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Subject : Working Holiday Visa application

Dear Sir/Madam,

My name is..., I'm... years old. I would like to present my application for the Working Holiday Visa program in Japan. For me, this represents a unique opportunity to enrich my personal experience by discovering a culture that has fascinated me for a long time. Since graduating in 2022, I've been carefully planning this project, both financially and culturally.

I first became interested in Japan when I was a teenager, through reading a large number of mangas. Beyond the very creative stories, they described a way of life that was completely unknown to me and that I found captivating. From there, I began to explore many aspects of Japanese culture with great interest: festivals, temples, food, art, culture and so on. So many things that I would like to experience first-hand, and in different areas of Japan.

Later, I realized that Japan is also a haven of nature, rich in landscapes and climates. This is all the more of a reason for me to explore the country. For example, I would like to explore the rocky outcrops of Kyushu, the hilly coasts of Shikoku and the national parks of Hokkaido. I love hiking and plan to make several excursions throughout the year.

The Working Holiday visa seems to me to be the ideal option for discovering Japan at my own pace, getting off the beaten tourist tracks and fully immersing myself in the local culture. I'd also like to discover the daily life of Japanese people, by living for several months in the city and in rural areas.

To make the most of this experience, I plan to stay in Japan for at least 10 months, in order to take full advantage of the unmissable events that each season has to offer: cherry blossoms and azaleas in spring, fireworks and festivals in summer, autumn leaves and seasonal cuisine in autumn, and finally, onsens and illuminations in winter.

As I'm passionate about agriculture, a field in which I studied, I'd also like to do two short periods of WWOOFING during my stay. This involves volunteering to work part-time on a farm in exchange for accommodation and meals. This experience would enable me to establish a privileged link with the rural Japan I want to discover, while exploring Japanese agriculture and its unique flora.

At the same time, I'd like to study the art of Japanese cuisine, both in its everyday and festive aspects, so as to return to France with a lasting influence on my daily life.

Japan won't be my first long trip. In recent years, I've spent 11 months in South Africa and 6 months in Canada. These stays enabled me to immerse myself in local cultures, discover the hidden aspects of each country, and learn to adapt quickly to new environments. I also learned how to manage my schedule and budget, and to respect local customs.

Furthermore, I particularly appreciate the intercultural exchanges and friendships that result from them.

Thank you for considering my application and project.
Sincerely,