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**SECONDMENT OF PCG OFFICERS TO ReCAAP ISC
AND OTHER FOREIGN POSTS**

1. REFERENCES:

- a. Republic Act 5173 (The Philippine Coast Guard Law)
- b. Executive Order No. 475 dated 30 March 1998 (Transferring the Philippine Coast Guard from the Department of National Defense to the Office of the President and for Other Purposes)
- c. Executive Order No. 477 dated 15 April 1998 (Transferring the Philippine Coast Guard to the Department of Transportation and Communications)
- d. Republic Act (RA) No. 7157 (Philippine Foreign Service Act of 1991)

2. GENERAL:

The Regional Cooperation Agreement on Combating Piracy and Armed Robbery against Ships in Asia (ReCAAP) is the first regional government-to-government agreement to promote and enhance cooperation against piracy and armed robbery in Asia which was entered into force on 04 September 2006.

The ReCAAP Information Sharing Centre (ReCAAP ISC) was established under the Agreement, and was officially launched in Singapore on 29 November 2006. It was formally recognised as an international organisation on 30 January 2007.

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In accordance with the Agreement, the Philippine Coast Guard was designated as the Focal Point responsible for the management / coordination on combating piracy and armed robbery against ships within the jurisdiction of the Philippines.

The ReCAAP ISC operates by the voluntary financial contributions from the Contracting Parties. The Philippines, on its part, supports ReCAAP ISC by assigning Philippine Coast Guard Officer to the ReCAAP ISC as seconded.

PCG officer's secondment to ReCAAP ISC has opened possibilities for secondment of PCG Officers to other foreign posts.

3. PURPOSE:

The purpose of this circular is to set the guidelines and procedures in the designation and secondment of Coast Guard Officers to the ReCAAP ISC and other foreign posts in the future.

4. SCOPE:

This circular shall apply to all Coast Guard Officers seconded to Foreign Posts.

5. POLICIES:

a. Candidates for secondment to foreign post shall come from the ranks of Commander (CDR) to Captain (CAPT).

b. ~~The Philippine Governor to the ReCAAP Governing Council~~ shall recommend to the Commandant, Philippine Coast Guard, the most qualified PCG officer for secondment to ReCAAP ISC. In an event that other foreign posts have been opened to the PCG, a selection board for this purpose shall be created to come up with the criteria for the selection, and to recommend to CPCG the most qualified officer for such position.

c. During the period of secondment, the seconded officer will be entitled to his pay and allowances as entitled to him had he remained on duty in the Philippines. Such pay and allowances shall be paid through the normal PCG payroll system.

d. The seconded officer shall also be entitled to Foreign Allowances at the rate prescribe by Republic Act (RA) No. 7157 – "Philippine Foreign Service Act of 1991". That the allowances/benefits of incumbents of the positions from a Department while stationed abroad are computed in the same manner as those of

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Foreign Service personnel of the DFA, based on the assimilated rank. These allowances include:

- d1. Overseas Allowance
- d2. Living Quarters Allowance
- d3. Family Allowance
- d4. Clothing Allowance
- d5. Medical Allowance
- d6. Representation Allowance

e. The seconded officer shall be entitled to whatever additional allowances/privileges given by host countries or host organizations.

f. The secondment will commence from the date the seconded officer reported to the foreign post and will terminate after a maximum of two years has been served. However, in the exigencies of the service, the CPCG may shorten/terminate or even extend such for a period not exceeding one year.

g. The seconded officer is entitled to travel by air on economy class for the purpose of reporting to and from the foreign post. Same entitlement applies when seconded officer avails of home leave once per each year of secondment.

h. The seconded officer is entitled for reimbursement of excess baggage not exceeding 40 kgs when reporting to and from the foreign post. Each family member will be entitled to the same privilege when the seconded officer returns upon relief from post.

i. The foreign allowances of the seconded officer shall be charged to the PCG's Pay and Allowances (01 Fund).

j. CG-6 to program the annual fund requirement to support the secondment of Coast Guard officer to ReCAAP ISC and other foreign posts.

k. The seconded officer shall be placed under the administration and supervision of the Philippine Ambassador of the country where the PCG officer is seconded.

6. GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES:

The following guidelines and procedures shall be followed in the recommendation and designation of secondees:

a. CPCG shall have the sole authority to approve/disapprove the designation of a new secondee or the extension of tenure of the present secondee.

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b. The CCG-5 shall initiate communications for assignment to foreign post.

c. For purposes of accounting of personnel, the seconded officer shall be under the administrative supervision of the DC of CGS for Intelligence (CG-2).

7. **RECISION:**

All publication in conflict with this Circular are hereby rescinded.


8. **EFFECTIVITY:**

This Circular shall take effect upon publication.

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