Alert: Fraud Schemes Targeting Car Buyers

The Consulate Genaral of Japan in Chennai would like to inform the public of fraud schemes targeting car buyers via the internet.

A modus operandi:

About used car deals via the internet, the suspect poses as our staff and requests to make a deposit for an advertised car.

The Consulate does not sell vehicles via the internet. If you get request from a seller who calls himself our staff to make a down payment, it is surely a fraud scheme. Please contact the Consulate if you would like to confirm that a Japanese Consulate employee is selling an advertised car. We have shared this information with local law enforcement.