



Immigration news alerts

COVID-19

COVID-19 (also previously referred to as 2019 Novel Coronavirus or 2019-nCoV) is a virus identified as the cause of an outbreak of respiratory illness first detected in Wuhan, China. While it is unclear how easily this virus is spreading between people, authorities across the globe are issuing travel health notices related to this outbreak.

In this series of news alerts, we will provide you with immigration updates to keep you updated on the rapidly evolving situation within our region.

Indonesia

Restrictions on the use of expatriate employees from People's Republic of China *(Translated from Bahasa Indonesia)*

Ministry of Manpower (Menteri Ketenagakerjaan) | 21 February 2020

This Circular Letter stipulates that the use of expatriate employees from People's Republic of China will be temporarily restricted until 29 February 2020, after which it shall be evaluated. For expatriate employees who are employed in temporary positions and currently reside in Indonesia, the permit shall be extendable for a maximum of six months.



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Japan

Entry ban on foreign nationals who have visited Daegu city and/or Cheongdo county *(Translated from Japanese)*

Prime Minister's Office of Japan | 26 February 2020

The government has confirmed an entry ban on foreign nationals who have visited South Korea's Daegu city and/or Cheongdo county in the last 14 days. This measure is effective from 27 February 2020.



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Singapore

Singapore Permanent Resident breached Stay-Home Notice requirements; loses Singapore Permanent Resident status and will be barred from re-entering Singapore

Immigration & Checkpoints Authority | 26 February 2020

A 45-year-old male Singapore Permanent Resident, who breached Stay-Home Notice (SHN) requirements while in Singapore from 20 to 23 February 2020 has lost his Singapore Permanent Resident (SPR) status. The Immigration & Checkpoints Authority (ICA) has also barred him from re-entering Singapore.



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Two charged under the Infectious Diseases Act for false information and obstruction of contact tracing

Ministry of Health | 26 February 2020

Two individuals have been charged under the Infectious Diseases Act for giving false information to officials from the Ministry of Health (MOH) and obstructing the conduct of contact tracing.

Both defendants had given false information to MOH officials about their movements and whereabouts from 22 January to 29 January when they were contacted for the purposes of contact tracing. One defendant had also provided false information while under quarantine. However, MOH was able to establish their true movements through detailed investigations.

In view of the potentially serious repercussions of the false information given by the defendants, and the risk they could have posed to public health, MOH has served them charges on 25 February. The case will be heard in Court on 28 February.



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