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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

-versus-

Five Hundred Fifty Thousand  
Pesos (Php550,000.00)  
confiscated from **AYAKA  
OKAZAKI** on 16 September 2024

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SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION  
NO. 210-2024 (NAIA)

**WARRANT OF SEIZURE AND DETENTION**

TO: The District Commander  
ESS-CPD, NAIA District Office

WHEREAS, on 16 September 2024, at around 0730H, a female Japanese passenger named Ayaka Okazaki with Passport Number TT6231308 was about to depart via Z2 188 bound to Osaka, Japan.

WHEREAS, during the Final Screening at the Departure Area, NAIA Terminal 3, Jovert S. Manrique of the Office of the Transportation Security (OTS) conducted a non-intrusive inspection on her carry-on baggage and was referred to Acting Customs Examiner Joshua Patrick A. Izon.

WHEREAS, Acting Customs Examiner Izon explained to the traveler that her carry-on baggage must be subjected to physical examination. In the presence of Ms. Ayaka Okazaki, ESS SA1 Mark Jupuri, and CIIS SA1 Ediex Liwanag, Acting Customs Examiner Izon conducted the physical examination on the subject baggage which yielded Six Hundred Thousand Pesos (Php600,000.00). The passenger was then asked by Customs Examiner if she had a Permit issued by the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas for the subject Philippine currencies to which she answered in the negative. The amount of Fifty Thousand Pesos was returned to her representing the total amount allowed to be brought out by passengers. Thereafter, a Held-Baggage Receipt No. 00334625 was issued for the excess amount of Five Hundred Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php550,000.00). The confiscated Philippine Currencies were turned over to Jonathan Mesa of the In-Bond Unit, Baggage Assistance Division (BAD), for safekeeping.

WHEREAS, in a Memorandum addressed to the District Collector, this Port, dated 16 September 2024, Acting Customs Examiner Joshua Patrick A. Izon and Flight Supervisor Patrick G. Guerrero, thru Atty. Manuel O. Zurbito Jr., Acting Chief, Departure Operations Division, Mark Jhon O. Almase, Ph.D., Assistant Deputy Collector for Passenger Service, and Norsalem Raymond M. Mama-o, Acting Deputy Collector for Passenger Service, recommended for the issuance of Warrant of Seizure and Detention (WSD) against the amount of Php550,000.00 for violation of Section 117 in relation to Section 1113 (f) of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA), and Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) Circular No. 1146, series of 2022, entitled "Amendments to the Rules on Cross-Border Transfer of Local and Foreign Currencies".

WHEREAS, Section 4 of the Manual of Regulations on Foreign Exchange Transactions (updated as of May 2023), states:

**Section 4. Cross-Border Transfer of Local and Foreign Currencies.**







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10 October 2024

**MS. AYAKA OKAZAKI**  
Osaka

**Subject : Seizure Identification No. 210-2024 (NAIA)**  
Republic of the Philippines vs. Five Hundred Fifty Thousand  
Pesos (Php550,000.00) confiscated from **AYAKA OKAZAKI**  
on 16 September 2024.

Dear **Ms. Ayaka Okazaki**

This refers to the seized goods which is covered by Seizure Identification No. 210-2024 (NAIA) issued on October 9, 2024 by the District Collector, this Port. A copy of the Warrant of Seizure and Detention is attached for reference.

As part of the on-going seizure and forfeiture proceedings for the aforementioned seized goods, you are hereby directed to submit a Verified Position Paper **within seven (7) days** from receipt hereof, copy furnished the Government Prosecutor, Prosecution and Litigation Division, Legal Service, Bureau of Customs, Port Area, Manila, to discuss the following:

1. Issues of the Case;
2. Proposed Stipulation and Admission;
3. Arguments;
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Very truly yours,

*for* *H. Miranda*  
**ATTY. TEODOLFO MARTIN S. YERRO IV**  
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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

**-versus-**

Eighty-Nine Thousand US Dollars  
(USD89,000.00) intercepted from  
incoming passenger **KEI  
SUGIHARA** on 01 September  
2024.

