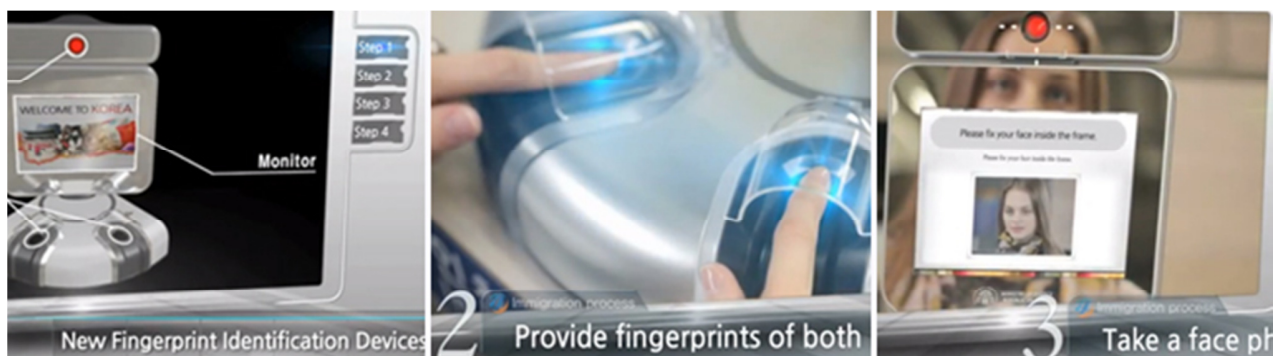


28 December 2011

Trade Release – Ref: 201143

Fingerprint and facial recognition **January 2012**



Fingerprints and facial recognition will now be required for all inbound foreign visitors to Korea starting January 2012. This process was first required in July for longer-term visitors.

Except for people exempt from mandatory submission of such information by law (e.g. foreign government officials, international organization representatives, etc.), any foreign visitor aged 17 or older will be obligated to go through a fingerprint and facial recognition registration process at immigration at all ports and airports across Korea.

For more information, visit:

Immigration Bureau, Ministry of Justice

Website: <http://www.immigration.go.kr/indeximmeng.html>