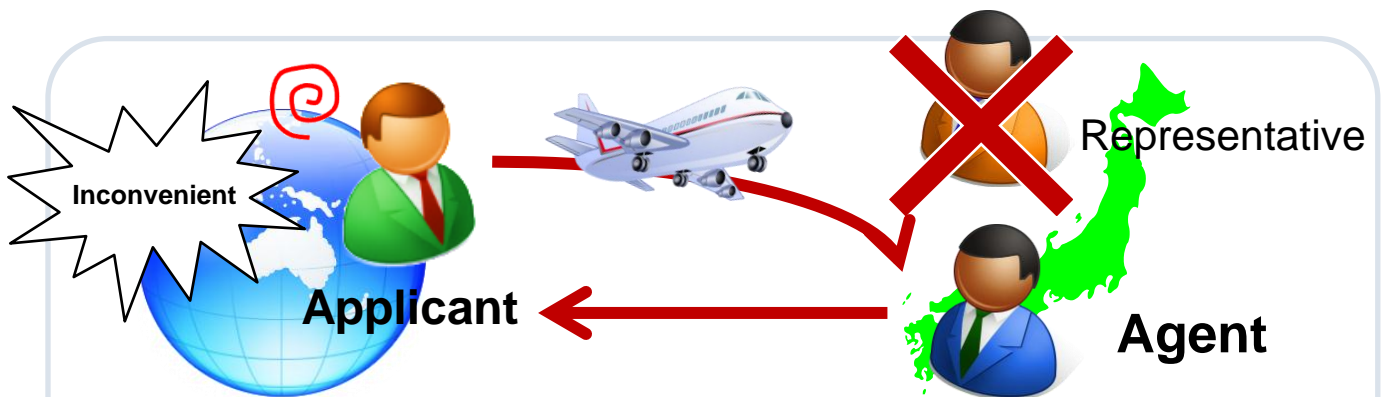
Introducing a More Flexible Procedure for Obtaining a Certificate of Eligibility*

* A certificate of eligibility is issued to foreign nationals who have cleared a preliminary check prior to entry into Japan. Obtaining this certificate speeds up the subsequent visa application process and immigration control at the port of arrival.

Currently, When a foreign national outside Japan tries to obtain a certificate of eligibility...



An application can be filed if the applicant has a Representative in Japan.



If the applicant does not have a representative, Agents such as a lawyer may file the application on behalf of the applicant. However, the applicant must be in Japan at the time of filing the application.

(Reform direction)

Appropriately expanding the scope of people who can act as an Representative