

**Declaration of Intent**  
**by the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany**  
**on a working holiday scheme**  
**for young residents of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region**  
**of the People's Republic of China**

The Government of the Federal Republic of Germany would like to inform the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of the People's Republic of China (hereinafter referred to as "the HKSAR") that, with a view to

- promoting and further developing cooperation between the HKSAR and the Federal Republic of Germany and
- enabling young residents of the HKSAR to gain an insight into the cultural and daily life in the Federal Republic of Germany,

it has engaged in preparation for measures relating to a working holiday scheme for young residents of the HKSAR with effect from 1 July 2009 on the basis of reciprocity.

1. The Government of the Federal Republic of Germany will, on application, issue multiple entry visas valid for working holidays for a period of one (1) year from the date of validity of the visa (hereinafter referred to as "working holiday visas") to young residents of the HKSAR provided they satisfy the following conditions and the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany deems such issue appropriate:
  - (a) They have to be in possession of a valid passport of the HKSAR or a British National (Overseas) Passport and be ordinarily residents of the HKSAR at the time of application;
  - (b) Their purpose of entering the Federal Republic of Germany is primarily to holiday in the Federal Republic of Germany;

- (c) They are aged between 18 (eighteen) and 30 (thirty) years inclusive at the time of application for the working holiday visa;
  - (d) They are not accompanied by dependent family members;
  - (e) They have not previously taken part in the German/Hong Kong Working Holiday Scheme;
  - (f) They possess a return airline ticket or can prove sufficient funds with which to purchase such a ticket;
  - (g) They have comprehensive liability and medical insurance for the duration of their stay which covers hospitalization and repatriation, and possess sufficient funds to cover their living expenses during the initial period of their stay in the Federal Republic of Germany, at the discretion of relevant authorities;
  - (h) They have paid the visa application fee, and
  - (i) They are in a good state of health.
2. Young residents of the HKSAR who are in possession of a valid passport of the HKSAR or a British National (Overseas) passport may lodge an application for a working holiday visa with the Consulate-General of the Federal Republic of Germany in the HKSAR.
3. The Government of the Federal Republic of Germany will allow young residents of the HKSAR who are in possession of a working holiday visa to enter and remain in the Federal Republic of Germany for a period of not more than one (1) year from the date of validity of the visa and to pursue employment as an incidental activity during their holiday for the purpose of supplementing their travel funds. For such employment, the young residents of the HKSAR do not require the approval of the Federal Employment Agency of the Federal Republic of Germany. However, young residents of the HKSAR are not permitted to engage in permanent employment during their visit and should not

work for the same employer for more than three months during their visit. They may enroll in one training or study course of up to six months during the course of their visit to the Federal Republic of Germany. Extensions of stay applications will not be normally considered.

4. The Government of the Federal Republic of Germany will require young residents of the HKSAR who are staying in the Federal Republic of Germany on a working holiday visa to comply with the laws and regulations valid in the Federal Republic of Germany and not to engage in any activity which could be regarded as contrary to the purpose of working holidays.
5. The Government of the Federal Republic of Germany may determine the number of participants admitted to the working holiday scheme each year. The quota will be communicated to the HKSAR annually in the form of a Note Verbale.
6. The Government of the Federal Republic of Germany may temporarily suspend the implementation of the above-mentioned measures in whole or in part for reasons of public policy. The HKSAR will be informed of any such suspension without delay but at least three months prior to the date that such suspension takes effect.
7. The Government of the Federal Republic of Germany may terminate the above-mentioned measures by informing the HKSAR of its intention in writing without delay but at least three months prior to the date that such termination takes effect.
8. Notwithstanding any suspension or termination of this Declaration of Intent or of any provisions of this Declaration of Intent, unless otherwise arranged by the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany and the HKSAR, young residents of the HKSAR who at the date of such suspension or termination already hold a valid working holiday visa will be permitted to enter and/or remain in the Federal Republic of Germany until such working holiday visa expires, in accordance with existing immigration legislation and policy.
9. The Government of the Federal Republic of Germany reserves its right to refuse any particular application for a working holiday visa it receives under the scheme.

10. The Government of the Federal Republic of Germany may, consistent with its laws, refuse the entry of any person participating in the scheme, or remove any such person if it considers the person to be undesirable.

Signed in Hong Kong this 26<sup>th</sup> day of June 2009 in the German and English languages, both texts being equally authentic.

For the Government  
of the Federal Republic of Germany