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SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION  
NO. 211-2024 (NAIA)

**WARRANT OF SEIZURE AND DETENTION**

TO: The District Commander  
ESS-CPD, NAIA District Office

WHEREAS, on 01 September 2024 at around 2036H, a passenger named Kei Sugihara, a Japanese National with Passport No. TR5950777 arrived at NAIA Terminal 3 from Tokyo, Japan on board All Nippon Airways Flight NH819.

WHEREAS, at approximately 2106H, the hand carried baggage of passenger Kei Sugihara underwent routine x-ray, manned by XIP Inspector SGII Pau Joseph Lodea and SGII Edith Valenzuela, and resulted to suspicious images, hence was referred to Acting COO III Melody Garcia.

WHEREAS, when Examiner Garcia checked the submitted E-Travel Declaration of the passenger, she noted that the passenger answer "No" to all items in the General Declaration of the electronic Customs Baggage Declaration Form (CBDF).

WHEREAS, the examiner then proceeded with the physical examination which yielded to the discovery of Ninety Nine Thousand US Dollars (USD99,000.00).

WHEREAS, in the presence of SAI Joselito Custodio, CIIS Agent Jose Noel Torrecamb and was supervised by Flight Supervisor Patrick Guerrero, Customs Examiner Garcia physically counted and verified the foreign currency and confirmed the amount of Ninety-Nine Thousand US Dollars (USD99,000.00).

WHEREAS, Ten Thousand US Dollars (USD10,000.00) was returned to the traveler as the allowable limit while the remaining Eighty Nine Thousand US Dollars (USD89,000.00) was confiscated. Held Baggage Receipt No. 00100011542 was issued to passenger Kei Sugihara, and the confiscated amount was turned-over to Jonathan Mesa of the In-bond Unit, Baggage Assistance Division for safekeeping.

WHEREAS, on 02 September 2024, Customs Examiner Melody D. Garcia, Flight Supervisor Patrick G. Guerrero thru Acting Deputy Collector for Passenger Service, Assistant Deputy Collector for Passenger Service, and Chief, Arrival Operation Division, submitted their Incident Report to the District Collector and recommended for the issuance of Warrant of Seizure and Detention (WSD) of the subject foreign currency for violation of Section 1113 of the CMTA -Property Subject to Seizure and Forfeiture in relation to Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) Circular No. 308, series of 2001 as amended



by BSP Circular No. 507, series of 2006 – Foreign Currency Notes/Coins/Other Monetary Instruments.

WHEREAS, Section 4 of the Manual of Regulations on Foreign Exchange Transactions (updated as of May 2023), is instructive and authoritative, and provides that:

**“Section 4. Cross-Border Transfer of Local and Foreign Currencies.**

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2. Foreign Currency. Any person who brings into or takes out of the Philippines foreign currency, as well as other foreign currency denominated bearer monetary instruments in excess of US\$10,000.00 or its equivalent is required to declare the whole amount brought into or taken out of the Philippines using the prescribed Currency Declaration Form.” (Underline for emphasis)

WHEREAS, after a careful evaluation of the documents submitted and applicable customs laws, rules, and regulations, the NAIA District Collector found probable cause for the issuance of Warrant of Seizure and Detention against the subject currencies for violation of Section 117 of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA), and Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) Circular No. 1146, series of 2022, entitled, “Amendments to the Rules on Cross-Border Transfer of Local and Foreign Currencies”

WHEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested by law in this Office, and in compliance with applicable customs laws, rules, and regulations, you, together with the representatives of the concerned offices, are hereby ordered to seize the subject currencies intercepted from incoming passenger **KEI SUGIHARA** for violation of Section 117 of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act, Section 4 of the Manual of Regulations on Foreign Exchange Transactions (as amended by BSP Circular Nos. 794 dated 18 April 2013, 874 dated 08 April 2015; 922 dated 23 August 2016 and 1146 dated 26 May 2022), and Republic Act No. 7653 dated 14 June 1993 (The New Central Bank Act); and to turn over the same to the Collection Division for custody and safekeeping, pending the resolution of the seizure case by the Law Division, and/or until ordered by the District Collector, this Port.

