

The 150th International Senior Seminar
“Trafficking in Persons—Prevention, Prosecution, Victim Protection
and Promotion of International Cooperation”

1. Duration and Participants

- From 12 January to 9 February 2012
- Fourteen overseas participants from seven countries (including two Course Counsellors)
- Seven domestic participants

2. Programme Overview

Trafficking in persons is a heinous crime that grievously harms its victims. Every year, thousands of men, women, and children are trafficked and subjected to sexual exploitation, forced labour, slavery or other forms of exploitation. Many of them are exposed to multiple and chronic traumatizing events such as restriction of movement, direct physical violence, and verbal and psychological abuse, causing a number of physical and mental health problems that are difficult to recover from.

The objective of this Seminar was to offer participants an opportunity to share experiences, gain knowledge, and examine measures against trafficking in persons. In order to achieve this purpose, the Seminar programme provided an opportunity to examine the current situations and problems existing in the respective countries.

Major topics for discussion include:

- The actual situation of trafficking in persons;
- Measures for prosecution;
- Measures for protection of victims; and
- Measures for prevention.

3. Lectures

The following visiting experts from overseas and ad-hoc lecturers from Japan, as well as professors of UNAFEI, gave lectures:

- Visiting Experts
 - Mr. Wanchai Roujanavong
Director General
International Affairs Department, Office of the Attorney General of Thailand
“Human Trafficking in Thailand: Solutions to the Problem”

- Mr. Martin Fowke
Officer-in-Charge
Anti-Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling Unit, Division for Treaty Affairs
United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
“Trafficking in Persons: a Global Issue”
 - Ms. Karima Maloney
Deputy Chief
Criminal Section, Civil Rights Division, United States Department of Justice
“Human Trafficking Prosecutions, Identifying and Interviewing Trafficking Victims”
- Ad-hoc Lecturers
- Mr. Masahiro Hayakawa
Deputy Director
Safety Division, Community Safety Bureau, National Police Agency
“Human Trafficking Cases in Japan”
 - Mr. Katsuya Saito
Expert in Protection of Women
Family’s Welfare Division, Equal Employment, Children and Families Bureau
Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare
“Protection of Victims of Trafficking in Persons”
 - Ms. Yuko Shimomura
Specialist
Adjudication Division, Immigration Bureau, Ministry of Justice
“Measures undertaken by the Immigration Bureau of the Ministry of Justice to
Combat Trafficking in Persons”
 - Mr. William Barriga
Chief of Mission
Special Liaison Mission in Tokyo
International Organization for Migration (IOM)
“IOM’s Response to Trafficking in Persons”