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A stop in the islands, but no feet touch Oahu soil 2-8-2020

None of the passengers aboard the Nippon Maru, a Japanese cruise ship that stopped in Honolulu on Friday, displayed symptoms of the novel coronavirus, according to the state Harbors Division. But “the vessel, on its own discretion, decided not to disembark in Honolulu,” said Shelly Kunishige, spokeswoman for the state Department of Transportation. The ship sailing from Mexico arrived at 6:45 a.m. and moored at Pier 2-C before leaving at 5 p.m. A new immigration policy went into effect Friday in Japan to ensure border control to prevent the disease from spreading farther into the country, which had 89 confirmed cases as of Friday. Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe announced Thursday that Japan will deny entry of foreign passengers on another cruise ship heading to Okinawa from Hong Kong because of suspected coronavirus patients found on that ship.