Strict compliance with Customs Administrative Order (CAO) No.10-2020, particularly on the matter of making a return of service and the submission of the Inventory Report or list of the articles seized within the period indicated therein, is likewise directed. Failure to do so shall render this Warrant of Seizure and Detention ipso facto considered null and void and shall subject the defaulting officer to the appropriate administrative charges and penalties in accordance with existing laws, rules and regulations.

**SO ORDERED.**

BOC-NAIA, Pasay City, OCT 09 2024, October 2024.

**ATTY. MARIA YASMIN M. OBILLOS MATA,**  
District Collector, BOC-NAIA

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10 October 2024

**MR. KEI SUGIHARA**  
c/o Atty. Fernandez  
Unit 2617 The Levels Burbank Pacific Rim  
cor. Commerce Avenue, Filinvest City,  
Alabang, Muntinlupa City

**Subject : Seizure Identification No. 211-2024 (NAIA)**  
Republic of the Philippines vs. Eighty-Nine Thousand US  
Dollars (USD89,000.00) intercepted from incoming passenger  
**KEI SUGIHARA** on 01 September 2024

Dear **Mr. Kei Sugihara**

This refers to the seized goods which is covered by Seizure Identification No. 211-2024 (NAIA) issued on October 9, 2024 by the District Collector, this Port. A copy of the Warrant of Seizure and Detention is attached for reference.

As part of the on-going seizure and forfeiture proceedings for the aforementioned seized goods, you are hereby directed to submit a Verified Position Paper **within seven (7) days** from receipt hereof, copy furnished the Government Prosecutor, Prosecution and Litigation Division, Legal Service, Bureau of Customs, Port Area, Manila, to discuss the following:

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**REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES**

**-versus-**

Five Million One Hundred Forty-Five  
Thousand Philippine Pesos  
(Php5,145,000.00) intercepted from  
outgoing passenger **SHORSH  
SINJAWI** on 23 September 2024.

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**SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION  
NO. 212-2024 (NAIA)**

**WARRANT OF SEIZURE AND DETENTION**

TO: The District Commander  
ESS-CPD, NAIA District Office

WHEREAS, on 23 September 2024 at around 1217H, the carry-on baggage of a male Australian citizen named Shorsh Sinjawi with passport number PA8297976 departing via PR 432 bound for Tokyo, Japan, underwent non-intrusive inspection by Marvin Cruz of the Office for Transportation Security (OTS) at the final X-Ray Check Area, and was thereafter referred to Customs Examiner Mary Franz B. Garrido for physical examination;

WHEREAS, before conducting the physical examination, Customs Examiner Garrido explained to the traveler that his carry-on bag needed to undergo physical examination. The traveler was asked to show his Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) Permit, and it was noted that the traveler answered "None". The Customs Examiner then invited the traveler to the exclusion room for the physical examination of his baggage together with ESS SA1 Mark Jason Jupuri, and CIIS SA2 Alejandro Trespeces III;

WHEREAS, in the presence of the traveler, and witnessed by ESS SA1 Mark Jason Jupuri, and CIIS SA2 Alejandro Trespeces, the physical count yielded to the discovery of undeclared Local currency amounting to Five Million One Hundred Ninety-Five Thousand Pesos (Php5,195,000.00);

WHEREAS, after the verified counting, the amount of Five Million One Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Philippine Pesos (Php5,145,000.00) was held in-bond due to lack of BSP Permit/Clearance. A Held Baggage Receipt with number 00100008953 was the issued to the traveler while the amount of Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php50,000.00) was returned to him. The confiscated amount was turned-over to Annaliza Reyes of the In-Bond Unit, Baggage Assistance Division;

WHEREAS, on 23 September 2024, Acting Customs Examiner Mary Frans B. Garrido, Flight Supervisor Cyrus Victor V. Go, thru Acting Deputy Collector for Passenger Service, Assistant Deputy Collector for Passenger Service and Acting Chief, Departure Operations Division, submitted their Incident Report recommending the issuance of Warrant of Seizure and Detention (WSD) against the amount of Five Million One Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Pesos (Php5,145,000.00) in violation of Section 1113 of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA) in relation to Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas Circular No. 1146 Series of 2022 bearing the subject: Amendments to the Rules on Cross-Border Transfer of Local and Foreign Currencies;



WHEREAS, Section 4 of the Manual of Regulations on Foreign Exchange Transactions (updated as of May 2023), states:

**Section 4. Cross-Border Transfer of Local and Foreign Currencies.**

"1. Local Currency. A person may import or export, or bring into or take out of the Philippines, or electronically transfer, legal tender Philippine notes and coins, checks, money order and other bills of exchange drawn in pesos against banks operating in the Philippines in an amount not exceeding Php50,000.00 without prior authorization by the BSP.

