

145th International Training Course

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On behalf of my fellow participants, allow me to express our most profound and sincere gratitude for having been granted the opportunity to participate in this 145th International Training Course.

The theme of the 145th International Training Course, **“Effective Resettlement of Offenders by Strengthening ‘Community Reintegration Factors’”**, has been explicitly articulated through the course content, individual presentations, lectures by both the local Japanese experts and the international visiting experts and observation visits to related criminal justice agencies.

This vividly took us through the entire criminal justice process, the organization, the system and partnerships, with special reference to effective resettlement of offenders and strengthening reintegration factors. We all benefited from the well coordinated group discussions and plenary sessions, this enriched our learning process.

The objective of this training program, which was to have all participants share the respective challenges to be tackled based on the latest trends and experience on the effective resettlement of offenders by strengthening community reintegration factors and to establish a global network for the exchange of updated information on the practice of the respective countries, has been achieved.

Indeed this has been a timely and worthwhile course!

We will forever remain indebted.

The interludes provided through the Course, that is, the planned visits to Japanese families, the sumo tournament, the traditional tea ceremony, and the institutions, historic cities

and sites we saw will forever be a permanent mark in each of our lives. In particular we wish to note the courtesy call and interaction with the honorable Minister of Justice and the party hosted by the honorable Vice-Minister of Justice. We cannot forget to mention the visit by the parliamentary secretary for Justice who graced one of our sessions; we feel honored.

We have also enjoyed the rare and unique hospitality embedded in Japan's rich cultural heritage. This surrounded our daily individual and group interactions with each other and the institutions we visited. Indeed, as we prepare to depart back to our countries, this is reflected in all participants, particularly: "Hospitality; Japanese Style!"

Very special thanks and acknowledgment go to JICA as well as the ACPF for their cooperation, which supported every activity; indeed without them we would not be here today.

Last but certainly not least, we wish to applaud the exemplary teamwork displayed by the staff in UNAFEI; from the administration, to accommodation and kitchen staff. Thank you very much.

In conclusion, on behalf of my fellow participants, I would like to assure you that the challenge remains with us and we hereby confirm that we are now more empowered and equal to the challenge. As individual participants we will endeavor to translate this rich learning experience to reality by firstly remain proactive in those recommendations that we as individuals can realistically adopt and sustain; and secondly reporting back to our organizations and countries the recommendations of this very noble international training programme.

Together, let us strive to uphold:

“PROSPERITY WITHOUT CRIME IN THE WORLD”

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LONG LIVEACPF

LONG LIVE.....JICA

Thank you!