

The 169th International Training Course

“Criminal Justice Practices against Illicit Drug Trafficking”

1. Duration and Participants

- From 9 May to 14 June 2018
- 24 overseas participants from 16 jurisdictions
- 7 domestic participants

2. Programme Overview

One of the most serious global problems currently faced by criminal justice authorities is illicit drug trafficking, which involves the cultivation, production, manufacture, distribution, sales, delivery and possession of drugs and other illicit substances. Illicit drug trafficking not only facilitates drug abuse, which itself is a serious problem, but also generates substantial profits for organized criminal groups. These illicit profits fund such groups' activities and stimulate their growth, and much of these profits infiltrate the legitimate business sphere and impair the integrity and stability of legitimate economic and financial systems as a whole. Even more troubling is the growing link between illicit drug trafficking and the financing of international terrorism.

In response, law enforcement agencies need to enhance their efforts to fully suppress illicit drug trafficking using advanced investigation techniques. Controlled delivery, interception of communications and undercover operations, for example, have been utilized as effective investigative measures to date.

On the other hand, considering that the purpose of illicit drug trafficking is to pursue financial gain, the most effective strategy is to deprive the perpetrators of their illicit proceeds and any property derived from them. In this regard, it is crucial to criminalize the act of money laundering and to successfully prosecute its perpetrators. This strategy will deprive criminals of their main incentive to commit further crime and exhaust their funds intended for reinvestment in further criminal or business activities. This will inevitably weaken the ability of these organized criminal groups to function and pave the way towards dismantling them.

This program offers participants an opportunity to share experiences and knowledge focusing on best practices to combat illicit drug trafficking and to establish bases for future international cooperation through understanding the laws and systems of other countries.

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. Wasawat Chawalitthamrong

Head of Cybercrime Sector One, Bureau of Technology and Cyber Crime,
Department of Special Investigation, Ministry of Justice, Thailand

- Mr. Gregory Matthew Millard
Resident Agent in Charge, Chiang-Mai Resident Office, DEA Far East Region
- Mr. Celso Eduardo Faria Coracini
Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Officer, UNODC

○ Lecturers

- Mr. Takayuki Kaneko
Chief Inspector, Drugs and Firearms Division, National Police Agency
- Mr. Yasuharu Kawase
Director, International Intelligence Division, Narcotics Control Department
Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare
- Mr. Yasuhisa Watanabe
Special Officer for Research, Minister's Secretariat, Ministry of Finance
- Mr. Koji Isobe
Deputy Director, International Investigation Division, Guard and Rescue Department
Japan Coast Guard
- Mr. Ken-ichi Kiyono
Director, Trial Department, Tokyo District Public Prosecutors Office