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To: Foreign International Air Carriers currently conducting air transport services to Japan from subject countries and regions for entry refusal or for strengthening quarantine in accordance with Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act

Director, International Air Transport Division  
Civil Aviation Bureau

**REQUESTS: Temporary tightening of restrictions for limitation of the number of boarding passengers arriving at Narita Airport, Haneda Airport, Kansai Airport, Chubu Airport and Fukuoka Airport**

We made a request on 1 April 2020 that the total number of arriving passengers who are subject to PCR tests should be limited to the specified number, in response to the request from the quarantine authority as the measure to limit the number of arriving passengers based on the decision made by Novel Coronavirus Response Headquarters of Japan.

As for the quarantine response for entrants, it is currently the most important issue to prevent the entry of new virus variants from overseas and to prevent the spread of infection in Japan. Based on the decision of 5 March this year, the number of boarding passengers arriving in Japan including those from countries and regions where new virus variants are prevalent is limited and the number of entrants is controlled with the aim to ensure proper implementation of quarantine. Further, based on the decision made as of 18 May this year, it was determined, in response to the virus variant B.1.617 first identified in India, that the number of passengers on flights arriving in Japan from countries and regions designated as being infected with the virus variant B.1.617 will be restricted and the number of entrants will be controlled so that Japanese nationals who wish to return home can do so. In addition to this, in order to ensure the smooth entry of the Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games athletes and officials (hereinafter collectively referred to as "Games Officials") into Japan, the number of passengers of Games Officials shall be separated from the restriction on general passengers (meaning arriving passengers other than Games Officials; the same shall apply hereinafter). In line with this, we are requesting to restrict the number of passengers.

This time, we request the following with regard to setting of the boarding limit of the number of general passengers from 1 August this year and partial change of boarding restrictions for general passengers and Games Officials.

1. For general passengers, the following items (1) through (3) shall apply.

(1) For flights other than those arriving in Japan from designated countries and regions based on the new measures for strengthening boarder measures (15), each airline is requested to suspend to take new reservations for the flight, if the flight has already received reservations of the upper limit of the number of passengers at the moment (excluding transit passengers who do not enter Japan; the same shall apply hereinafter), thereby allowing only already reserved passengers to take the flight.

The upper limit of the number of passengers of the flight of each day is 80 from 1 August to 31 August this year. The same limitation shall apply if the number of passengers reaches the upper limit before the flight date from now.

(2) As for flights arriving in Japan from designated countries and regions based on the new measures for strengthening boarder measures (15), each airline is requested to restrict the number of passengers as per the previous request in effect as of today for the time being from 1 August this year.

(3) In addition to the above, regarding the request dated 18 June this year to suspend to take new reservations for flights arriving at Haneda Airport during specific time zones, we newly request to suspend to take new reservations for the following time zones upon receipt of this Administrative Circular, and allow boarding only for existing reservations.

This measure will be reviewed from time to time in accordance with the certainty of the expected arrival of Games Officials and changes in the reservation situation.

Newly requested time zones during which new reservations are requested to be suspended:

16 July (Fri), between 8:00 and 9:59                      18 July (Sun), between 8:00 and 9:59

20 July (Tue), between 14:00 and 15:59

21 July (Wed), between 8:00 and 9:59, and between 14:00 and 15:59

1 Aug (Sun), between 14:00 and 15:59

2. For Games Officials, the following shall apply. The request dated 18 June this year will be continued in principle. Regarding the request to suspend to take new reservations for flights arriving at Haneda Airport during specific time zones, we newly request to suspend to take new reservations and to allow boarding only for existing reservations during the time zones listed in 1. (3) above. The request to suspend to take new reservations will be lifted for the following time zones. This measure will be reviewed from time to time in accordance with the certainty of the expected arrival of Games Officials and changes in the reservation situation.

Time zones during which the request to suspend to take new reservations will be lifted:

12 July (Mon), between 11:00 and 12:59

14 July (Wed), between 14:00 and 15:59

For the time being, it will not be approved to operate extra flights or charter flights using any airports including the above, unless absolutely necessary due to special circumstances such as boarding Games Officials. Your understanding would be appreciated.

This arrangement is subject to change according to the change in the circumstances.

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