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To: The Assistant Commissioner
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All Directors and Division Chiefs
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**SUBJECT: Change of Director General of Customs and Tariff Bureau
Ministry of Finance, Japan**

Attached is the letter dated 16 July 2021 from Mr. Mitsuo Suzuki, JICA Customs Expert Office/Philippines, informing that Mr. Wataru Sakata is the newly appointed Director General of Customs and Tariff Bureau, Ministry of Finance, Japan.

For your information and guidance.

For record purposes, please confirm the dissemination of this circular throughout your offices within fifteen (15) days from receipt hereof.


REY LEONARDO B. GUERRERO

Commissioner

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Mr. Rey Leonard B. Guerrero
Commissioner
Bureau of Customs

Re: Information on the change of Director General of the Customs and Tariff Bureau, Japan

Dear Commissioner Guerrero,

According to the information from Japan, Mr. Atsushi Tajima, Director General of the Customs and Tariff Bureau, Ministry of Finance, Japan, left his post on July 13, 2021, due to annual personnel changes. Mr. Wataru Sakata was appointed as his successor on the same day.

Attached letters are greetings from them.

We appreciate your continuous support and cooperation for us.

Respectfully yours,

Mitsuo Suzuki
JICA Customs Expert

CC: Atty. Marietta D. Zamoranos, Head, External Affairs Office

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Mr. Rey Leonardo B. Guerrero
Commissioner
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Dear Mr. Rey Leonardo B. Guerrero,

I am writing to inform you that I have just left the post of the Director General of the Customs and Tariff Bureau, Ministry of Finance, Japan.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation for the cooperation and friendship you have extended to us during my tenure.

Now, I would highly appreciate it if you could extend your support to my successor, Mr. SAKATA Wataru, just as you did to me. I am confident that the existing valuable relationship between our two Customs administrations will be further strengthened.

I wish you all the best success in your customs modernization and trade facilitation. I hope our path will cross again in the near future.

Yours sincerely,

TAJIMA Atsushi
Director General
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Dear Mr. Rey Leonardo B. Guerrero,

It is my great pleasure to inform you that I was appointed as the Director General of Customs and Tariff Bureau, Ministry of Finance, Japan. Against the background of rapidly changing circumstances surrounding Customs authorities, closer cooperation among Customs authorities is important. I am honored to serve to strengthen our bilateral relations and work closely with you for the development of the Customs field through the various activities of the WCO and other regional and international fora.

I would be most grateful if you would extend your support and cooperation to me as you did to my predecessor, Mr. TAJIMA Atsushi.

Taking this opportunity, I would like to express our appreciation for your continued support for Mr. SUZUKI Mitsuo, a JICA long-term expert from Japan Customs, who has been working closely with you as a liaison to further strengthen the close ties between our two Customs administrations.

I look forward to meeting you on the earliest occasion.

Yours sincerely,

SAKATA Wataru
Director General
Customs and Tariff Bureau
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