Dear all,

【Title】

Reminder about no obligation to present Traffic Registration Number Certification

【Outline】

　There have been an increasing number of cases where South African police officers ask Japanese drivers to present their Traffic Registration Number Certification ('TRNC') and demand a fine (bribe) if the drivers are not in possession of the TRNC. The following is information on what to do if you are asked to present a TRNC.

【Full Text】

1　Recently, there have been an increasing number of cases where South Africa police officers ask drivers to present their TRNC at checkpoints and, if the drivers are not in possession of the TRNC, demand a fine (bribe), claiming that foreigners must obtain a TRNC and carry it with them while driving.

2　TRNC is required for foreigners to purchase and register a vehicle, but carrying it is not required when driving in South Africa. In response to inquiry from the Embassy of Japan in South Africa, the Department of Transport of South Africa have confirmed that there is no obligation to carry a TRNC while driving.

3　When driving in South Africa without a driver’s licence issued by a South African authority, you need one of the followings;

(1) Valid driver’s licence issued by the Public Safety Commission of Japan, together with a certificate of translation.

(2) Valid foreign/international driver’s licence and valid driver’s licence on which it is based.

(3) Valid driver’s licence issued by foreign countries together with a certificate of translation issued by the issuing country.

4　If you are asked to present a TRNC, please do the following;

(1) Present a valid driver’s licence or other documents and explain that you can drive in South Africa with the documents you are carrying.

(2) If you drive a vehicle which is registered in the name of your company, present documents issued by the company which states that the vehicle is leased from the company together with the Traffic Registration Number, the name and signature of the representative of the company, etc.

(3) If the police officer asks you to pay the fine on site, ask if they can submit a formal fine/penalty claim, since there is no system of paying fines on site in South Africa and collecting fine on the street is illegal.

## (4) If a fine or other action is still demanded, contact the Johannesburg Metropolitan Police Department (JMPD) Anti-Corruption Unit for action.

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(5) In addition, check the name of the police officer and the vehicle plate number of the police car parked nearby, in order to discourage the police officer as well as to provide relevant information for subsequent investigation.

5　Information on TRNC can be obtained from the South African Government website (see URL reference below).

<https://www.gov.za/services/driving-licence-driving/apply-traffic-register-number>

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