

# Important Notice on New Restrictions Related to Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

- 1 On January 28, 2020, the Government of Japan designated Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) as a "Designated Infectious Disease" under the Infectious Diseases Act of Japan. Foreign nationals who are deemed as having been infected with COVID-19 shall be denied permission to land in Japan pursuant to the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act of Japan. As the Government of Japan also designated COVID-19 as a "Quarantinable Infectious Diseases" under the Quarantine Act of Japan, foreign nationals who are suspected of being infected with COVID-19 would be ordered to be quarantined with no exceptions for valid visa holders. (See page 4 for more details)
- 2 The Government of Japan also updated the restrictions on March 18, 2020. New restrictions will enter into force at 0:00am (JST) on March 19, 2020. Those who fall under any of the categories below are not permitted to land in Japan unless there are exceptional circumstances.
  - 1) Foreign nationals who have been physically present within the country or regions listed below in the 14 days prior to their arrival to Japan.

The People's Republic of China

The Republic of Korea

The Islamic Republic of Iran

The Italian Republic

The Hubei Province The Zhejiang Province

Daegu Metropolitan City

The North Gyeongsang Province:

Cheongdo County Gyeongsan City

Andong City Yeongcheon City

Chilgok County Uiseong County

Seongju County Gunwi County

The Qom Province The Teheran Province

The Gilan Province The Mazandaran  
Province

The Isfahan Province The Alborz Province

The Markazi Province The Qazvin Province

The Semnan Province The Golestan  
Province

The Lorestan Province

The Lombardia Province The Veneto Province

The Marche Province The Piemonte Province

	The Valle d'Aosta Province	The Trentino Alto Adige Province
	The Emilia-Romagna Province	The Liguria Province
	The Friuli Venezia Giulia Province	
The Republic of San Marino	The entire country	
The Republic of Iceland	The entire country	
The Kingdom of Spain	Autonomous Community of Navarre	The Community of Madrid
	The Basque Country	The La Rioja Province
The Swiss Confederation	The Canton of Basel-Stadt	The Canton of Ticino

- 2) Foreign nationals who hold a Chinese passport issued in the Hubei Province or in the Zhejiang Province.\*
- 3) Foreign nationals who are onboard a passenger ship sailing for the purpose of entering Japanese ports and carry a risk of being infected by COVID-19.
- 3 Based on the "Criteria of Visa Issuance," visa applications of those who fall under any of the categories above will not be accepted unless there are exceptional circumstances. Visa applicants are required to submit a completed questionnaire (see page 5) on whether or not they have (or will have) been physically present within any of the areas listed above in the 14 days prior to their arrival to Japan.
- 4 Please note that those foreign nationals who retain a valid entry visa of Japan will not be considered an exception to the regulations mentioned above.
- 5 Any false declaration on the questionnaire will result in a refusal of visa issuance. In addition any new visa applications for the same purpose of visit will not be accepted for six months. A visa will be made null and void if such a false declaration is revealed after the visa has been issued. Any false declaration upon landing in Japan may be subject to punitive measures including imprisonment, the imposition of fines, the revoking of residential status and deportation from Japan.
- 6 The Government of Japan may change the travel restrictions without advance notice.
  - ※Foreign nationals who reside in DC, MD, or VA, and who hold a passport issued in the Hubei Province or in the Zhejiang Province may contact the Embassy of Japan regarding an entry visa of Japan.

(March 6, 2020)

**Important Notice on Visa Restrictions  
for Strengthening Border Security Measures  
related to the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)**

On March 6, 2020, the Government of Japan decided to drastically strengthen the border security measures against the spread of the Novel Coronavirus infections as follows:

1. The validity of single entry visas and multiple entry visas, including diplomatic and official visas of Japan, which have been issued on/before March 8, 2020 by Embassies, Consulates-Generals and Consulates of Japan in the People's Republic of China, including the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, and the Republic of Korea will be temporarily suspended.
2. The application of visa exemption arrangements for the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (both SAR and BNO passport holders), the Macau Special Administrative Region of the PRC and the Republic of Korea, will be temporarily suspended.
3. The foregoing measures of 1 and 2 will enter into force at 0:00am (JST) on March 9, 2020 and continue until March 31, 2020.

(UPDATED on March 18, 2020)

Important Notice on Visa Restrictions  
for Strengthening Border Security Measures  
related to the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

On March 18, 2020, the Government of Japan updated new restrictions as follows:

1. The validity of single entry visas and multiple entry visas, including diplomatic and official visas of Japan, which have been issued on/before March 20, 2020 by Embassies, Consulates-Generals and Consulates of Japan in the country/region listed below will be temporarily suspended.

