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MOFA to halt processing of visa applications in accordance with CECC suspension of entry to Taiwan from May 19 to June 18 for foreign nationals not holding a valid R.O.C. (Taiwan) Resident Certificate

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Considering the recent escalation of COVID-19 cases internationally and within Taiwan, and to safeguard domestic antipandemic security and protect people's health, the Central Epidemic Command Center (CECC) announced on May 17 that entry to Taiwan will be suspended from 00:00 on May 19 (local time of departure) to June 18 for foreign nationals not holding a valid R.O.C. (Taiwan) Resident Certificate. Exceptions will be considered on a case-by-case basis for emergencies and on humanitarian grounds.

In accordance with the CECC's antipandemic policy, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs will halt processing of visa applications. Entry will also be suspended for persons holding a valid visitor visa or resident visa. Foreign nationals requiring entry to Taiwan for emergency and on humanitarian ground, such as attending a funeral or visiting a critically ill family member, must receive special permission from the CECC before applying for a special entry permit visa from the Taiwan offices in their home country.

The abovementioned measures may be adjusted by the CECC at any time in accordance with the status of the pandemic and associated operations. (E)