



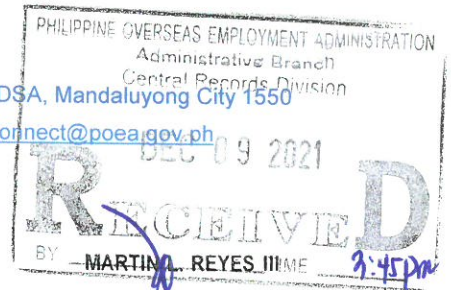
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Suspension of Entry of Foreign Nationals to Japan

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan recently announced the suspension on the entry in its borders of foreign nationals from all countries and regions starting from 30 November 2021 until 31 December 2021. This measure has been implemented for the prevention of COVID-19 variant Omicron (B.1.1.529).

Only the following special exceptional circumstances will be allowed to enter Japan:

1. Foreign nationals entering Japan with re-entry permit (including special re-entry permit);
2. Foreign nationals newly entering Japan who fall under any of the following:
 - a) Foreign nationals who departed from Japan with a re-entry permit before August 31, 2020 and who were not permitted to re-enter Japan because the validity period of the re-entry permission expired after the country/region of stay was designated an area subject to denial of landing.
 - b) Spouse or child of a Japanese national/permanent resident.
 - c) Spouse or child of a foreign national where the foreign national has the status of residence of "Long-Term Resident", whose family is staying in Japan and who has been separated from his/her family.
 - d) A foreign national who is about to acquire the status of "Instructor" or "Professor" and who needs to enter Japan to fill a vacancy at the educational institution s/he belongs or will belong to, of which vacancy results in the suspension of the educational activities at the above-mentioned educational institution.
 - e) A foreign national who is about to acquire the status of "Medical Services", and who contributes to the enhancement and strengthening of Japanese medical systems.
 - f) A foreign national who is to acquire the status of "Dependent" or Designated Activities (limited to Public Notice Nos. 7, 18, 19, 23, 24,30, 31, 38, 45, and 47)", and who has been separated from his/her

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3. A foreign national who has or is about to acquire the status of residence of "Diplomat" or "Official".
4. In addition to the above, foreign nationals who are recognized to be in special exceptional circumstances corresponding to an individual situation such as the need for humanitarian consideration or the need for public benefit.

The following are examples of cases where the need for special humanitarian consideration is recognized:

A foreign national who is to acquire the status of "Temporary Visitor", and who falls under any of the following:

- a) A relative who supports or takes care of a resident in Japan who is sick or pregnant.
- b) A relative who is visiting because a resident in Japan has died or is in critical condition.
- c) A relative who is entering Japan to accompany a minor or a person who is not capable of entering Japan by him/herself due to an illness or other reasons.

The following is an example of cases where public benefit is recognized:

- a) Engineers engaged in vaccine development

For the information and guidance of all concerned.


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