

The 190th International Training Course
“Countering Cybercrime and Crimes Involving the Misuse of Cryptoassets”

1. Duration and Participants

From 22 May to 17 June 2026

18 overseas participants from 17 countries

5 participants from Japan

2. The Purpose of the Programme

The main theme was “Countering Cybercrime and Crimes Involving the Misuse of Cryptocurrency”. Through lectures by experts from Japan and abroad, presentations by participants and group work based on a case scenario, the programme aimed to strengthen the capacities of criminal justice practitioners in Japan and other countries and to establish a network among them.

3. Lectures

Lectures were delivered by the following experts.

- Visiting Experts

- Enrique Hernandez Gonzalez
Assistant Director, Cybercrime Operations, Cybercrime Directorate,
INTERPOL Global Complex for Innovation (IGCI)
- Joshua James
Regional Counter-Cybercrime Coordinator, UNODC Regional Office for
Southeast Asia and the Pacific
- Patrice Réveillac
Head of Team/Senior Cryptocurrency Specialist, Cryptocurrency Team,
Digital Support Unit, EUROPOL European Cybercrime Centre (EC3)

- Experts

- Mr. Hiroki Takahashi
Cybercrime Investigation Division, Cyber Affairs Bureau, National Police
Agency
- Mr. Hayato Shigekawa
Chainalysis
- Mr. Takayoshi Hojo
Partner lawyer, Nishimura & Asahi
- Mr Masatoshi Ide
Attorney, International Affairs Division of the Ministry of Justice
- Mr. Atsushi Ito
Public Prosecutor, Supreme Public Prosecutors Office

4. Individual Presentations

Participants gave presentations on the current situation, challenges and case studies related to cybercrime and cryptocurrency-related crimes in their respective countries. The presentations prompted many questions from other participants,

leading to active and fruitful discussions.

5. Study Visit

The participants visited Fuchu Prison and the Tokyo District Court. They received briefings and observed the facilities.

6. Group Discussion

The participants were divided into three groups and discussed a mock case involving fraud and cryptocurrency-related money laundering. They examined the investigative steps to recover assets and prosecute the perpetrator, and drafted the charges based on the mock case.

7. Feedback from the Participants

Participants commented that the seminar was well structured, covering both Japanese and international approaches to combating cybercrime and cryptocurrency-related crimes, as well as including a cryptocurrency tracing workshop and a mock case workshop.

8. Comments from the Programming Officer

In recent years, cybercrime has become increasingly organized and sophisticated. In addition, the emergence of cryptocurrency has enabled criminal organizations to transfer and launder criminal proceeds more easily. As a result, law enforcement agencies face significant challenges in identifying offenders and recovering criminal assets. Furthermore, due to its nature, cybercrime can easily cross-national borders, and criminal organizations often target victims in foreign countries.

Against this background, this training course was conducted for police officers, prosecutors and other criminal justice practitioners from Japan and abroad. Participants shared information on their countries' systems and challenges relating to the investigation, prosecution and asset recovery of cybercrime and crimes involving the misuse of cryptocurrency. Through lectures and exercises, they enhanced their knowledge and practical capabilities.

One of the major features of UNAFEI training programmes is that participants share not only lectures but also their daily lives throughout the programme. This helped build strong professional networks among practitioners from different countries and contributed to establishing a foundation for future information exchange and international cooperation.

The participants willingly shared their knowledge and practical experience outside the formal programme. For example, one participant introduced a public-private partnership model for combating cybercrime based on his experience. One Participant with extensive knowledge of cryptocurrency introduced methods for tracing cryptocurrency transactions and the platforms used for investigative inquiries. These knowledge exchanges were valuable not only for the participants but also for the programming officer. I hope that the relationships built during the seminar will continue as a strong network among practitioners.

While the capacities of countries and regions to respond to cybercrime and crimes involving the misuse of cryptocurrency vary considerably, it is hoped that this training course has helped enhance the participants' capabilities and strengthen

international cooperation. It is also hoped that the knowledge and networks developed through the course will support continued collaboration among countries in combating transnational crime.