Amounts in excess of aforementioned limit shall require: (a) prior written authorization from the BSP; and (b) in case of Physical cross-border transfer of Philippine currency, declaration of the whole amount brought into or taken out of the Philippines using prescribed Currency Declaration Form (Annex K)."

WHEREAS, after a careful evaluation of the documents submitted and applicable customs laws, rules and regulations, the NAIA District Collector finds probable cause for the issuance of Warrant of Seizure and Detention against the subject currencies for violation of Section 4 of the Manual of Regulations on Foreign Exchange Transactions, in relation to Sections 117 and 1113 of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA).

WHEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested by law in this Office, and in compliance with applicable customs laws, rules, and regulations, you, together with the representatives of the concerned offices, are hereby ordered to seize the subject currencies intercepted from passenger **SHORSH SINJAWI** for violation of Sections 117 and 1113 of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act, Section 4 of the Manual of Regulations on Foreign Exchange Transactions (as amended by BSP Circular Nos. 794 dated 18 April 2013, 874 dated 08 April 2015; 922 dated 23 August 2016 and 1146 dated 26 May 2022), and Republic Act No. 7653 dated 14 June 1993 (The New Central Bank Act); and to turn over the same to the Collection Division for custody and safekeeping, pending the resolution of the seizure case by the Law Division, and/or until ordered by the District Collector, this Port.

Strict compliance with Customs Administrative Order (CAO) No. 10-2020, particularly on the matter of making a return of service and the submission of the Inventory Report or list of the articles seized within the period indicated therein, is likewise directed. Failure to do so shall render this Warrant of Seizure and Detention *ipso facto* considered null and void and shall subject the defaulting officer to the appropriate administrative charges and penalties in accordance with existing laws, rules and regulations.

**SO ORDERED.**

BOC-NAIA, Pasay City, OCT 09 2024, October 2024.

**ATTY. MARIA YASMIN M. CEBILLOS MAPA**  
District Collector, BOC-NAIA

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**MR. SHORSH SINJAWI**  
Grand Westside Hotel

**Subject : Seizure Identification No. 212-2024 (NAIA)**  
Republic of the Philippines vs. Five Million One Hundred Forty-Five Thousand Philippine Pesos (Php5,145,000.00) intercepted from outgoing passenger **SHORSH SINJAWI** on 23 September 2024

Dear **Mr. Shorsh Sinjawi**

This refers to the seized goods which is covered by Seizure Identification No. 212-2024 (NAIA) issued on October 9, 2024 by the District Collector, this Port. A copy of the Warrant of Seizure and Detention is attached for reference.

As part of the on-going seizure and forfeiture proceedings for the aforementioned seized goods, you are hereby directed to submit a Verified Position Paper **within seven (7) days** from receipt hereof, copy furnished the Government Prosecutor, Prosecution and Litigation Division, Legal Service, Bureau of Customs, Port Area, Manila, to discuss the following:

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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

-versus-

One Hundred Eighty-Seven  
Thousand Six Hundred Pesos  
(Php187,600.00) seized from  
incoming passenger **TUAN ANH  
VU**, and held in custody at the In  
Bond Section, Baggage Assistance  
Division, under Held Baggage  
Receipt No. 00100009202.

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SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION  
NO. 213-2024 (NAIA)

**WARRANT OF SEIZURE AND DETENTION**

TO: The District Commander  
ESS-CPD, NAIA District Office

WHEREAS, on 18 September 2024, Vietnamese male traveler Tuan Anh Vu, holder of Passport Number EO2426154, respectively, arrived on board Flight PR 598 from Vietnam.

WHEREAS, his carry-on luggage underwent the non-intrusive x-ray scanning by XIP Operator Edgardo Soriano, who, thereafter, referred them to Customs Examiner Jane A. Celino for physical examination.

