

30th Session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

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Agenda item 6: Integration and coordination of efforts by the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and by Member States in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice.

(e): Other activities in support of the work of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, in particular activities of the United Nations crime prevention and criminal justice programme network, non-governmental organizations and other bodies.

Honourable Chair,
Distinguished Delegates,

It's a pleasure to have this opportunity to update the Commission on UNAFEI's recent activities.

As an oldest PNI, UNAFEI has been providing training courses and seminars for criminal justice personnel in line with the United Nations instruments.

Since the last CCPCJ, UNAFEI held its 14th Good Governance Seminar, which is an annual anti-corruption seminar for Southeast Asian countries, on "Integrity and Independence of Judges, Prosecutors and Law Enforcement Officials". Participants shared their respective countries' legal frameworks, codes of conduct and other practical measures. The report of the seminar will be published and posted on our website in the near future.

UNAFEI also provided several online training courses on offender treatment in the Philippines with the support of UNODC Regional Office in Bangkok. In particular, the participants acquired practical training on conducting effective risk-needs assessments in order to match each offender with individually tailored treatment. The course was administrated by UNAFEI professors who had worked as front line practitioners in Japan. Although these courses took place entirely online due to the COVID-19 pandemic, these courses received very positive reviews from the participants.

In addition, UNAFEI organized three webinars for alumni of its international training programmes. More than 270 alumni in total participated in these webinars and shared the latest practices in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In fiscal years 2021 and 2022, UNAFEI will hold several international training programmes on various criminal justice issues such as “Achieving Inclusive Societies through Effective Criminal Justice Policies and Practices” and “Cybercrime and Digital Evidence”. Information about our programmes will be available on our website.

UNAFEI will continue to provide useful trainings and enhance its global network of criminal justice practitioners.

In closing, I would like to express our deepest appreciation to various organizations which support our activities, such as the UNODC, our fellow PNIs, and the Asia Crime Prevention Foundation.

Thank you very much for your attention.