

Center for the Promotion of Global Education

### **Alert Regarding the Novel Coronavirus**

The Novel Coronavirus was officially designated an infectious disease by the Cabinet on January 28<sup>th</sup>, and on January 30<sup>th</sup> the World Health Organization (WHO) announced their declaration that it is a “public health emergency of international concern”. In response, as a matter of prevention, we would like to inform all new International Students as follows:

[Ministry of Foreign Affairs Homepage : Measures related to strengthening the border against the Novel Coronavirus] [https://www.mofa.go.jp/mofaj/ca/fna/page4\\_005130.html](https://www.mofa.go.jp/mofaj/ca/fna/page4_005130.html)

#### **Suspension of Visa Validity**

- 1 As per official border measures, the validity of primary and multiple visas issued by an overseas Japanese Embassy or Consulate and visa exemption measures in designated countries are being suspended. Due to this measures, new International Students from these designated countries will not be able to enter Japan for the time being.

(The period for which these measures are implemented may be extended.)

#### **Subject to Immigration Denial**

- 2 The following individuals will be refused entry under the Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act, as designated by the Ministry of Justice. Please check the link below for details and the most recent information.

[Ministry of Justice Homepage: Regarding Landing Refusal Related to Novel Coronavirus Prevention]

[http://www.moj.go.jp/hisho/kouhou/hisho06\\_00099.html](http://www.moj.go.jp/hisho/kouhou/hisho06_00099.html)

#### **Those who have resided in [Quarantine Enhanced Areas]**

- 3 Those who have resided in a [Quarantine Enhanced Area] within 14 days before the day of entry to Japan (a history of residing in the country after the date of receiving this designation) will be required by the Quarantine Director to do as follows, even if their health condition is normal: The individual will be asked to undergo a fourteen-day quarantine at a designated place (hotel, etc. arranged individually before departure for Japan). Accommodation expenses will be borne by the individual. Also, public transportation such as trains, buses, and taxis must not be used to move from the airport. Please check the link below for details and the most recent information.

[Ministry of Health, Labor, and Welfare Homepage: Q&A Regarding Drastic Strengthening of Border Measures]

[https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/kenkou\\_iryuu/covid19\\_qa\\_kanrenkigyuu\\_00001.html](https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/kenkou_iryuu/covid19_qa_kanrenkigyuu_00001.html)

**Those who Resided in an Area with Infectious Disease Risk Level 2 or Higher within 14 Days Before Entering Japan**

4 Those who resided in an area with Infectious Disease Risk Level 2 or higher within 14 days before entering Japan (including passing through) should not go to the University for 14 days after entering Japan and reside in their room as much as possible during that time. During that time period, one should make close health observations (measuring their body temperature twice every day – once in the morning and once in the evening, washing their hands, and being sure to wear a mask properly). Please check the link below for areas with an Infectious Disease Risk Level 2 or higher.

<https://www.anzen.mofa.go.jp/>

**Visitors to Japan Not in Categories [1-4] Above**

5 Such visitors will not be required to quarantine in their rooms, but infection has been confirmed even in those who have never traveled to areas with a Disease Risk Level 2 or higher. Please take thorough measures to prevent infection. If you do not feel well at the time of entry, be sure to report it to the Quarantine Station.

**If You Feel Unwell After Arriving in Japan**

6 If at least one of the following applies, please contact the nearest Novel Coronavirus Consultation Center immediately.

- If you have any symptoms such as difficulty breathing (dyspnea), strong fatigue (malaise) or a high fever
- Those who are prone to severe sickness (※) and have mild cold symptoms such as a fever and cough
- (※) Elderly people, people with underlying conditions such as diabetes, heart failure, respiratory diseases (COPD, etc.), those undergoing dialysis, people using immunosuppressants or anti-cancer drugs, etc..
- When relatively mild symptoms such as fever and cough continue in people other than those mentioned above

(Please be sure to consult a center if the symptoms persist for four days or more. Symptoms vary by person, so please consult immediately if you feel that the symptoms are particularly strong. The same applies to those who have to continue taking a fever reducer.)

When contacting the nearest Novel Coronavirus Consultation Center, please declare any information about your presence in a country with a Disease Risk Level 2 or higher (or in a specific Prefecture in Japan under caution) and follow their instructions.

(Kyoto City Novel Coronavirus Consultation Center: TEL 075-752-1166 <24-Hour Support>)

**Infection Prevention**

7 Washing your hands thoroughly (to prevent contact infection) and wearing a mask for cough etiquette (to prevent droplet infection) are effective in preventing the spread of the Novel Coronavirus, to please be thoroughly mindful of taking these measures. In addition, it is said that disinfection with alcohol at a level of 70% is effective in preventing contact infections.

The points above are our current response (as of September 30<sup>th</sup>), but the situation is changing daily. If there is a change in our response hereafter will notify you via our website or by email. Please be sure to check these sources for such updates.

Furthermore, **please submit your Application Forms with a firm understanding of these points.**

- In considering Japan's official immigration policies and international mobility restrictions which may arise, there is a possibility that admission for inbound Exchange Students to Ryukoku University may be cancelled, even after application forms are submitted.
- In principle, classes will be held in a face-to-face format. In the case one is admitted and unable to enter Japan, however, we will consider providing a limited number of subjects in an online format. In that case, all subjects will be held synchronously (Japanese Standard Time).

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