

## **Notice for Holders of Non-Machine Readable Turkish Passport Entering Japan**

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The Government of Japan will be introducing a new requirement regarding the previous type of Turkish Passport (i.e. the Non-Machine Readable Passport, known as Non-MRP) from the 1<sup>st</sup> of April 2011. It will be strongly recommended from that date that all holders of such passports obtain a visa before entering Japan, even if their stay will be shorter than three months. Entry to Japan with a Turkish Non-MRP may be subject to more stringent investigation and entry could still be denied.

Some airlines may also restrict those without a valid Japanese visa in a Non-MRP Turkish Passport from boarding the airplane.

The abovementioned conditions do not apply to those in possession of the new type of Turkish passport (a Machine Readable Passport), unless the duration of stay is longer than three months. Please note that those who intend to work or gain profit during their stay in Japan must still obtain a visa, even if the duration is shorter than three months.

We do apologise for the short notice.