



Deming Prize Examination and TQM Diagnosis by the Deming Prize Committee under the COVID-19 pandemic

Deming Prize Committee

Under the continued pandemic situation caused by the COVID-19 since 2020, resulting in a lockdown of cities and travel restrictions including refused entry globally, we, at the Deming Prize Examination Committee, deliberately discussed as to implementation and operations of the 2021 Deming Prize Examination and TQM Diagnosis by the Deming Prize Committee, keeping in mind that safety and security of both parties at the top priority.

A. Deming Prize Examination

Deming Prize Examination will be carried out when the committee confirms the following necessary conditions according to government guidelines.

In case the following necessary conditions are not confirmed on any of these decision-making/validation dates, Deming Prize Examination this year, will be canceled.

1. Travel advice and warning for potential risks on the safety and security issued country-wise by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan shall be category level 1 or below.
2. Any travel restrictions including refused entry, quarantine, self-isolation measures, in both countries shall not be effective.

B. TQM Diagnosis by the Deming Prize Committee

The TQM Diagnosis by the Deming Prize Committee shall be suspended until the above necessary conditions are confirmed by the committee:

Conditions will be periodically monitored country-wise. The committee will contact applicants from the designated country to discuss the possible date for the onsite diagnosis to dispatch a team once the above conditions are confirmed.

For applicants located in Japan, please click [here](#) for information (Japanese only).