

The 152nd International Training Course
“Trafficking in Persons—Prevention, Prosecution, Victim Protection
and Promotion of International Cooperation”

1. Duration and Participants

- From 23 August to 27 September 2012
- 16 overseas participants from 15 countries
- Six domestic participants

2. Programme Overview

Trafficking in persons is a heinous crime that grievously harms its victims. Every year, hundreds of 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 Course 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 Course programme provided an opportunity to examine the current situations and problems existing in the participants’ respective countries.

Major topics for discussion included:

- 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
 - Ms. Nekia Hackworth
Assistant United States Attorney
United States Attorney’s Office

Atlanta, Georgia, United States of America

“Human Trafficking Prosecutions in the United States, Identifying Potential Trafficking Victims and Interviewing Victims”

- Mr. Martin Fowke

Crime Prevention Officer

Human Trafficking and Migrant Smuggling Section, Division of Treaty Affairs

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)

“Trafficking in persons: a global issue”

- Mr. Wanchai Roujanavong

Director General

International Affairs Department, Office of the Attorney General of Thailand

“Human Trafficking in Thailand: solutions to the problem”

○ Ad hoc Lecturers

- Mr. William Barriga

Chief of Mission

Special Liaison Mission in Tokyo

International Organization for Migration (IOM)

“IOM’s Response to Trafficking in Persons”

- Mr. Hiroaki Odagiri

Specialist

Adjudication Division, Immigration Bureau, Ministry of Justice

“The Immigration Bureau of the Ministry of Justice’s Measures to Combat Trafficking in Persons”

- Mr. Keisuke Senta

Prosecutor

Director of Traffic Department, Tokyo District Public Prosecutors Office

“International Legal Cooperation in the Investigation of Trafficking in Persons”

- Ms. Youko Yoshida

Lawyer

“NGO’s Activities on Trafficking in persons in Japan”

- Mr. Masahiro Hayakawa

Deputy Director

Safety Division, Community Safety Bureau, National Police Agency

“Current Situation and Countermeasures on Trafficking in Persons”

- 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"