



REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
SUPREME COURT
Cagayan de Oro City
SECOND DIVISION

NOTICE

Sirs/Mesdames:

*Please take notice that the Court, Second Division, issued a Resolution dated **March 8, 2023** which reads as follows:*

“G.R. No. 220500 (Cristina Amposta-Mortel, Petitioner v. People of the Philippines, Respondent); G.R. No. 220504 (Theron Victor V. Lacson, Petitioner v. People of the Philippines, Respondent); G.R. No. 220505 (Leo V. Padilla, Petitioner v. People of the Philippines, Respondent); G.R. No. 220532 (Manuel Beriña, Jr., Petitioner v. People of the Philippines, Respondent) G.R. No. 220552 (Daniel T. Dayan, Petitioner v. People of the Philippines, Respondent); G.R. No. 220568 (Frisco F. San Juan, Petitioner v. People of the Philippines, Respondent); G.R. No. 220580 (Elpidio G. Damaso, Petitioner v. People of the Philippines, Respondent); G.R. No. 220587 (Jesusito D. Legaspi, Petitioner v. People of the Philippines, Respondent); and G.R. No. 220592 (Carmelita Chan, Petitioner v. People of the Philippines, Respondent). —
This Court notes:

- (1) The submission (Re: Flight and Travel Itinerary of Petitioner Jesusito D. Legaspi [Legaspi] dated December 14, 2021 filed by counsel for Legaspi in G.R. No. 220587, in compliance with the Resolution dated December 2, 2021, submitting the attached e-ticket/flight itinerary and official travel itinerary of Legaspi and his family;
- (2) The Urgent *Ex-parte* Motion to Resolve dated December 9, 2022 of counsel for Legaspi in G.R. No. 220587, praying for this Court to resolve his motion to travel dated October 17, 2022, and to finalize and send the corresponding written resolution/order to Legaspi;
- (3) The Submission (Re: Flight and Travel Itinerary of Legaspi) dated December 14, 2022, filed by counsel for Legaspi in G.R. No. 220587, in compliance with the Resolution dated December 7, 2022, submitting the attached e-ticket/flight itinerary and official travel itinerary of Legaspi and his family; and

- (4) The Manifestation and Compliance (Re: Return to the Philippines on February 10, 2023 after travel abroad) dated February 10, 2023 filed by counsel for Legaspi in G.R. No. 220587, in compliance with the Resolution dated December 7, 2022, stating that Legaspi returned to the country on February 10, 2023, and submitting the attached scanned copy of his passport showing his date of arrival.

On March 1, 2023, Legaspi filed a Motion to Travel Abroad¹ seeking permission from this Court to allow him to travel to Japan and the United States of America (*U.S.A.*), together with his family from April 3, 2023 to May 16, 2023. In said motion, Legaspi attached his travel itinerary and further confirmed the authority of Atty. Genever M. Dionisio as his personal agent for the duration of his travel to Japan and the U.S.A..

Records of this case show that petitioners were convicted by the Sandiganbayan for violating Section 3(e) of Republic Act (*R.A.*) No. 3019 and were sentenced to suffer the indeterminate penalty of imprisonment of six years and one month, as minimum, to eight years, as maximum. During the pendency of their cases before the Sandiganbayan, petitioners were permitted to travel abroad and were able to comply with all the conditions imposed by the Sandiganbayan. On several occasions, this Court also allowed Legaspi to travel abroad during the pendency of his appeal.² Similarly, he satisfactorily complied with all the conditions imposed on each of his travels abroad. Furthermore, he does not appear to be a flight risk, considering that he continues to actively participate in the defense of his case, and that there is no reason for him not to return to the country where his family and his substantial business interests are located.

In view of the foregoing, this Court resolves to grant the Motion to Travel Abroad filed by Legaspi subject to the following conditions:

- (1) The travel period shall be from April 3, 2023 to May 16, 2023, inclusive, subject only to extension as may be granted by this Court upon meritorious grounds;
- (2) The amount of PHP 500,000.00 forming part of petitioner Legaspi's existing cash deposit shall constitute his travel bond, conditioned upon his compliance with all the conditions herein

¹ *Rollo* (G.R. No. 220587), p. 2412-2417.

² *See* Resolution dated June 6, 2016, *rollo* (G.R. No. 220587), vol. II, pp. 1122-1125; Resolution dated November 29, 2017, *rollo* (G.R. No. 220587), vol. IV, pp. 1732-1735; Resolution dated July 18, 2018, *rollo* (G.R. No. 220587), vol. IV, pp. 1712-1714; Resolution dated December 5, 2018, *rollo* (G.R. No. 220587), vol. IV, pp. 1750-1752; Resolution dated June 21, 2021; Resolution dated December 1, 2021; Resolution dated April 27, 2022; Resolution dated December 7, 2022.

prescribed, and shall be in addition to the existing bail justifying his provisional liberty;

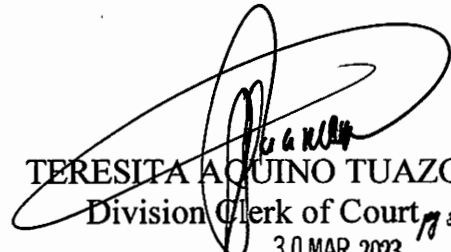
(3) Legaspi shall submit a detailed flight and travel itinerary; and

(4) Legaspi shall advise this Court in writing of his return to the country within 24 hours from arrival in the country.

WHEREFORE, petitioner Jesusito D. Legaspi's Motion to Travel Abroad dated March 1, 2023 is **GRANTED**. He is hereby **AUTHORIZED** to travel to Japan and the United States of America from April 3 to May 16, 2023 subject to the conditions stated hereinabove.

SO ORDERED."

By authority of the Court:


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