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From: Commander, Marine Corps Bases Japan  
Commanding General, III Marine Expeditionary Force  
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Subj: OFF-LIMITS ORDER FOR THE YOSHIHARA RED LIGHT DISTRICT

Ref: (a) DoD Instruction 2200.01, "Combating Trafficking in Persons  
(CTIP)," February 16, 2007  
(b) MCO 1620.2D  
(c) MCBJO 5420.2A

Encl: (1) Map and boundaries of the Yoshihara red light district

1. Purpose. To place the Yoshihara red light district off-limits to Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) personnel.

2. Background. This command has received credible information that the Yoshihara red light district does not contain any legitimate businesses, but is an area known for unacceptable commercial activities (prostitution). These activities are contrary to the high moral standard of military service and the Department of Defense policy contained in reference (a). Further, the Yoshihara red light district is a threat to the overall health, safety, welfare, and good order and discipline of our military and civilian communities.

3. Action. Pursuant to references (b) and (c), effective immediately, the Yoshihara red light district as depicted in enclosure (1) is off-limits.

4. Applicability. This Bulletin is applicable to all SOFA status personnel attached to or accompanying Marine Corps Bases Japan/III Marine Expeditionary Force personnel. This includes all military members, civilian personnel (including contractors), and all dependents. This Bulletin constitutes a general order, and is punitive in nature. This Bulletin applies to personnel attached permanently or in a Temporary Additional Duty status, and will remain in effect until superseded or cancelled. Penalties for violations of this Bulletin include the full range of statutory and regulatory sanctions for civilian and military personnel. The sole exception to this Bulletin is personnel entering the Yoshihara red light district in the performance of their official duties.

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**Boundaries of Yoshihara red light district**

Southwest side. Highway 329. Legitimate business establishments with main entrances on highway 329 are not considered within the red light district and are not off-limits.

Southeast side. Highway 75. Legitimate business establishments with main entrances on highway 75 are not considered within the red light district and are not off-limits.

Northeast side. Unnamed alley beginning 270 meters northeast of the highway 75/highway 329 intersection.

Northwest side. Unnamed alley beginning 190 meters northwest of the highway 75/highway 329 intersection.

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Enlarged View



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