Valid Foreign Driving License in Japan

Driving licenses issued by the authorities of Belgium, Estonia, France, Germany, Monaco, Switzerland, or Taiwan are valid in Japan under the following conditions:

1. You shall carry the Japanese translation prepared by a Cabinet-Order-specifying authority along with the original license. The authorities specified by a Cabinet Order are as follows:
   1. The license-issuing authority, or the embassy or consulate of the issuing country.
   2. The Japan Automobile Federation (JAF).
   3. The Japan-Taiwan Relations Association (for Taiwanese license holders).
   4. The German Automobile Federation (ADAC) (for German license holders).

2. You shall be allowed to drive with such foreign licenses for a maximum of one year from the date of your entry into Japan.
3. If you are a registered resident in Japan, you shall spend more than three consecutive months overseas prior to the reentry. (The Road Traffic Act, Article 107-2)

◇ In case you reenter Japan in less than three months after leaving the country:
   You shall not drive with your domestic license regardless of its validity.

◇ In case you reenter Japan after you stay abroad for three months or more:
   You may drive with your domestic license under the specific conditions.