

# The 158th International Training Course

## *Measures for Speedy and Efficient Criminal Trials*

### **1 Duration and Participants**

From August 20 to September 26 2014

24 overseas participants from 15 countries/regions

6 Japanese participants

### **2 Programme Overview**

Delay of trial weakens the memories of witnesses, which can cause difficulties for both the prosecution and the defense when proving their cases. Unreasonable delay of trial also unnecessarily lengthens the detention periods of the accused and infringes upon the right of the accused to enjoy a speedy trial. Such delays cause the public to lose trust in the criminal justice system, and that makes it difficult to secure the cooperation of the public as witnesses at trial. As a result, without the full participation of necessary witnesses, some cases cannot be prosecuted and others will result in acquittals, and it makes the public lose even more trust in the criminal justice system. This vicious circle contributes to a dysfunctional criminal justice system. Furthermore, unreasonable delays of trials are the main cause of over-crowding of prisons in many countries.

The purpose of this program is to discuss effective countermeasures that criminal justice personnel can implement by themselves to improve the efficiency of their investigations and trials. The training course will explore improvement of organization and management of criminal justice agencies, improvement of criminal justice procedure, establishment of frameworks for cooperation among related agencies, capacity building of personnel, human resource development, and so on. Moreover, this program also aims at building an international network among participating criminal justice practitioners to encourage the exchange of information in order to improve the criminal justice systems in their respective countries.

### **3 Lectures**

The following visiting experts and ad-hoc lecturers, as well as professors of UNAFEI, will give lectures

Visiting Experts

Ms. Janice Brennan

Barrister, the United Kingdom

Dr. Yubaraj Sangroula

Executive Director of Kathmandu School of Law

Former Attorney General, Nepal

Mr. Severino Gana

Senior Deputy State Prosecutor, Philippines

Ad-hoc lecturers

Mr. Toshikazu Shimizu

Assistant Director of Criminal Identification Division, Criminal Investigation  
Bureau, National Police Agency

Mr. Masanori Hatoko

Private Attorney, Former Judge

Mr. Hiroyuki Shibuya

Deputy Director of Criminal Investigation Division  
Tokyo District Public Prosecutors Office