

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN
THE TAIPEI REPRESENTATIVE OFFICE, BRATISLAVA
AND
THE SLOVAK ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL OFFICE IN TAIPEI
ON
WORKING HOLIDAY PROGRAM**

The Taipei Representative Office, Bratislava and the Slovak Economic and Cultural Office in Taipei (“the Participants”)

Desiring to enhance the friendly relations between the Participants,

Desiring to facilitate the entry and movement of young persons from Taiwan and the Slovak Republic,

On the basis of reciprocity and under the conditions for Working Holiday Program (“the Program”) laid down in national legislation of Taiwan and the Slovak Republic, respectively,

Have reached the following understanding:

1. The Participants intend, on the application by a young person, to issue a multiple-entry visa entitling the young person for a residence for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of first entry, to a young person who meets the following requirements laid down in the national legislation of the respective Participant:
 - a) has the primary intention to spend holiday, with employment and study being secondary rather than primary reasons for the visit;
 - b) is aged between eighteen (18) and thirty-five (35) years, both inclusive, at the time of application;
 - c) is not accompanied by dependants;
 - d) is a holder of a passport issued by competent authority in Taiwan or a valid passport issued by the Slovak Republic, which will remain valid for at least eighteen (18) months after the day of issuing the visa foreseen by this Memorandum;
 - e) possesses a valid return ticket, or sufficient funds to purchase such a ticket;
 - f) possesses sufficient funds for his/her needs during the period of visit, at the discretion of the relevant authorities;
 - g) provides an official certificate of no criminal record;
 - h) pays the prescribed visa application fee;


- i) agrees to hold medical and comprehensive hospitalisation insurance to remain in force throughout his/her visit;
 - j) complies with any health and character requirements imposed by Taiwan or the Slovak Republic; and
 - k) has not participated in the Program previously.
2. The young person who meets the conditions laid down in national legislation of the respective Participant will submit his/her application to the Taipei Representative Office, Bratislava or the Slovak Economic and Cultural Office in Taipei. The visa issued for entry into Taiwan / the Slovak Republic is a multiple entry visa. The visa delivered for entry into Slovakia is valid for a period of maximum twelve months, Slovak participants will initially be issued a visa valid for six months, within the validity period of the visa, which will later be supplemented, with another visa valid for additional six months.
3. The young person may only benefit from the Program once. The duration of his/her visit will not exceed the authorised period of twelve (12) months and the purpose of his/her visit will not be subject to any change during this period.
4. The young person to whom a visa foreseen by this Memorandum has been issued will be exempt from the obligation to hold a work permit to exercise an activity as a salaried worker. He/she will only be permitted to engage in temporary employment during their visit and may not work for a total period of more than six (6) months.
5. The young person will not be permitted to engage in any study or training for a total period of more than six (6) months.
6. The young person will comply with the laws and regulations of the host country and not to engage in employment or study that is contrary to the provisions of this Memorandum.
7. The Participants may, in compliance with their respective national legislation, refuse any particular application for a visa foreseen by this Memorandum.
8. The Participants may, in compliance with their respective national legislation, refuse the entry into Taiwan / the Slovak Republic of any young persons whom it may consider undesirable, or remove from Taiwan / the Slovak Republic any young person who has obtained visa under the Program.

9. The number of the young persons under the Program will be counted from the date of validity of Memorandum until the end of the current year, and then annually from 1 January until 31 December.
10. Per year, up to one hundred (100) young persons from Taiwan and up to one hundred (100) young persons from the Slovak Republic will be allowed to benefit from the Program.
11. The Participants may, on the basis of reciprocity and via written exchange, modify the number of young persons that will be allowed to benefit from the application of this Memorandum.
12. This Memorandum may be amended at any time by the mutual written consent of the Participants.
13. The Memorandum will come into effect on the date of the last signature.
14. This Memorandum will remain valid until terminated by either Participant by giving written notice to the other Participant, at least three (3) months prior to the intended termination.
15. Either Participant may temporarily suspend the application of this Memorandum by giving written notice to the other Participant, at least three (3) months prior to the intended beginning of the suspension of the application.
16. Termination or suspension of application of this Memorandum will not affect the young persons who had already been accepted into the Program.


Signed at Bratislava, on April 10, 2014 and at Taipei, on April 15, 2014, in duplicate, in the English language.

For the Taipei Representative
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