



Japan Update: November 30, 2020

This is a quick roundup on the situation, opportunities, and events in Japan:

International Travel:

Since the beginning of November, visitors with visas have been allowed into Japan from Australia, Brunei, China (including Hong Kong and Macau), New Zealand, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Taiwan, Thailand, and Vietnam. This basically restricts entry to business travellers or residents of Japan. We are keeping an eye on this as more countries should be added soon, and tourism and non-visa travel could be on the way.

Learn more here: https://www.mofa.go.jp/ca/cp/page22e_000925.html

Novel Corona Virus:

The Novel Corona Virus situation in Japan has seen some change over the past month. Daily PCR positive tests are rising, and the numbers of people being admitted to hospital for Covid-19 disease are also rising. The rises appear concentrated in Tokyo, Sapporo in Hokkaido, and Osaka. Some restaurants and other facilities have been asked to limit business hours, but there is no lockdown and domestic travel is still wide open. People continue to wear masks and

practice physical distancing in public places, and overall, the situation continues to look comparatively good.

Basically, everyone is continuing to wear masks, practice good hygiene, and physically distance. Domestic Travel is open, but requests have been made for bars and pubs selling alcohol in Tokyo and Osaka, to cut back business hours.

2020 Olympics and Paralympics:

Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga and International Olympic Committee Chief Thomas Bach agreed on November 16th, 2020 that the Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics will go ahead in 2021. This will be a big opportunity for companies that have technologies or services that help ensure safe operation of the games. Vaccine news during November has been positive and hopeful, so it looks likely that there will be a games, but likely with smaller numbers of spectators and athletes than originally planned.

Trade Show Update:

Care TEX Osaka took place from November 10th to the 12th at Intec Osaka. It was a live event and was well attended. . About 120 exhibitors, mainly in disaster relief, personal protection, remote workplace development, and electronic contract business area. Check out the update here: <http://osaka.caretex.jp/info/exhibitorlist2020>

Medical Japan Osaka 2021:

Medical Japan Trade Show in Osaka is coming up from Wednesday, February 24th to Friday, February 26th, 2021. This is the premiere event in the Japan for introducing your devices, systems, and technologies, to the Japanese medical ecosystem. Medical Japan Osaka is the ideal event for overseas companies to make their start in Japan. There is still space available, but it is going fast.

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