

The 173rd International Training Course
**“Tackling Violence against Women and Children through Offender Treatment:
Prevention of Reoffending”**

1. Duration and Participants

- From 21 August to 20 September 2019
- 17 overseas participants from 16 jurisdictions
- 5 domestic participants

2. Programme Overview

Violence against women and children (hereinafter, referred to as “VAWC”) involves various forms of crime, such as sexual offending, domestic violence, child abuse, and stalking. This problem is recognized as a prominent risk and threat to society from the viewpoint of public safety, and the following descriptions indicate the seriousness of VAWC issues.

Given the seriousness of VAWC, the international community devotes special attention to deal with this problem. In particular, the United Nations General Assembly adopted “the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development” (or the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs))^[1] in 2015, which establishes specific goals and targets that address this issue; in particular, Goal 5.2 seeks to “[e]liminate all forms of violence against all women and girls in the public and private spheres, including trafficking and sexual and other types of exploitation”, and Goal 16.2 focuses on “[e]nd[ing] abuse, exploitation, trafficking and all forms of violence against and torture of children”. Also, the “Doha Declaration”, adopted at the 13th Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice,^[2] states that issues surrounding women and children should be considered particularly from the viewpoints of human rights and protecting them from all forms of violence.

This training course focuses on effective measures for the prevention of reoffending by VAWC offenders. From the viewpoint of implementing effective treatment, organized assessments, interventions and treatment should be considered according to each offender’s needs and characteristics. In addition, community-based approaches involving non-custodial interventions, such as fines, probation, community sentences, and suspended sentences, can be key elements for VAWC offenders. Furthermore, multi-stakeholder cooperation is necessary at each phase of the criminal justice process in order to facilitate effective treatment, as well as the social reintegration of the offenders.

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. Franca Cortoni
Professor, School of Criminology, Université de Montréal, Canada
President of the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA)
- Dr. Kattiya Ratanadilok
Director, Justice Research and Development Institute, Office of Justice Affairs,
Ministry of Justice, Thailand
- Ms. Mariana Martin
Commissioner: Rehabilitation,
Namibian Correctional Service, Ministry of Safety and Security, Namibia

○ Lecturers

- Dr. Junko Fujioka
Professor, Osaka University
- Mr. Akira Kawamatsu
Professor, Meisei University
- Ms. Akiko Kobayakawa
Director, Non-Profit Organisation (NPO) "Humanity"
- Mr. Takahito Shimada
Director of Crime Prevention Section, National Research Institute of Police Science
- Ms. Miwa Horiguchi
Child welfare specialist,
Tokyo Metropolitan Children's Self-Reliance Support Facility "Seimei Gakuen"
- Ms. Makiko Asahina
Principal specialist, Tokyo Juvenile Classification Home
- Dr. Masaru Takahashi
Principal specialist, Tokyo Nishi Juvenile Classification Home
- Mr. Masayuki Tani
Probation officer, Tokyo Probation Office