

“入国管理局職員を装う「振り込め詐欺」に御注意”

入国管理局職員を装って、現金を指定された預金口座等に振り込ませるといった「振り込め詐欺」が発生しているようです。

入国管理局職員が現金を預金口座等に振り込ませるようなことは絶対にありませんので、そのような電話があった場合には、現金を振り込むことなく、警察に相談してください。

【詐欺行為の例】

○知り合いの外国人から電話があり、「入管からお金を払わないと入国させないと言われて困っているのですぐに振り込んでほしい。」と言われた。

○入国管理局の職員を名乗る外国人風の者から電話があり、「あなたの友人が入国審査で問題が見つかり、このままでは入国を許可できない。入国手続に必要な金額をすぐに振り込んで下さい。」と指示された。

○入国管理局の職員を名乗る男から英語で電話があり、「あなたは母国で起訴されており、このままでは在留資格を取り消され、退去強制される。退去強制されたくなければ今から指定する者の口座にお金を振り込みなさい。」と指示された。

Beware of “Bank Transfer Fraud” by Persons Pretending to be Officers of the Immigration Bureau

It has come to our attention that there are some cases of “bank transfer fraud” where individuals pretending to be officers of the Immigration Bureau instruct their targets to transfer cash into a specified bank account or other account

Under no circumstances would a real officer of the Immigration Bureau instruct you to transfer cash into a bank account or any other account, and therefore, if you should receive such a phone call, DO NOT transfer any cash but contact the police immediately.

Examples of fraud

- I received a phone call from an acquaintance (foreign national) telling me, “I’ve been told by the Immigration Bureau that unless I pay money I will not be permitted to enter Japan, and so can you transfer the money right away otherwise I will get into trouble.”

- I received a phone call from someone, who is probably a foreign national, who said that he/she is an officer of the Immigration Bureau, and this person gave me instructions saying, “We found a problem with your friend’s entry into Japan during the immigration examination, and so we cannot let your friend enter Japan at the current time. Please transfer the necessary amount for the immigration procedures right away.”

- I received a phone call from a man speaking in English who said he was an officer of the Immigration Bureau. He gave me instructions saying, “You are being prosecuted in your home country, and therefore, your status of residence will be revoked and you will be deported from Japan. If you do not wish to be deported, transfer money into the person’s bank account I am about to tell you about.”