WHEREAS, before conducting the actual examination, Customs Examiner Celino asked the passenger, to have his e-Travel QR Code scanned and present his passport. It was noted that the traveler answered "NO" to all the items in the General Declaration of the electronic Customs Baggage Declaration Form (e-CBDF). During the initial check on the traveler's bag bundles of One Thousand Philippine Peso Bills were seen. The traveler was then invited to the exclusion room for the verification and counting of the money.

WHEREAS, Customs Examiner Celino proceeded with the actual counting of the Philippine Currency in the presence of the incoming traveler Tuanh Anh Vu and was witnessed by SAI Chuck Austria, SAI Christian Llovit and Acting Flight Supervisor Diana Abigail E. Asilo, yielded an actual amount of Two Hundred Thirty-Seven Thousand Six Hundred Pesos (Php237,600.00).

WHEREAS, after verified counting of the Philippine Currency, Customs Examiner Celino explained to the traveler that prior authorization from the BSP was required for any amount exceeding the threshold of Php50,000.00, otherwise the excessive amount shall be confiscated. The traveler confirmed that he did not have prior authorization. A total amount of Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php50,000.00) was returned to the traveler and a Held Baggage Receipt with number 00100009202 was issued for the amount of One Hundred Eight-Seven Thousand Six Hundred Pesos (Php187,600.00).

WHEREAS, traveler Tuan Anh Vu refused to sign the HBR and left all the traveler's copies of the HBR and Acknowledgement Receipt to the Customs Examiner. The confiscated Philippine Currency was then turned over to Jonathan Mesa of the In-bond Unit, Baggage Assistance Division for Safekeeping.

WHEREAS, in a Memorandum dated 19 September 2024, Customs Examiner Jane A. Celino and Acting Flight Supervisor Diana Abigail E. Asilo, thru Atty. Danilo M. Campos, Jr., Chief, Arrival Operations Division, Mr. Mark O. Almase, Assistant Deputy Collector for Passenger Service, and Mr. Norsalem Raymond M. Mama-o, Deputy Collector for Passenger



Service, reported the incident and recommended for the issuance of a Warrant of Seizure and Detention for violation of Section 117 of the CMTA-Regulated Importation and Exportation; Section 1113 of the CMTA-Property Subject to Seizure and Forfeiture; and BSP Circular No. 1146 Series of 2022-Amendments to the Rules on Cross Border Transfer of Local and Foreign Currencies.

WHEREAS, Section 4 of the Manual of Regulations on Foreign Exchange Transactions (updated as of May 2023), states:

**Section 4. Cross-Border Transfer of Local and Foreign Currencies.**

"1. Local Currency. A person may import or export, or bring into or take out of the Philippines, or electronically transfer, legal tender Philippine notes and coins, checks, money order and other bills of exchange drawn in pesos against banks operating in the Philippines in an amount not exceeding Php50,000.00 without prior authorization by the BSP.

Amounts in excess of aforementioned limit shall require: (a) prior written authorization from the BSP; and (b) in case of Physical cross-border transfer of Philippine currency, declaration of the whole amount brought into or taken out of the Philippines using prescribed Currency Declaration Form (Annex K)."

WHEREAS, after a careful evaluation of the documents submitted and applicable customs laws, rules and regulations, the NAIA District Collector finds probable cause for the issuance of Warrant of Seizure and Detention against the subject currencies for violation of Section 4 of the Manual of Regulations on Foreign Exchange Transactions, in relation to Sections 117 and 1113 of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA).

WHEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested by law in this Office, and in compliance with applicable customs laws, rules, and regulations, you, together with the representatives of the concerned offices, are hereby ordered to seize the subject currencies intercepted from passenger **TUAN ANH VU** for violation of Sections 117 and 1113 of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act, Section 4 of the Manual of Regulations on Foreign Exchange Transactions (as amended by BSP Circular Nos. 794 dated 18 April 2013, 874 dated 08 April 2015; 922 dated 23 August 2016 and 1146 dated 26 May 2022), and Republic Act No. 7653 dated 14 June 1993 (The New Central Bank Act); and to turn over the same to the Collection Division for custody and safekeeping, pending the resolution of the seizure case by the Law Division, and/or until ordered by the District Collector, this Port.

