

## **Government Initiatives Related to Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)**

1. On February 13th, the Government of Japan, adopted by a Cabinet Decision, promulgated the “Cabinet Order for Designating Novel Coronavirus Infection as a Type of Infectious Disease Under Article 34 of the Quarantine Act” (Cabinet Order No. 28 of 2020) and the “Cabinet Order Partially Amending the Enforcement Order of the Quarantine Act” (Cabinet Order No. 29 of 2020). These cabinet orders were enforced on the following day, February 14th.
2. For the purpose of preventing pathogens causing the novel coronavirus infection from entering Japan, under the “Cabinet Order for Designating Novel Coronavirus Infection as a Type of Infectious Disease Under Article 34 of the Quarantine Act” (Cabinet Order No. 28 of 2020) and the “Cabinet Order Partially Amending the Enforcement Order of the Quarantine Act” (Cabinet Order No. 29 of 2020), which went into enforcement on February 14th, the following measures stipulated in the Quarantine Act are permitted to be taken during quarantine implemented upon arrival into Japan. Suspected carriers, even if they show no signs or symptoms, will be deemed carriers of the novel coronavirus.

### (1) Isolation

If it is found during quarantine that a person is a novel coronavirus carrier, a chief of a quarantine station (quarantine officer) may isolate this individual by hospitalizing him/her at an entrusted medical institution designated for infectious diseases.

### (2) Detention

If it is found during quarantine that a person may be infected with a pathogen causing novel coronavirus infection, a chief of a quarantine station (quarantine officer) may detain this potentially infected individual by either hospitalizing him/her at an entrusted medical institution designated for infectious diseases or housing the individual in an accommodation facility or on a vessel.