

The 148th International Training Course
“Drug Offender Treatment: New Approaches to an Old Problem”

1. Duration and Participants

- From 11 May to 17 June, 2011
- Ten overseas participants (including two observers) from seven countries
- Eight Japanese participants

2. Programme Overview

Treating offenders with drug dependency has long been a serious challenge for criminal justice systems, in developed and developing countries alike; such offenders are numerous and have a relatively high recidivism rate when treated under traditional interventions.

This programme addressed this long-standing issue from two perspectives: (1) effective interventions for drug-dependent offenders; and (2) the effective criminal justice response to drug-dependent offenders, and offered the participants an opportunity to share experiences and expertise and to examine measures regarding effective treatment of drug-dependent offenders.

Major topics for discussion included:

- Current situation of treatment of drug-dependent offenders (statistical description; an overview of the currently available treatment measures and their challenges; and the pharmacological, pathological and psychological impact of illicit drugs on human beings).
- Effective interventions for drug-dependent offenders (assessment of recidivism; formulating treatment plans; psychological and psychiatric interventions; and evaluation of interventions' effectiveness).
- Effective criminal justice response to drug offenders (diversion programmes; drug addicts' rehabilitation facilities; drug courts; partnership with non-governmental organizations; and costs and benefits concerning interventions to reduce recidivism).

3. Lectures

The following visiting expert and ad-hoc lecturers, as well as professors of UNAFEI, gave lectures:

- Visiting Expert
 - Dr. Anne Bergenstrom
Coordinator (Expert/Adviser)
United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

Regional Centre for East Asia and the Pacific

“The Current Situation, Challenges and Future Direction of Drug Use and Dependency”

“UNODC-WHO Principles of Drug Dependence Treatment” etc.

○ Ad-hoc Lecturers

- Mr. Yujiro Oki
Director
Administrative and General Affairs Division, Narcotics Control Department,
Kanto-Shin'etsu Regional Bureau of Health and Welfare,
Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare
“Trend and Tendency of Drug Abuse in Japan”
- Mr. Takayuki Harada
Associate Professor
Department of Psychological Counselling, Faculty of Human Sciences,
Mejiro University
“Treatment of Offenders with Drug Problems”
- Mr. Tetsuya Fujimoto
Professor Emeritus, Faculty of Law, Chuo University
Professor, Graduate School of Victimology, Tokiwa University Graduate School
“Treatment of Drug Addict Offenders: From the Standpoint of Criminal Policy”
- Mr. Tsuneo Kondo
Director, Japan DARC (Drug Addiction Rehabilitation Centre)
“Countermeasures against Drug Dependency: What I Have Done So Far”
- Mr. Tokikazu Konishi
Associate Professor
Faculty of Law, Waseda University
“Treatment for Drug-dependent Offenders”
- Mr. Shunzo Abe
Director
Planning Department, Drug Abuse Prevention Centre
“Functions and Roles of the Drug Abuse Prevention Center”
- Dr. Toshihiko Matsumoto
Director
Department of Drug Dependence Research, National Institute of Mental Health,
National Center of Neurology and Psychiatry
“Understanding and Support of Drug Addiction: From the Standpoint of Psychiatric

Care”

- Ms. Manami Kojima
Officer
Prison Service Division, Correction Bureau, Ministry of Justice
“Treatment of Drug Offenders in Penal Institutions”
- Mr. Hideo Minamimoto
Professor
Research and Training Institute of Ministry of Justice
“Treatment of Drug Offenders in Rehabilitation ”
- Dr. Kei Someda
Principal Examiner
Kanto Regional Parole Board, Ministry of Justice
“Evidence-based Drug Treatment
Exploring Best Practices and Effective Implementation”