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# JAPANESE GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO NOVEL CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

To prevent the further spread of COVID-19, the Japanese government is taking various measures, including increased border controls and aligning with measures taken by foreign countries. This newsletter is intended to help our valuable clients and friends who are located outside of Japan access the latest public information issued in Japan. Please note that such information is frequently updated based upon the constantly changing situation.

#### 1. Denial of Permission to Enter Japan

For the time being, the Ministry of Justice is denying permission to land in Japan to certain foreign nationals under the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act, unless the circumstances are exceptional. (As of March 27, 2020)

You can find the latest information regarding the denial of permission to enter at the following website provided by the MOJ (Ministry of Justice):

http://www.moj.go.jp/EN/nyuukokukanri/kouhou/m\_ny uukokukanri01\_00003.html

## 2. Quarantine Measures, Suspension of Visas, Suspension of Visa Exemptions

You can find information regarding quarantines and visa

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suspensions at the following website provided by MOFA (Ministry of Foreign Affairs):

https://www.mofa.go.jp/ca/fna/page4e\_001053.html

### 3. About Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) in Japan

You can find information on the spread of COVID-19 at the following website provided by the MHLW (Ministry of Health, Labor, and Welfare):

https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/newp age\_00032.html

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