Strict compliance with Customs Administrative Order (CAO) No. 10-2020, particularly on the matter of making a return of service and the submission of the Inventory Report or list of the articles seized within the period indicated therein, is likewise directed. Failure to do so shall render this Warrant of Seizure and Detention *ipso facto* considered null and void and shall subject the defaulting officer to the appropriate administrative charges and penalties in accordance with existing laws, rules and regulations.

**SO ORDERED.**

BOC-NAIA, Pasay City,                      **OCT 09 2024**, October 2024.

**ATTY. MARIA YASMIN M. DE LOS ANJOS**  
District Collector, BOC-NAIA

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**MR. TUAN ANH VU**  
Heritage Hotel

**Subject : Seizure Identification No. 213-2024 (NAIA)**  
Republic of the Philippines vs. One Hundred Eighty-Seven  
Thousand Six Hundred Pesos (Php187,600.00) seized from  
incoming passenger **TUAN ANH VU**, and held in custody at  
the In Bond Section, Baggage Assistance Division, Under Held  
Baggage Receipt No. 00100009202

Dear **Mr. Tuan Anh Vu**

This refers to the seized goods which is covered by Seizure Identification No. 213-2024 (NAIA) issued on October 9, 2024 by the District Collector, this Port. A copy of the Warrant of Seizure and Detention is attached for reference.

As part of the on-going seizure and forfeiture proceedings for the aforementioned seized goods, you are hereby directed to submit a Verified Position Paper **within seven (7) days** from receipt hereof, copy furnished the Government Prosecutor, Prosecution and Litigation Division, Legal Service, Bureau of Customs, Port Area, Manila, to discuss the following:

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One Hundred Six Thousand Pesos  
(Php106,000.00) Philippine  
Currency intercepted from incoming  
passenger **KAI-LUN CHANG** who  
arrived on 13 September 2024.

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SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION  
NO. 214-2024 (NAIA)

**WARRANT OF SEIZURE AND DETENTION**

TO: The District Commander  
ESS-CPD, NAIA District Office

WHEREAS, on 13 September 2024, Mr. Kai-Lun Chang, a Taiwanese traveler and holder of Passport No. 362113873, arrived at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport on board Eva Airways Flight BR 277 from Taipei, Taiwan.

WHEREAS, his carry-on bag underwent the non-intrusive examination conducted by XIP Inspector Mohammad Junaid Udasan, and thereafter, was referred him to Customs Examiner Pia DG Reyes, who was then on duty at the Arrival Examination Area, for verification and physical examination thereof.

WHEREAS, before conducting an actual examination, Customs Examiner Reyes asked passenger Chang for his e-Travel QR Code, to which he responded in the affirmative. Upon scanning his e-Travel QR Code, Customs Examiner Reyes found that passenger Chang did not declare anything and answered "No" to all the questions in the General Declaration.

WHEREAS, Customs Examiner Reyes proceeded with the actual examination wherein she found a bundle of Philippine peso bills inside. She asked passenger Chang if he has prior authorization from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) and the latter replied in the negative. Customs Examiner Reyes invited the passenger to the Arrival Exclusion room for the verification and counting of the money. Actual examination thereof yielded the total amount of One Hundred Fifty-Six Thousand Pesos (Php156,000.00). Thereafter, Customs Examiner Reyes explained to passenger Chang that he is only allowed to carry the amount of Php50,000.00 and any excess thereof would require prior authorization from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas. She then returned the Php50,000.00 to passenger Chang and withheld the release of the Php106,000.00 after issuing Held Baggage Receipt No. 00100009099 for the said amount which she thereafter turned over to the In Bond Section, Baggage Assistance Division, for custody and safekeeping.

WHEREAS, in a Memorandum dated 18 September 2024, Customs Examiner Pia DG Reyes and Flight Supervisor Ramon S. Calleja, Jr., thru Atty. Danilo M. Campos, Jr., Chief, Arrival Operations Division, Mark Jhon O. Almase, Assistant Deputy Collector for Passenger Service, and Norsalem Raymond M. Mama-o, Deputy Collector for Passenger Service, recommended that the amount of Php106,000.00 intercepted from incoming passenger Kai-Lun Chang be seized for lack of the required BSP Authority to Import which is in violation of BSP Circular No. 1146 series of 2022, referring to the Amendments to the Rules of Cross-Border Transfer of Local and Foreign Currencies, and for violation of Section 117 in relation to Section 1113 of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA).



