

Dear UNAFEI friends,

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Greetings from Lima, Peru. My name is Eduardo Jose Tristan Castro, and I was a participant of the 144th International Senior Seminar, which addressed the topic of “The Enhancement of Appropriate Measures for Victims of Crime at Each Stage of the Criminal Justice Process”. After returning to Peru following the conclusion of the Seminar, I was assigned to the position of Head of the Academic Department of the Academic Police School, Iquitos. Iquitos is a city in the Peruvian rain forest. My duties include managing the school and academic commitments.

After the Seminar, I wrote a paper recommending that the curriculum at police schools should include the topic of appropriate treatment for victims. This suggestion was accepted by my superiors.

I then wrote an official recommendation on the matter, and in response, a Directorial Resolution officially established the topic of “Treatment of Victims of Crime” as a subject of the police school curriculum. In the past year, the treatment of victims has been included in the curricula of all police schools in Peru. There are 26 such schools nationwide, which train all future officers. Since 2010, all future officers have been required to study the treatment of victims of crime.

I am currently studying for a master’s degree in public administration, and am grateful to all of the UNAFEI professors and lecturers and my Senior Seminar fellow participants for the knowledge I gained in Japan.

Regards,

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