

Resumption of Cross-Border Travel and other measures

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1 Expansion of the Scope of Cross-Border Travelers to be permitted to newly enter Japan

- (1) With regard to the “Residence Track” (*1), which has been in place in relation to the countries and regions where the spread of infection is contained, its scope will be expanded to cover the holders of statuses of residence of “Student”, “Dependent” and others, in addition to cross-border business travelers, and they will be permitted to enter Japan from October 1, 2020.
- (2) Furthermore, in principle, the cross-border travelers of all countries and regions, who fall within the abovementioned scope will be incrementally permitted to enter Japan from October 1, 2020, under the condition that the person is hosted by a company/ entity that can assure observation of quarantine measures (*2). However, the number of people to be permitted to enter Japan as provided in this paragraph will be restricted.

(*1) “Residence Track” refers to the framework maintaining the current border control measures and requiring the travelers to be hosted by a company/ entity that can assure the observation of additional quarantine measures, which maintains a 14-days quarantine at home or another designated area, as provided in “Phased Measures for Resuming Cross-Border Travel” (adopted on June 18, 2020). “Residence Track” is already in place or is to be in place as agreed in relation to Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia, Taiwan, Malaysia, Myanmar, Laos, Singapore, and Brunei, and under negotiation with Australia, New Zealand, Republic of Korea, China, Hong Kong, Macau and Mongolia.

(*2) The host company/ entity is required to assure the observation of additional quarantine measures including obtaining a certificate of pre-entry test result (applicable only to the area subject to denial of permission to enter Japan) and 14-days refraining from using public transportation and staying at home or a designated place through the submission of the Written Pledge.

2 Current Border Control Measures

The incremental relaxation of the limitation on the number of arrival airports for passenger aircraft being implemented for the time being, which was decided at the 42nd meeting of Novel Coronavirus Response Headquarters on August 28, 2020, will be considered in light of the conditions including testing capacities upon arrival of each airport. The relaxation will be implemented once such conditions are met at each airport.