Information on the Japanese Border Control Measures

The Japanese government announced the 27th Border Control Measures on February 24, 2022, which became effective on March 1. This time round the government relaxes the entry ban and admits new entries of international visitors under certain circumstances as described below.

REGISTRATION THROUGH THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT WEBSITE

The 27th Border Measure requires a receiving company or organization located in Japan to register person(s) who wish to enter Japan. Applications are through the governmental website called the Entrants, Returnees Follow-up System or ERFS. Applications need to be completed and a certificate for completion of the registration from ERFS will be sent prior to travel to Japan.

Registration must be done by a receiving organization (applicants cannot register themselves on the ERFS) and WiN-Japan can act as this receiving organization. If you wish to obtain a certificate for completion of the registration through WiN-Japan, please provide 1) your name (full name on passport), 2) nationality, 3) date of birth, 4) gender on passport, 5) e-mail address, 6) passport number, 7) date of entry in Japan and 8) name of the accommodation, 9) address of the accommodation to Yoko Natsui of WiN-Japan at the e-mail address below: yoko.natsui@win-japan.sakura.ne.jp

VISA

To apply for a visa, you will need the certificate for completion of registration as described above and normal visa application documents. A visa applicant is advised to contact their local Japanese Embassy or Consulate to proceed with the visa application.

Related link: https://www.mofa.go.jp/ca/fna/page22e_000921.html

Make sure you understand how long it will take you to get a visa according to your nationality!
OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Once a visa is issued, please prepare for the following documents and actions that will be required on or before arrival in Japan:

1) Negative PCR test result that is taken within 72 hours of departure for Japan
2) Signed pledge
3) Arriving information online questionnaire
4) Installation of a few designated mobile phone apps

For more details of the above four documents/actions, please refer to: https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/covid-19/bordercontrol.html

Please be aware that failure to supply the above documents may result in refused access into Japan.

Travelers from some designated countries may be required to self-isolate for 3 or 7 days after entering Japan, depending on vaccination status. Such designated countries are, as of March 16: Russia, Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Sri Lanka, Mongolia, Republic of Korea, Indonesia, Myanmar, Iran, Singapore, Egypt, Nepal, Pakistan and Vietnam. The list of the designated countries frequently changes depending on the pandemic situation. Please check with the Japanese Embassy or Consulate in your area for the latest information.

Make sure you understand the self-isolation requirements – you don’t want to spend the entire conference in isolation!

For general enquiries about the Japanese border control measures, please contact Yoko Natsui of WiN-Japan at the e-mail address below:

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