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SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION
NO. 196-2025 (NAIA)

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One Hundred Fifty Five Thousand
Philippine Pesos (Php155,000.00)
brought in by Japanese traveler
named **KOJI MIYAMOTO** on 28
May 2025

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WARRANT OF SEIZURE AND DETENTION

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

WHEREAS, on 28 May 2025, on board flight no. KE621 from Korea, a male Japanese traveler named Koji Miyamoto with Passport No. TS2752516 arrived at the NAIA Terminal 1. His hand carry baggage was subjected to non-intrusive inspection by X-Ray Inspection Project (XIP) personnel. Thereafter, his hand carried baggage was referred for physical examination to Customs Examiner Katrina Lea Raneses due to suspicious images of possible currencies shown through x-ray scanning.

WHEREAS, prior to conduct of physical examination, Customs Examiner Raneses asked for the traveler's e-Travel QR code to which the traveler immediately provided. Upon scanning of the QR Code, it was found that the traveler answered No to all items in the General Declaration.

WHEREAS, Customs Examiner then conducted initial physical examination and yielded bundles of Philippine Peso banknotes.

WHEREAS, subsequently, to ensure protection of the traveler's privacy, and away from the view of other passengers, the Customs Examiner escorted the passenger to the Customs Exclusion Room, together with representatives from ESS and CIIS.

WHEREAS, Examiner Raneses proceeded with the actual counting of the Philippine Currency in the presence of the traveler. The procedure was witnessed by ESS Peniza and supervised by Acting Flight Supervisor Ivan Paolo B. Durana. The total amount counted and verified by the Customs Examiner was Two Hundred Five Thousand Philippine Pesos (Php205,000.00).

WHEREAS, the Customs Examiner explained that Philippine currency in excess of 50,000.00 requires prior written authorization from the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP). Hence, the excess amount will be confiscated for failure to provide the said authorization.

WHEREAS, physical count revealed a total amount of Two Hundred Five Thousand Philippine Pesos (Php205,000.00).

WHEREAS, after verified counting of the Philippine Currency, a total amount of Fifty Thousand Pesos (Php50,000.00) was returned to traveler Koji Miyamoto. On the other hand, Held Baggage Receipt No. 00100020418 was issued to traveler Miyamoto for the excess amount of One Hundred Fifty Five Thousand Pesos (Php155,000.00) which was confiscated. The confiscated currency was then turned-over to Annaliza Reyes of the In-Bond Unit, Baggage Assistance Division for safekeeping.



WHEREAS, on 28 May 2025, Customs Examiner Katrina Lea Rañeses, Flight Supervisor Ivan Paolo B. Durana 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 Philippine currency for violation of Section 1400 (Misdeclaration) in relation to Section 1113 (Property Subject to Seizure and Forfeiture) of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act (CMTA) and Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas(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 the 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 **KOJI MIYAMOTO** 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, JUN 17 2025, June 2025.

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

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17 June 2025

MR. KOJI MIYAMOTO
Solaire Hotel

Subject : Seizure Identification No. 196-2025 (NAIA)
Republic of the Philippines vs. One Hundred Fifty Five Thousand
Philippine Pesos (Php155,000.00) brought in by Japanese
traveler named **KOJI MIYAMOTO** on 28 May 2025

To: Mr. Koji Miyamoto

This refers to the seized goods which is covered by Seizure Identification No. 196-2025 (NAIA) issued on June 17, 2025 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 attend the Preliminary Conference scheduled on **June 26, 2025 (Thursday), 10:00 a.m. at the Law Division, Room 304, NAIA Customhouse Bldg. Pasay City**. In the alternative, a Verified Position Paper may be submitted **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. Statement of Facts;
2. Issues of the Case;
3. Proposed Stipulations and Admission;
4. Arguments; and
5. Exhibits.

Should you opt to attend the Preliminary Conference, your attendance must be confirmed by contacting **John Victoriano D. Villanueva III**, through **Mobile# 0966 8350713**.

On the other hand, the Verified Position Paper, with pertinent attachments, may be submitted to the Office of the Law Division, Third Floor, Bureau of Customs – NAIA Building, Old MIA Road, Pasay City and through electronic means sent to the naia-lawdivision@customs.goc.ph and naia-boc.cares@customs.gov.ph.

Your preferential attention on the matter is requested.

Very truly yours,


ATTY. HYACINTH A. MIRANDA
Officer-on-Case

