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[Important] Japan Pre-Entry Tuberculosis Screening (JPETS)

■Overview

In response to the increasing number of tuberculosis (TB) cases among foreign-born individuals entering Japan, the Japanese government plans to introduce a **Pre-Entry Tuberculosis Screening System** in 2025. Nationals of designated countries will be required to submit a **Certificate of Non-Infectiousness for Tuberculosis** when applying for a **Certificate of Eligibility (COE)** for a medium- to long-term stay.

■Target Group

Individuals holding nationality from the following countries: Philippines, Nepal, Vietnam, Indonesia, Myanmar, China

* Even if you hold nationality from a designated country, you may be exempt from the certificate requirement depending on your individual circumstances.

■Screening Start Dates (Tentative)

| Country | COE Application Date Requiring | Medical Checkup Start Date |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------|
| | Certificate | |
| Philippines / Nepal | On or after June 23, 2025 | From March 24, 2025 |
| Vietnam | On or after September 1, 2025 | From May 26, 2025 |
| Indonesia / Myanmar / China | TBD | TBD |

■How the Pre-Entry TB Screening Works

1) Medical Examination

Applicants must undergo a medical examination, including a chest X-ray, at a designated medical institution in their home country.

2) Issuance of Certificate

If the applicant is determined not to have active TB, the designated medical institution will issue a Certificate of Non-Infectiousness for Tuberculosis.

3) Submission of Certificate

The issued certificate must be submitted together with the COE application documents to the International Student Section.

■Reference Websites

Immigration Services Agency of Japan: https://www.moj.go.jp/isa/10_00219.html?hl=en
Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare: Japan Pre-Entry Tuberculosis Screening(JPETS) | 厚生労働省 Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Visa information): https://www.mofa.go.jp/j_info/visit/visa/index.html

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