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**PROTECTION OF WRECKS AND WAR RELICS ACT**  
(Cap. 150)

**LICENCE TO CARRY OUT ACTIVITIES**

I, Hon. Choylin Yim Douglas, Minister for Culture and Tourism, under section 4(2) of the *Protection of Wrecks and War Relics Act* (Cap.150) (the Act), grant this licence to Kazushige Hanaguri, Team Leader of the Japanese Association for Recovery and Repatriation of War Casualties (JARRWC) (“the Licensee”), who appears to me to have a legitimate reason to carry out activities provided in section 4(1) of the Act, in the areas specified in Schedule 1 (“Licensed Areas”), subject to the conditions and restrictions specified in Schedule 2 (“Conditions and Restrictions of Licence”).

**SCHEDULE 1**  
**LICENSED AREAS**

The points at the sites in Guadalcanal Province and Honiara City in Column 1 with the following Global Positioning Systems coordinates in Column 2:

No.	Column 1 Sites	Column 2 Global Positioning Systems Coordinates	
1	Tenaru River mouth	9° 25'48" South	160°05'43" East
2	Belaha Area	9° 28'20" South	160°03'43" East
3	Barana Inland	9° 28'41" South	159° 57'16" East
4	Bonege upstream	9°23'49" South	159°50'28" East
5	Bonege rover mouth	9°22'22" South	159°52'03" East
6	Visale	9° 16'03" South	159°43'44" East

**SCHEDULE 2**  
**CONDITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS OF LICENCE**

1. This licence is granted only for the purpose of recovery of human remains of particular Japanese soldiers who died during the World War.
2. This licence is granted exclusively for the licensed areas only and must not be used to carry out activities in any other restricted area.
3. This licence commences on 5 December 2024 and expires on 30 January 2025.
4. The Licensee is responsible for meeting the relevant costs of activities

conducted under this licence including the recovery and transportation of human remains, the incidental hiring of local workers to assist in carrying out the activities under section 4(1) of the Act and the payment of fees to landowners before entering any customary area.

5. The Licensee must provide to Solomon Islands National Museum (SINM) with an audit record or report of all human remains recovered within the licensed area before exporting the remains out of Solomon Islands.
6. The Licensee must liaise with the Guadalcanal Provincial Government and the World War II section of the SINM to ensure that World War II wrecks and relics within the license d areas are not removed or relocated.
7. The National Museum officer(s) and Guadalcanal Province Police Officers shall accompany the team at all times to do the neutral data inventory of Human Remains and Material Evidences and for any possible forensic attention on the remains.
8. The Licensee must not take or export any World War II materials out of Solomon Islands without prior written approval issued by the Minister responsible for Culture and Tourism, except any World War II personal materials associated with the human remains can be exported as supporting information for forensic and scientific analysis.
9. The Licensee, if the licensed area comprises of customary land or part of customary land, whether or not the customary land or including foreshores or reefs, must ensure that customary protocols or courtesies relevant to customary land owners of that customary land must be complied with in good faith.
10. The Licensee must comply with relevant laws and ordinances in respect of the appropriate Province having jurisdiction over the licensed area and must liaise in good faith with the appropriate authority in the Provincial Executive.
11. The Licensee must at all times ensure that appropriate safety precautionary measures are followed to avoid loss of human life in carrying out activities under this licence. If necessary, the Licensee is solely responsible for engaging the Explosive Unit of the Royal Solomon Islands Police Force to scan the licensed area for potential risks of poisonous gases and live ammunition or unexploded devices from World War II.
12. This Licence immediately becomes null and void if the Licensee breaches any of the conditions and restrictions of this licence or any provision of the Protection of Wrecks and War Relics Act (Cap. 150). On the occurrence of any serious breach, the Licensee must forfeit all privileges and will not be issued a license for similar activities in the future.

Dated this fourth-day of December 2024.

**HON. CHOYLIN YIM DOUGLAS**  
MINISTER FOR CULTURE AND TOURISM

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