## Important Notice on Re-entry into Japan for Strengthening Border Security Measures to prevent the spread of Novel Coronavirus

On 1 June 2021, taking the current situation on the emergence of Novel Coronavirus variants of concern into consideration, the Government of Japan decided to further strengthen the border security measures by introducing additional measures as follows;

## 1 Re-entry from Afghanistan

The re-entry into Japan of foreign nationals with status of residence who have stayed in Afghanistan within 14 days prior to the application for landing will be denied for the time being, unless there are special exceptional circumstances. The foregoing measure will be implemented from 0:00am (JST) on June 3, 2021.

(Note 1) Foreign nationals with the status of residence of "Permanent Resident", "Spouse or Child of a Japanese National", "Spouse or Child of a Permanent Resident" or "Long Term Resident", who have departed Japan with Re-entry Permission by June 2, 2021 with intent to re-enter into Japan from Afghanistan, are treated as persons in special exceptional circumstances. This, however, is not applicable to foreign nationals who depart Japan on or after June 3, 2021. Foreign nationals with the status "Special Permanent Resident" are not within the scope of this entry ban.

(Note 2) The foregoing measures will not be applied to those who will depart Afghanistan before 0:00am (JST) on June 3, 2021 and arrive in Japan after this time.

(Note 3) In case of the re-entry from India, Nepal or Pakistan, foreign nationals with the status of residence of "Permanent Resident", "Spouse or Child of a Japanese National", "Spouse or Child of a Permanent Resident" or "Long Term Resident", who have departed Japan with Re-entry Permission by May 13, 2021 with intent to re-enter into Japan, are treated as persons in special exceptional circumstances. Foreign nationals with the status "Special Permanent Resident" are not within the scope of this entry ban.

(Note 4) In case of the re-entry from Bangladesh or Maldives, foreign nationals with the

status of residence of "Permanent Resident", "Spouse or Child of a Japanese National", "Spouse or Child of a Permanent Resident" or "Long Term Resident", who have departed Japan with Re-entry Permission by May 19, 2021 with intent to re-entry into Japan, are treated as persons in special exceptional circumstances. Foreign nationals with the status "Special Permanent Resident" are not within the scope of this entry ban.

(Note 5) In case of the re-entry from Sri Lanka, foreign nationals with the status of residence of "Permanent Resident", "Spouse or Child of a Japanese National", "Spouse or Child of a Permanent Resident" or "Long Term Resident", who have departed Japan with Re-entry Permission by May 20, 2021 with intent to re-entry into Japan, are treated as persons in special exceptional circumstances. Foreign nationals with the status "Special Permanent Resident" are not within the scope of this entry ban.

2 Regardless of the aforementioned measures, the new entry of foreign nationals who are acknowledged to have special exceptional circumstances by Japanese authorities may still enter Japan even if they have stayed in those countries within 14 days prior to the application for landing into Japan. Those foreign nationals have a visa issued by Japanese overseas establishments.

We would deeply appreciate it if your team could notify all related airlines that they should inform all concerned passengers of those measures in order for them to avoid any inconvenience arriving in Japan.

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