The People's Republic of China	The Republic of Croatia
The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region	The Republic of San Marino
The Macau Special Administrative Region	The Republic of Cyprus
The Republic of Korea	The Islamic Republic of Iran
The Vatican City State	The Arab Republic of Egypt
The Republic of Bulgaria	The Republic of Ireland
The Principality of Monaco	The Principality of Andorra
Romania	The United Kingdom
The Schengen Area	

2. The application of visa exemption arrangements for the country/region listed above will be temporarily suspended.
3. New restrictions will enter into force at 0:00am (JST) on March 21, 2020 and will continue until April 30, 2020.

(February 13, 2020)

Government Initiatives  
Related to Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

- 1 On February 13, the Government of Japan promulgated the “Cabinet Order for Designating Novel Coronavirus Infection as a Type of Infectious Disease Under Article 34 of the Quarantine Act” (Cabinet Order No. 28 of 2020) and the “Cabinet Order Partially Amending the Enforcement Order of the Quarantine Act” (Cabinet Order No. 29 of 2020).
- 2 Under these cabinet orders, the following measures stipulated in the Quarantine Act will be taken during quarantine upon arrival into Japan to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in Japan.

\*Please note that both suspected carriers of COVID-19 and carriers with no symptoms will be deemed as carriers of COVID-19.

(1) Isolation:

During quarantine, the quarantine chief or quarantine officer may isolate an individual who carries COVID-19. Those individuals may be hospitalized at medical institutions designated for infectious diseases.

(2) Detention:

During quarantine, the quarantine chief or quarantine officer may detain an individual who is suspected of carrying COVID-19. Those individuals may be hospitalized at medical institutions designated for infectious diseases, or detained in an accommodation facility or on a vessel.

(March 18, 2020)

## New measures to drastically strengthen border control

### 1 Strengthened quarantine

People arriving from the county or regions listed below will be required to quarantine for 14 days at a location designated by the quarantine station chief and to refrain from using public transportation. New restrictions will enter into force at 0:00am (JST) on March 21, 2020 and will continue until April 30, 2020.

The People's Republic of China

The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region

The Macau Special Administrative Region

The Republic of Korea

The Islamic Republic of Iran

The Arab Republic of Egypt

The Republic of Ireland

The Principality of Andorra

The United Kingdom

The Republic of Cyprus

The Republic of Croatia

The Republic of San Marino

The Vatican City State

The Republic of Bulgaria

The Principality of Monaco

Romania

The Schengen Area

### 2 Restriction on airports/ports

- (1) Aircraft: all passenger flights from the People's Republic of China or the Republic of Korea will be restricted to arriving at either Narita International Airport or Kansai International Airport.
- (2) Ship: suspension of all passenger transportation departing from the People's Republic of China or the Republic of Korea.

QUESTIONNAIRE

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  MALE  FEMALE

DATE OF BIRTH: \_\_\_\_\_ NATIONALITY: \_\_\_\_\_

PASSPORT NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

Please answer the following questions by checking the applicable boxes for each question.

Q1: Have you been physically present within any of the regions listed below in the 14 days prior to your arrival to Japan?

Yes, I have  No, I haven't

Q2: After receiving a visa, do you have plans to be physically present within any of the regions listed below in the 14 days prior to your arrival to Japan?

Yes, I do  No, I don't

The People's Republic of China

The Republic of Korea

The Islamic Republic of Iran

The Hubei Province The Zhejiang Province

Daegu Metropolitan City

The North Gyeongsang Province:

Cheongdo County Gyeongsan City

Andong City Yeongcheon City

Chilgok County Uiseong County

Seongju County Gunwi County

The Qom Province The Teheran Province

The Gilan Province The Mazandaran Province

The Isfahan Province The Alborz Province

The Markazi Province The Qazvin Province

The Semnan Province The Golestan Province

The Lorestan Province

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The Lombardia Province The Veneto  
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The Valle d'Aosta Province The Trentino  
Alto Adige Province

The Emilia=Romagna Province The Liguria  
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The Friuli Venezia Giulia Province

The entire country

The Republic of San Marino

The entire country

The Republic of Iceland

Autonomous Community of Navarre The  
Community of Madrid

The Kingdom of Spain

The Basque Country The La Rioja Province

The Swiss Confederation

The Canton of Basel-Stadt The Canton of  
Ticino

DATE:

SIGNATURE:

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\*Signature must match the one on your passport

- Any false declaration above will result in a refusal of visa issuance. In addition new visa applications for the same purpose of visit will not be accepted for six months. A visa will be made null and void if such a false declaration is revealed after the visa has been issued.
- Any false declaration upon landing in Japan may be subject to punitive measures including imprisonment (up to three years), the imposition of fines (up to three million yen), the revoking of residential status and deportation from Japan.