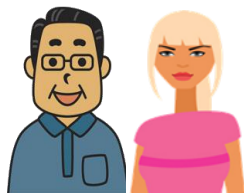


Beware of “Gold Scam”!

*“My wife who is a foreigner is receiving some invitations from a friend to make some money by investing in gold as well as the recruitment of others. However, we did not understand how it works.
Should we trust this company?”*

A friend told me that I could earn some money by investing in buying gold. Also, I could multiply my profits in a few months if recruiting others. So, I decided to give it a try. However, I did not receive a contract so I got worried.

Therefore, I decided to cancel it and requested to have a refund, but they are not replying to my request.



Let's be aware of scams through invitations to invest in purchasing/selling gold targeting the foreign nationals. Customer Service Centers cannot confirm the reliability of these companies, and if it is a Multi-Level Marketing System (also known as MLM), it is subject to follow the regulations listed by the specific commercial transaction of this country. In addition, if the product is not included in the deal, it could be linked to the “Pyramid Scheme,” which is prohibited by law. Moreover, the Japanese's law does not apply if it is a company abroad which can cause difficulties to get your money back.

Although, beware of the dangers of signing a contract only thinking about the profit you could make immediately. There is no profit guarantee on these businesses. Therefore, be very skeptical when you are told things such as; “Anyone can do it,” “It is an easy way to make money” and “It is lucrative.” Be conscious and aware of the risks before signing a contract. Also, refuse firmly the invitations even if it is from friends or acquaintances.

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