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## MOFA adjusts entry regulations for foreign nationals in response to worldwide efforts to resume economic activity and international exchanges following COVID-19 outbreak

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As countries around the world are easing COVID-19 lockdown measures and resuming eco nomic activity and international exchanges, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of China (Taiwan) will gradually adjust regulations concerning foreign nationals' entry int o Taiwan in accordance with decisions and standards set by the Central Epidemic Comman d Center (CECC). These adjustments are being made to accelerate Taiwan's economic momentum and restore normal living conditions. From June 29, 2020, foreign nationals who wish to travel to Taiwan for reasons other than tourism and regular social visits may apply for a special entry permit with an R.O.C. overseas mission by submitting relevant documents and forms. Applications by students and people wishing to study Mandarin in Taiwan will be handled by the Ministry of Education in line with its related measures.

Upon entering Taiwan, all foreign nationals must present an English-language certificate of a negative COVID-19 test taken within three days of boarding the flight to Taiwan and un dergo a 14-day home quarantine period. Visitors of the following categories can be exempted from negative COVID-19 test: personnel on diplomatic or official business, migrant workers, and students (whose entry is managed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Labor, and Ministry of Education and who represent manageable risk levels), as well as people coming to Taiwan for emergency situations and crewmembers on vessels arriving in Taiwan (for whom it may be difficult to obtain a certificate of a negative COVID-19 test).

These newly announced regulations constitute updates of measures that were announced

earlier this year by MOFA, according to which foreign nationals—except Alien Resident Cer tificate holders, personnel on diplomatic or official business, persons who can prove they a re fulfilling commercial and contractual obligations, and persons requiring special permissi on—were barred from entering Taiwan from March 19 in accordance with guidance from the CECC. (E)

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