

# PANDEMIC: GLOBAL RESPONSE

## MARKETS

Stocks plunge after WHO declares pandemic

## PHILIPPINES

Manila placed under lockdown

## INDIA

No visas for foreign visitors for a month

## UNITED STATES

Travel from European Union restricted for 30 days

## ITALY

Rome's second airport and one terminal of main airport shut

## MALAYSIA

Calls for all mass gatherings to be postponed

## SINGAPORE

Mosques to close for five days; Catholic churches to continue suspension of masses



Travellers wearing protective masks and suits at Incheon International Airport in South Korea. Global travel is one sector that has been badly hit by the coronavirus pandemic. PHOTO: BLOOMBERG

## SINGAPORE TO TIGHTEN TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS

WHO assesses that many countries will see full-blown outbreaks, with sustained community transmission, like what has happened in South Korea and Italy. And unlike Sars, this outbreak will continue for some time – a year, and maybe longer... We too face a serious situation. We expect more imported cases, and therefore new clusters and new waves of infection, this time coming from many countries rather than one or two. We have already imposed some travel restrictions... We will have to tighten up further temporarily, though we cannot completely shut ourselves off from the world.



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