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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1964.Non-Immigrant Visa Waiver Agreement with Japan

The Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Honourable Paul Martin, announced today in the House of Commons that negotiations between the Canadian and Japanese Governments for an agreement abolishing the non-immigrant visa requirement for short-term visits by citizens of either country were concluded during the recent Canada-Japan Ministerial Meeting in Japan. The Agreement, which is in the form of an Exchange of Notes, was signed on September 5, 1964 at Tokyo, Japan, by Mr. Martin, on behalf of the Government of Canada, and by the Honourable Etsusaburo Shiina, Foreign Minister of Japan, on behalf of his Government.

Under the terms of the Agreement, which comes into effect on September 20, 1964, citizens of Canada and Japan who are bona fide non-immigrants (visitors not seeking employment of permanent residence) and who are in possession of valid national passports may enter the other country without visas for periods not exceeding three consecutive months, provided they meet the normal laws and regulations governing non-immigrant entry into the country concerned.

Visas, when required, shall be free of charge and valid for any number of entries within twelve months from the date of issue. The issuing government, however, retains the right to grant visas valid for a single entry in particular cases.