# 3. Crime

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# **◆**Cybercrime

In recent years, there have been many cases of online shopping frauds and illegal remittances through Internet banking by foreign organizations. According to police analysis of the arrested cases, it was found that foreign residents in Japan have been lured by criminal organizations to participate in crimes as if they were part-timers.

Don't take advantage of offers with sweet words such as,

"I have a good part-time job." "Just pick up the goods."

"Just withdraw the cash," "Just open an account and give it to me and I'll give you some money."

The foreigner who came to Japan that involved in the incident and was arrested said,

"I knew it wasn't right, but I took it on because I wanted the money. I was told that since it was just before I return to my country, it would be okay even if they found out."

There is always a crime lurking behind the sweet lure. It is strictly punishable by law.

## [A case of complicity in a crime]

## (1) Receiver of goods

The delivery goods are received by impersonating the recipient, and the goods are then forwarded to a location designated by the perpetrator.

### (2) Cash Withdrawal Agreement

Withdraw cash using someone else's cash card.

### (3) Account sales and transfers

Sell your account or cash card to another person, or transfer it for free.

## **♦** Drugs

In Japan, possession or use of drugs\* is a crime.

Controlled substances, even if possessed in small quantities and intended for personal use, can result in arrest and severe penalties.

#### Case 1: Possession of marijuana

A woman brought a small amount of marijuana from overseas for personal use. Upon entering Japan, the marijuana was discovered at customs and she was immediately arrested.

#### Case 2: Possession of cocaine

Police uncovered cocaine trafficking in nightclubs and several foreigners were arrested for cocaine possession.

#### Case 3: Smuggling of methamphetamine

A woman was asked by her lover to transport a package to Japan. Upon entering Japan, she was arrested by the police for smuggling methamphetamine.