Notice of Year-End and New Year Office Closure

● The Consulate-General of Japan in Boston will be closed for the year-end and New Year holidays from **Tuesday, December 29, 2026, through Sunday, January 3, 2027**.

All regular services, including consular operations, will be suspended during this period.

Normal operations will resume on **Monday, January 4, 2027**.

● In case of an **emergency such as an accident or incident during holidays, nights, or weekends**, please contact the Consulate-General at the following number:

Consulate-General of Japan in Boston Tel: 617-973-9772

*Add exit code+1, if calling from outside the U.S.

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1. Notes on Delivery Dates for Various Applications

(1) For those who need issuance before the end of the year, please submit your applications by the following dates:

(A) In-Person Applications

- Certificates (e.g., Residence Certificate, Signature Certificate): **by Monday, December 28**
- English-language documents (e.g., Birth Certificates): **by Thursday, December 24**
- Japanese visas: **by Thursday, December 17**

(B) Online Applications

(Please apply well in advance, as these are approximate deadlines.
Additional time may be required to correct or supplement incomplete application.)

- Certificates: **by Monday, December 14, 1:00 p.m.**
- Japanese visas: **by Friday, December 11, 1:00 p.m.**

(2) Notes on Consular Services after the New Year

- Applications submitted after the above deadlines will be issued **on or after January 4, 2027**.
- Please note that a higher-than-usual volume of applications is expected immediately after the holidays, and processing times may be longer than usual.

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2. Notes on Passport Applications and Issuance

Due to centralized passport production in Japan, it generally takes about **3 to 4 weeks** from the completion of the application to issuance.

Since passport dispatches from Japan will be suspended during the year-end and New Year period, **applications submitted on or after December 1** are expected to be **issued on**

or after January 8, 2027.

Please apply well in advance, as these are approximate deadlines.
Additional time may be required to correct or supplement incomplete application.
For online applications, please allow sufficient time, as additional steps may be required if documents are incomplete or need correction.

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3. Emergency Contact During Closure

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