

Phased Measures toward Resuming Cross-Border Travel

The Government of Japan (GOJ) intends to set up a special quota of cross-border business travelers and others for entry into and exit from Japan, separately from general procedures for cross-border travelers. While maintaining the current border control measures, the GOJ will tentatively implement a special framework for cross-border business travelers and others on the condition of taking additional quarantine measures. This framework will become effective with relevant countries/regions, one after another, once such arrangement is ready to be implemented after consultation respectively.

1. Countries/Regions and Cross-Border Travelers to be Covered under the Framework

- (1) The GOJ will start consultations with/begin approaching countries/regions currently subject to denial of permission to entry into Japan where the spread of infections is contained. For the moment, Viet Nam, Thailand, Australia and New Zealand are the candidates for this framework. The GOJ intends to cover additional countries/regions under the framework, one after another, once such arrangement is finalized through consultation respectively, while comprehensively taking into account relevant factors including the status of infections both inside and outside of Japan.
- (2) Cross-border business travelers and others (e.g. business managers, engineers, technical intern trainees, and specified skilled workers) will be covered under this framework. Details will be coordinated with each country/region.

2. Additional Quarantine Measures

On top of the current border control measures (i.e. undergoing PCR testing, refraining from using public transportation upon arrival at Japan, and 14-day stay at home, etc.),

- (1) The GOJ will permit foreign nationals from countries/regions subject to denial of permission to entry to enter Japan as an exception only when they take additional quarantine measures (e.g. presenting a certificate of the result of pre-entry PCR testing and keeping location data for 14 days after entry into Japan).
- (2) In case those cross-border business travelers, including Japanese nationals, wish to conduct business activities during the 14-day period, the GOJ will grant exceptions to those travelers to relax restrictions on areas of activities in Japan only when they take additional measures (e.g. submission of “Schedule of Activities in Japan”^{*}).

^{*} “Schedule of Activities in Japan” includes such information as location of stay, business destinations and persons to get in contact with in Japan.

3. Exit from Japan by Japanese Nationals

The GOJ will carry out consultations with relevant countries/regions to discuss the possibility of permitting traveling Japanese nationals to enter and conduct business activities within a limited area in each country/region on the condition of taking additional measures (e.g. presenting a certificate of the result of pre-entry PCR testing), depending on the requests from those countries/regions.

4. Expansion of Testing Capacity in Japan

The GOJ will expand testing capacity and system in the future, including through introducing alternative testing methods such as PCR testing using saliva samples.

5. Preventing Further Spread of COVID-19 Infections

The above-mentioned special measures will be put in place tentatively as long as they are compatible with the infection control measures in Japan. The GOJ will thoroughly monitor the situation including the status of infections both inside and outside of Japan, and will determine whether to continuously apply these measures for cross-border travelers.

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Business Track (Conceptual Diagram)

Japan → Country X

Japan	<e.g.> Before Exit
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit visa application documents at the Embassy Submit "Schedule of Activities in Country X" 14-day health monitoring until departing Japan Present a certificate of pre-entry PCR testing result

Country X	<e.g.> Upon Entry
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PCR testing at the airport
	<e.g.> After Entry
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Limit areas of activities (e.g. between location of stay and business destinations) based on "Schedule of Activities in Country X" for 14 days
	Before Exit
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 14-day health monitoring until departing Country X

Japan	Upon Return
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PCR testing at the airport Answer/submit a questionnaire (e.g. health condition) Submit "Schedule of Activities in Japan" Install a COVID-19 contact tracing application
	After Return
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refrain from using public transportation Limit areas of activities (e.g. between location of stay and business destinations) based on "Schedule of Activities in Japan" for 14 days 14-day health follow-up after returning to Japan Keep location data for 14 days

Country X → Japan

Country X	Before Exit
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Submit visa application documents at the Embassy or Consulate General of Japan Submit "Schedule of Activities in Japan" 14-day health monitoring until departing Country X Present a certificate of pre-entry PCR testing result

Japan	Upon Entry
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PCR testing at the airport Answer/submit a questionnaire (e.g. health condition) Submit "Schedule of Activities in Japan" Install a COVID-19 contact tracing application
	After Entry
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refrain from using public transportation Limit areas of activities (e.g. between location of stay and business destinations) based on "Schedule of Activities in Japan" for 14 days 14-day health follow-up after entering Japan Keep location data for 14 days

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* In addition to the above-mentioned framework which enables business activities immediately after the entry into Japan/Country X (mainly for short-term business travelers), two-way "**Residence Track**" (Japan→Country X/Country X→Japan), which **maintains the 14-day stay-home period after the entry** (mainly for dispatch or rotation of long-term stay), will also be coordinated.

* This conceptual diagram is subject to change, depending on the result of consultations/coordination with Country X.