WHEREAS, Section 4 of the Manual of Regulations on Foreign Exchange Transactions (updated as of May 2023), states:

**Section 4. Cross-Border Transfer of Local and Foreign Currencies.**

"1. Local Currency. A person may import or export, or bring into or take out of the Philippines, or electronically transfer, legal tender Philippine notes and coins, checks, money order and other bills of exchange drawn in pesos against banks operating in the Philippines in an amount not exceeding Php50,000.00 without prior authorization by the BSP.

Amounts in excess of aforementioned limit shall require: (a) prior written authorization from the BSP; and (b) in case of Physical cross-border transfer of Philippine currency, declaration of the whole amount brought into or taken out of the Philippines using prescribed Currency Declaration Form (Annex K)."

WHEREAS, after a careful evaluation of the documents submitted and applicable customs laws, rules and regulations, the NAIA District Collector finds probable cause for the issuance of Warrant of Seizure and Detention against the subject currencies for violation of Section 4 of the Manual of Regulations on Foreign Exchange Transactions, in relation to Sections 117 and 1113 of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA).

WHEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested by law in this Office, and in compliance with applicable customs laws, rules, and regulations, you, together with the representatives of the concerned offices, are hereby ordered to seize the subject currencies intercepted from passenger **KAI-LUN CHANG** for violation of Sections 117 and 1113 of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act, Section 4 of the Manual of Regulations on Foreign Exchange Transactions (as amended by BSP Circular Nos. 794 dated 18 April 2013, 874 dated 08 April 2015; 922 dated 23 August 2016 and 1146 dated 26 May 2022), and Republic Act No. 7653 dated 14 June 1993 (The New Central Bank Act); and to turn over the same to the Collection Division for custody and safekeeping, pending the resolution of the seizure case by the Law Division, and/or until ordered by the District Collector, this Port.

Strict compliance with Customs Administrative Order (CAO) No. 10-2020, particularly on the matter of making a return of service and the submission of the Inventory Report or list of the articles seized within the period indicated therein, is likewise directed. Failure to do so shall render this Warrant of Seizure and Detention *ipso facto* considered null and void and shall subject the defaulting officer to the appropriate administrative charges and penalties in accordance with existing laws, rules and regulations.

**SO ORDERED.**

BOC-NAIA, Pasay City, OCT 09 2024, October 2024.

  
**ATTY. MARIA YASMIN M. OBILOS MAPA**  
District Collector, BOC-NAIA

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10 October 2024

**MR. KAI-LUN CHANG**  
2 Portwood St. Newport City  
Pasay City

**Subject : Seizure Identification No. 214-2024 (NAIA)**  
Republic of the Philippines vs. One Hundred Six Thousand  
Pesos (Php106,000.00) Philippine Currency intercepted from  
incoming passenger **KAI-LUN CHANG** who arrived on 13  
September 2024

Dear **Mr. Kai-Lun Chang**

This refers to the seized goods which is covered by Seizure Identification No. 214-2024 (NAIA) issued on October 9, 2024 by the District Collector, this Port. A copy of the Warrant of Seizure and Detention is attached for reference.

As part of the on-going seizure and forfeiture proceedings for the aforementioned seized goods, you are hereby directed to submit a Verified Position Paper **within seven (7) days** from receipt hereof, copy furnished the Government Prosecutor, Prosecution and Litigation Division, Legal Service, Bureau of Customs, Port Area, Manila, to discuss the following:

1. Issues of the Case;
2. Proposed Stipulation and Admission;
3. Arguments;
4. Exhibits; and
5. Possibility of settlement.

Kindly send your Verified Position Paper, with pertinent attachments to [lawdivision.naia@gmail.com/naia-boc.cares@customs.gov.ph](mailto:lawdivision.naia@gmail.com/naia-boc.cares@customs.gov.ph).

Very truly yours,

**ATTY. EMILIO V. LEGASPI IV**  
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