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Subject : Seizure Identification No. 216-2025 (NAIA)
Republic of the Philippines vs. Two Million Five Hundred Forty
Thousand Japanese Yen (JPY2,540,000.00) intercepted from
incoming passenger **SHINGO HARIGAE**

To: Mr. Shingo Harigae

This refers to the seized goods which is covered by Seizure Identification No. 216-2025 (NAIA) issued on July 31, 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 **August 8, 2025 (Friday), 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,


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Two Million Five Hundred Forty
Thousand Japanese Yen (JPY
2,540,000.00) intercepted from
incoming passenger **SHINGO
HARIGAE** on 25 June 2025

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SEIZURE IDENTIFICATION
NO. 216 - 2025 (NAIA)

WARRANT OF SEIZURE AND DETENTION

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

WHEREAS, on 25 June 2025, at approximately 2130H, a male Japanese national identified as Shingo Harigae, holder of Passport No. TR8563544, arrived at Ninoy Aquino International Airport Terminal 1 via Japan Airlines Flight JL 745 originating from Japan.

WHEREAS, Harigae's hand-carry bag was subjected to a non-intrusive inspection by XIP Officer Mohamad Jonaid M. Udasan. Subsequently, the bag was referred to Customs Examiner May Ahmad B. Ben-Usman for physical examination.

WHEREAS, prior to the conduct of the physical examination, Customs Examiner Ben-Usman instructed the passenger to scan his e-Travel QR Code and present his passport. The passenger informed the Customs Examiner that he had not yet completed the e-Travel declaration. The Duty Customs Examiner allowed the passenger the opportunity to accomplish the required e-Travel declaration on-site. Upon scanning the completed QR code, it was noted that the passenger responded "NO" to all questions in the General Declaration section of the e-Travel form, thereby indicating that he had no items to declare.

WHEREAS, during the initial inspection of traveler Shingo Harigae's hand-carried baggage, bundles of Japanese Yen were found. Thereafter, the Customs Examiner conducted a manual count and verification in the presence of Harigae, ESS Officer SA1 Zacky Jupuri and CIIS Personnel SA1 Christian Paul Liovit inside the exclusion room.

WHEREAS, the physical count conducted disclosed the four hundred individual banknotes denominated at Ten Thousand Japanese Yen (JPY10,000.00) each, amounting to a total sum of Four Million Japanese Yen (JPY 4,000,000.00).

WHEREAS, following the verified counting of the Japanese currency, Customs Examiner Ben-Usman informed the traveler that failure to declare currency exceeding the equivalent of Ten Thousand US Dollars (USD 10,000.00) is subject to confiscation.

WHEREAS, in connection therewith, the permissible threshold equivalent to Ten Thousand US Dollars (USD 10,000.00), amounting to One Million Four Hundred Sixty Thousand Japanese Yen (JPY 1,460,000.00) based on the prevailing exchange rate of USD 0.006876, was returned to the passenger. Held Baggage Receipt Number 00100021004 was issued for the amount of Two Million Five Hundred Forty Thousand Japanese Yen (JPY 2,540,000.00), and the confiscated currency was turned over to Jhoneal Cebu of the Baggage Assistance Division for safekeeping.



WHEREAS, in a Memorandum for the District Collector, this Port, dated 02 July 2025, Customs Examiner Ahmad Ben-Usman and Flight Supervisor Analym Reyes thru Atty. Danilo M. Campos Jr., Chief, Arrival 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 a Warrant of Seizure and Detention (WSD) against the amount of Two Million Five Hundred Forty Thousand Japanese Yen (JPY 2,540,000.00) for violation of Section 117 in relation to Section 1113 of the Customs Modernization and Tariff Act, and Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas 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), 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 finds 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 passenger **SHINGO HARIGAE** for violation of Section 117 and Section 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, JUL 31 2025, July 2025.

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