Dear all,

Warning - Bird Flu (H7N9)

Recently, patients who are infected by the bird flu (H7N9) found in China. There 22 patients have killed and 109 patients infected as of April 24, 2013. People who had close contact with patients reached to more than 1,000 and they are monitored. In addition, these patients expanded over 5 provinces and 2 cities.

In response, we give out information as follows and call attention for preventing from infection. Those who are planning to travel abroad, especially to China during Golden Week Holidays, please be aware of the Bird Flu infection and call special attention to it.

Please visit information of visiting China at (http://www.anzen.mofa.go.jp/).

When you visit China,

* Keep away from going to markets which sell alive birds and poultry firms.
* Keep away from touching dead birds and semifarming birds.
* Keep away from touching bird body waste and things infected by those.
* Make sure to do Hand-wash, and gargle often, and keep away from crowd to maintain your own sanitary management.
* In case of having symptom of a respiratory infection such as sudden favor and cough, go see the nearest doctor at once.

When you enter back to Japan,

* Please consult with quarantine station when you have flu-like symptoms such as favor and cough.

Within 10 days after entering Japan,

* When you get flu-like symptoms such as favor (38°C or over) and cough, please consult with the Center for Physical & Mental Health at (059-231-9068, opens on weekdays from 8:30am to 5:15pm) or go to see the nearest doctor at once. In addition, please notify the doctor that you were staying in China.

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