

**AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF
CHINA (TAIWAN)
AND
THE GOVERNMENT OF SOLOMON ISLANDS
ON THE MUTUAL WAIVER OF VISA
REQUIREMENTS FOR NATIONALS OF THE
REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN)
AND
NATIONALS OF SOLOMON ISLANDS**

The Government of the Republic of China (Taiwan) and the Government of Solomon Islands (both collectively hereinafter referred to as “the Parties”);

WITH A VIEW TO further enhancing friendly relations between the Parties and desiring to facilitate travel by ensuring visa-free entry for their nationals;

RECOGNIZING the importance to maintain close and frequent high-level contacts and exchange of visits at all levels, including government officials, the private sector, non-government organizations, the academic community, press and media, and their peoples to contribute to a comprehensive, stable and sustained development of bilateral relations;

HAVE AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

Article 1

This Agreement provides for visa-free travel for the nationals of the Republic of China (Taiwan) and for the nationals of Solomon Islands when traveling to the territory

of the other Party for a maximum period of 90 days.

Article 2

For the purposes of this Agreement:

- a) “a national of the Republic of China (Taiwan)” shall mean any person who holds the nationality of the Republic of China (Taiwan) ;
- b) “a national of Solomon Islands” shall mean any person who holds the nationality of Solomon Islands .

Article 3

1. Nationals of the Republic of China (Taiwan) holding valid ordinary, official, or diplomatic passports with remaining validity of at least six months as of the date of entry, and not intending to work, study or reside in the territory of Solomon Islands shall be exempted from visa requirements for entry into (stay in, exit from, transit through) the territory of Solomon Islands. Each period of stay shall not exceed 90 days .
2. Nationals of Solomon Islands holding valid ordinary, official, or diplomatic passports with remaining validity of at least six months as of the date of entry, and not intending to work, study or reside in the territory of the Republic of China (Taiwan) shall be exempted from visa requirements for entry into (stay in, exit from, transit through) the territory of the Republic of China (Taiwan). Each period of stay shall not exceed 90 days.
3. The visa waiver provided for by this Agreement shall apply without prejudice to the laws of the Parties relating to the conditions of entry and short stay. The Parties reserve the right to refuse entry into and short

stay in their territories if one or more of these conditions is not met.

4. Nationals of the Republic of China (Taiwan) and nationals of Solomon Islands shall cross the border of the Republic of China (Taiwan) and the border of Solomon Islands through the crossing points open to international passenger traffic.
5. Issues not covered by this Agreement shall be governed by the laws of each Party.

Article 4

1. Nationals of the Republic of China (Taiwan) during their stay in the territory of Solomon Islands shall obey the laws of Solomon Islands.
2. Nationals of Solomon Islands during their stay in the territory of the Republic of China (Taiwan) shall obey the laws of the Republic of China (Taiwan) .

Article 5

1. Either Party can, if necessary to protect public order, national security, public health or illegal immigration, suspend, in whole or in part, the application of this Agreement. The decision on suspension shall be notified to the other Party no later than two months before its planned entry into force.
2. The Party that has taken a decision to adopt measures stipulated in paragraph 1 of this Article shall immediately notify the other Party in writing should the reasons for that suspension cease to exist and shall lift that suspension.
3. Each Party may terminate this Agreement by giving written notice to the other Party. This Agreement shall

cease to be in force 90 days thereafter.

Article 6

1. The competent authorities of the Parties shall exchange specimens of passports no later than 30 days after this Agreement is signed.
2. The competent authorities of the Parties shall inform each other of any changes to passports at least 30 days before the introduction of such changes and simultaneously provide the competent authorities of the other Party with specimens of those passports with relevant changes.

Article 7

Any disputes between the Parties concerning the interpretation or application of this Agreement shall be settled through consultations and negotiations between the Parties.

Article 8

This Agreement may be amended and supplemented by mutual consent of the Parties.

Article 9

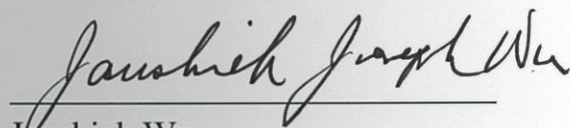
1. This Agreement shall enter into force upon the signature of the Parties.
2. This Agreement shall remain in force for an indefinite period of time, unless terminated in accordance with paragraph 3 of Article 5.

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

Done in duplicate at Funafuti, on 16 August 2019, in the Chinese and English languages, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Government of the Republic
of China (Taiwan)

For the Government of Solomon
Islands



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