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## **JAPAN WILL BEGIN ROLLING OUT ITS VACCINE PASSPORT THIS SUMMER**

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Japan plans to issue Covid-19 vaccination certificates to citizens traveling abroad this summer, Nikkei Asia reported today. The initiative will begin with a paper version of the certificate and roll out later this year with a smartphone solution based on the European Unions Digital Covid Certificate, which just launched.

Other countries are doing it, so Japan will have to consider it, too, Taro Kono, the countrys vaccine czar, told the Japanese parliament in late April when announcing the governments plans for a vaccine verification system. The digital Covid app would make it easier for those vaccinated against COVID-19 to travel internationally by scanning QR codes at airports before boarding flights or when entering the country. Along with vaccine verification, the app will also include results from PCR and antigen tests.

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