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Upcoming UNAFEI International Training Programmes in FY2027

The United Nations Asia and Far East Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (UNAFEI) will offer the four multilateral training courses listed below during the 2027 fiscal year (April 2027 – March 2028). Participants from around 10 to 20 countries and Japan will attend each course. The course curricula will consist of individual presentations, lectures from esteemed international and Japanese experts, group workshops and study visits/trips. Throughout the programme, participants will stay at the UNAFEI dormitory and will build personal and professional relationships with experts and other participants. We hope you will join us in Tokyo!

Note: These programmes are organized by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). If you are interested in participating, please contact your nearest JICA office or Japanese Embassy and tell them the “JICA name” of the course (see below). The deadline for submitting a request to participate in these courses will be around August 2026.

I. International Training Courses

i. Spring (May to Jun 2027)—International Training Course

“Countermeasures against Transnational Organized Fraud: Strengthening Prevention, Investigation, Prosecution and International Cooperation”

(JICA Name: “Criminal Justice (Focus on Investigation, Prosecution, Adjudication, and International Cooperation)”)

Duration and Venue: Four-weeks in Tokyo, Japan

Target: Criminal justice officials and practitioners (police, prosecution, judiciary and other relevant agencies) who deal with criminal cases

Objective: Organized fraud has become increasingly sophisticated and transnational, often involving a combination of fraud, human trafficking and money laundering schemes. These crimes frequently involve multiple private-sector entities, such as financial institutions, telecommunications service providers, social media platforms and cryptocurrency service providers, and key pieces of evidence are often dispersed across multiple jurisdictions. Successful investigation and prosecution of organized fraud require stronger collaboration between the public and private sectors, as well as between law enforcement agencies in different countries. This course aims to enhance the knowledge and capacity of criminal justice practitioners to prevent, investigate and prosecute transnational organized fraud, and to facilitate international cooperation.

Possible Topics:

1. Trends and typologies of organized fraud
2. Good practices in the prevention, investigation and prosecution of organized fraud
3. Current challenges and future strategies in addressing organized fraud
4. Measures to strengthen public-private partnership and international cooperation, including mutual legal assistance

ii. Summer (Aug to Sep 2027)—International Training Course

“Gender-Responsive Treatment and Rehabilitation of Female Offenders”

(JICA Name: “Management of Correctional Facilities and Rehabilitation of Offenders”)

Duration and venue: Four-weeks in Tokyo, Japan

Target: Criminal justice officials and practitioners (police, prosecution, judiciary, corrections, probation, parole and other relevant agencies) involved in the rehabilitation of offenders

Objective: The number of female offenders has been increasing globally, and their backgrounds and characteristics—such as ageing, poverty, mental health issues and reoffending patterns—have become increasingly diverse. Conventional correctional systems, which have traditionally been

designed with a focus on male offenders, are no longer sufficient to address these needs. In particular, female offending is often shaped by distinct pathways, including experiences of victimization, abuse and social marginalization. There is therefore a growing need for gender-responsive and trauma-informed approaches across the criminal justice system. While the treatment of female offenders is addressed in the Bangkok Rules, the importance of gender-responsive approaches is also emphasized in the Kyoto Model Strategies, reflecting its increasing global significance. This course focuses on the treatment of female offenders and aims to deepen understanding of effective and seamless support measures that contribute to their rehabilitation and reintegration, with a view to reducing reoffending.

Possible Topics:

1. Gender-responsive treatment and rehabilitation
2. Substance abuse and mental health treatment
3. Support for mothers and maintenance of family relationships
4. Consultation and support for victims of domestic violence

iii. Autumn (Oct to Nov 2027)—UNAFEI-UNCAC Training Programme

(JICA Name: “Criminal Justice Response to Corruption”)

Duration and venue: Four-weeks in Tokyo, Japan

Target: Criminal justice officials and practitioners (police, prosecution, judiciary and other relevant agencies) who deal with corruption cases

Objective: To effectively implement the provisions of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) by sharing good practices and exploring effective measures to investigate, prosecute and adjudicate corruption offences with transnational aspects.

iv. Winter (Jan to Feb 2028)—International Senior Seminar

“Current Trends of Enforcement and Initiatives to Reduce Reoffending in Drug-related Offences”

(JICA Name: “Enhancing Policy and Practice in the Field of Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (Senior Seminar)”)

Duration and venue: Four-weeks in Tokyo, Japan

Target: Senior officers involved in policymaking in the field of criminal justice and high-ranking criminal justice practitioners (police, prosecution, judiciary, corrections, probation, parole and other relevant agencies)

Objective: Drug-related offences remain one of the major categories of crime worldwide, and approaches to their regulation and control vary widely across jurisdictions. Due to the addictive nature of drugs, recidivism rates tend to be high, and support for rehabilitation and social reintegration, including treatment programmes, is essential. This seminar aims to provide criminal justice practitioners with a comprehensive understanding of drug-related offences, including global trends in drug-related crime, effective investigative methods, and support measures for reintegration. It also seeks to explore effective approaches for developing systems that ensure seamless responses from criminal justice interventions to social reintegration.

Possible Topics:

1. Legal frameworks and regulatory approaches to drug-related offences
2. Multi-agency and multidisciplinary approaches to assessment and treatment of drug-dependent offenders
3. Seamless transition from criminal justice interventions to community-based treatment



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