

## **IMPORTANT NOTICE ON NEW RESTRICTIONS RELATED TO CORONAVIRUS DISEASE**

- 1 One 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 2 for more details)
- 2 The Government of Japan also decided on February 1, 2020 (the Zhejiang Province was added on February 12, 2020, Daegu Metropolitan City and Cheongdo County in the North Gyeongsang Province were added on February 26, 2020) that those who fall under 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 Hubei Province or the Zhejiang Province in the People's Republic of China, and/or Daegu Metropolitan City or Cheongdo County in the North Gyeongsang Province in the Republic of Korea in the 14 days prior to their arrival to Japan.
  - (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 3) 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.

## **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.

## 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 the Hubei Province or the Zhejiang Province in the People's Republic of China, and/or Daegu Metropolitan City or Cheongdo County in the North Gyeongsang Province in the Republic of Korea 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 the Hubei Province or the Zhejiang Province in the People's Republic of China, and/or Daegu Metropolitan City or Cheongdo County in the North Gyeongsang Province in the Republic of Korea in the 14 days prior to your arrival to Japan?

☐ Yes, I do ☐ No, I don't

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

\*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.