



## IMPORTANT NOTICE

Subject:- **ADVISORY ON FRAUD CALLS**

Several instances of fraudsters duping Indian nationals residing abroad by impersonating as officers of Indian Missions (Embassy) and Posts (Consulate General) by spoofing the numbers of our diplomatic facilities have come to the notice of the Government of India. In continuation of earlier advisories on the subject following points may kindly be noted for benefit of all:-

- Obvious motive behind such frauds has been noticed as money. It may kindly be noted that if any payment is to be made for any services, it has be paid in cash at the counter of the Consulate General of India, Osaka Kobe. We neither solicit any other form of payments like Western Union nor accept payments in any other form except cash against the receipt acknowledgement.
- In case of any purported call from the Consulate General of India, Osaka Kobe and seeking personal details or certain payments or any other doubtful action, it should be made a point not to act in rush and seek details like designation, department of the person who is calling and confirm through the general PABX number as listed on our website.
- It has also been brought to our notice that such callers often keep their calls on hold for hours in cases. It's again being emphasized that no officer of the Consulate General of India, Osaka Kobe is available over phone beyond few minutes' time and if caller is making calls beyond that interval it should certainly be assumed to be some kind of fraud.

All concerned are requested to share this notice with all their acquaintances/friends to create awareness so that instances of such frauds can be minimized.

Consulate General of India, Osaka Kobe

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