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Attention International Students:

Student Exchange Division

The Immigration Services Agency of Japan has announced the following measures will be taken for those deemed to be having difficulty in securing return flights, or returning to their home countries due to the novel coronavirus outbreak.

1. Those having difficulty returning to their home countries

Those in Japan under "Student" resident status will be allowed to change their status to "Short-Term Stay (30 days)" if they are having difficulty returning to their home countries. You must apply "Short-Term Stay" status in person at the Sendai Immigration Bureau.

2. Measures to mitigate crowding at immigration offices

Those in Japan under "Student" status whose period of stay will expire during March 2020 will be allowed to apply to change or renew their residence status for up to one month after the end of their period of stay.

Immigration Services Agency of Japan Announcement:

[https://sup.bureau.tohoku.ac.jp/visa/news\\_en.html#20200306](https://sup.bureau.tohoku.ac.jp/visa/news_en.html#20200306)