

## **The 153rd International Senior Seminar**

### **“Treatment of Female Offenders”**

#### **1. Duration and Participants**

- From 9 January to 8 February 2013
- Fifteen overseas participants from twelve countries (including a Course Counsellor)
- Seven domestic participants

#### **2. Programme Overview**

Historically, the treatment of female offenders had not received much attention because of their relatively small population in comparison with male offenders. However, the population of female offenders is on the rise in many nations recently, which has increased the demand to enhance the treatment of female offenders. The adoption of the United Nations Rules for the Treatment of Women Prisoners and Non-custodial Measures for Women Offenders (the Bangkok Rules) by the United Nations General Assembly in December 2010 indicates the international surge of such demands.

The objective of this Seminar was to offer participants an opportunity to share experiences, gain knowledge, and examine measures related to the treatment of female offenders. In order to achieve this purpose, the Seminar also provided an opportunity to examine the current situations and problems existing in the participants’ respective countries.

Major topics for discussion included:

- Status of female-committed crime;
- Issues related to the treatment of female offenders; and
- Female staff

#### **3. Lectures**

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

- Visiting Experts
  - Dr. Patricia Ann Van Voorhis  
Professor Emerita  
School of Criminal Justice, University of Cincinnati

- Ms. Piera BARZANO  
Justice Section Division for Operations, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime  
(UNODC)
- Dr. Nathee Chitsawang  
Deputy Director  
Thailand Institute of Justice, Ministry of Justice
- Ad hoc Lecturers
  - Mr. Satoshi Tomiyama  
Director  
Facilities Division, Minister's Secretariat, Ministry of Justice
  - Mr. Kakutaro Sakamoto  
Deputy Director  
Facilities Division, Minister's Secretariat, Ministry of Justice
  - Ms. Yuriko Tsubaki  
Special Assistant to the Director of the General Affairs Division  
Correction Bureau, Ministry of Justice
  - Dr. Tazuko Aoshima  
Psychiatrist  
Medical Corporation LYRE Mizoguchi Hospital
  - Dr. Nobuaki Morita  
Associate Professor  
School of Medicine, University of Tsukuba