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Immigration Services Agency of Japan

Measures to reduce congestion at the immigration counters in order to prevent the spread of the coronavirus disease COVID-19.

In light of the various circumstances associated with the impact of the coronavirus disease COVID-19, from the perspective of preventing the spread of the coronavirus disease, as a measure to reduce congestion at the immigration counters for residency applications, the immigration counters will be accepting applications to change the status of residence and applications to extend the period of stay from those foreign nationals (excluding foreign nationals with the status of residence of “Temporary Visitor” and “Designated Activities (Departure Preparation Period” )) whose expiration date (see note 1) for their period of stay is due in March or April (see note 2) for an extended period of one month from the expiration date of the period of stay of the relevant foreign national.

Note 1. This includes those who are required to apply for a status of residence in March or April such as those who were born in Japan.

Note 2. The same treatment will also apply to foreign nationals whose expiration date for their period of stay is due in April.