

## **Purchasing a POV from a Japanese (Non-SOFA)** **Source without License Plates**

- Obtain a copy of the car's title from the seller.
- Go to any insurance company to purchase Japan Compulsory Insurance (known as JCI) and Liability Insurance:
  - Initially you will purchase 25 months of JCI for ¥28,780 for a car, ¥27,240 for a mini car and ¥14,010 for a motorcycle.
  - Liability Insurance will vary based on your age and rank and will range from ¥16,700 to ¥41,900 for six months of coverage. One year of Liability Insurance is available, but is based on rank and age.
- Go to the Vehicle Registration Office (VRO) (Bldg. 227) where the staff will prepare and insure you have all necessary documents. You will need:
  - ID card
  - USFJ driver's license
  - Original title
  - Proof of JCI (insurance)
  - Proof of Liability Insurance
  - Bill of sale (Jyoto-sho)
  - (Your house/apartment rental contract if living off base)
    - \*\* If you live off-post you must also bring your housing contract or a document that shows your Japanese address. Depending upon where your house/apartment is located, you may also need to obtain a parking certificate for ¥2,600 from the police station that has jurisdiction over your parking space. If you need a parking certificate you must take a photocopy of your parking space rental agreement to your local police station, pay your fee, and then pick up the completed document on the designated date.
- Proceed to Zama City Office to get temporary license plates for ¥750 which are good for only five (5) calendar days.
- Once you have the temporary plates on your vehicle, you can now drive it and should immediately go to any Army & Air Force Exchange Service (AAFES) Garage to obtain and pass a mechanical inspection.
- Proceed to the Land Transportation Office (LTO) to register your car. (If you live off-post and require a parking permit, insure you have it before going to the LTO).

Fees will include:

- ¥4,700 or ¥4,800 transaction fee
  - ¥1,440 for license plates
  - ¥8,400, ¥12,600 or ¥16,800 for weight tax depending on your car's size.  
For a mini car the fee is ¥2,900 and for a motorcycle the fee is ¥1,700 or ¥2,100
  - ¥7,500 or ¥19,000 road tax which also varies by your car's size. For a mini car the fee is ¥2,000 and a motorcycle is ¥500 to ¥1,000.
  - (If the value of your vehicle is more than ¥500,000, you will also pay an acquisition tax of 5 percent of the ledger price).
- Return to the VRO within five (5) working days with your temporary plates and all documents to complete your on-post registration and get a USFJ Form 15A decal.