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Upcoming UNAFEI International Training Programmes in FY2024

The United Nations Asia and Far East Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (UNAFEI) will offer the four multi-lateral training courses listed below during the 2024 fiscal year. Participants from around 10 to 15 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. Participants will have the opportunity to share the latest knowledge on the topic of the course and gain insight into best practices around the world. 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” (see below) of the course. The deadline for submitting a request to participate in these courses will be around August 2023.

I. Spring (May to Jun 2024)—International Training Course

“Countermeasures against Trafficking in Persons: Detecting Sexual Exploitation”

(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 officers, prosecutors, judges and officials from other relevant agencies) who deal with criminal cases

Objective: Trafficking in persons is a serious violation of human rights and requires a prompt and appropriate response from a humanitarian perspective. Combating trafficking in persons is a topic of high international interest, with discussions taking place at the thematic discussions of the United Nations Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ). This course aims to share best practices in each jurisdiction, supporting the achievement of the SDGs, specifically Goal 5.2 and 16.2.

Possible Topics:

1. Basic legal framework and specific measures to detect trafficking in persons
2. Challenges in investigation and prosecution of trafficking in persons
3. Effective measures for victim protection and gaining cooperation from victims
4. International cooperation in cases of trafficking in persons

II. Autumn-1 (Sep to October 2024)—International Training Course

“Measures to Prevent Inappropriate Treatment in Correctional Institutions –Fostering a Rehabilitative Environment”

(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 treatment of offenders

Objective: Correctional facilities continue to face challenges of corruption, violation of human rights and inappropriate treatment (including bribery and abuse of authority) of inmates. To prevent inappropriate treatment in correctional facilities, it is necessary not only to enhance awareness among individual officers but also to take organizational measures. These measures should be taken in all correctional facilities around the world. This course supports the achievement of the SDGs, specifically Goals 4 and 16.

Possible Topics:

1. Understanding the risks and factors leading to inappropriate treatment
2. Measures to reduce and prevent inappropriate treatment
3. Measures for early detection of inappropriate treatment
4. Measures to foster a rehabilitative environment in the facility

III. Autumn-2 (Oct to Nov 2024)—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 (investigators, prosecutors, judges and officials from 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. This programme supports the achievement of the SDGs, specifically Goal 16.5.

IV. Winter (Jan to Feb 2025)—International Senior Seminar

"Criminal Justice Issues regarding Youth Involved in Terrorism"

(JICA Name: "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: The international community has prioritized counterterrorism measures in response to growing threats to global security by adopting a series of UN resolutions, Security Council resolutions and G7 summit statements and establishing the Global Counterterrorism Forum (GCTF) as a framework for international cooperation. However, the threat of terrorism has been increasing and is becoming more serious in recent years. Preventing the recruitment activities of terrorist organizations and supporting the reintegration of young people involved in terrorist organizations are urgent issues. This seminar supports the achievement of the SDGs, specifically Goals 4 and 16.

Possible Topics:

1. Effective measures to secure statements and testimonies of the young people involved in the terrorism-related crimes
2. Assessment, rehabilitation and reintegration of young people involved in terrorist organizations
3. Preventing new recruitment and the spread of extremist ideology in all facilities accommodating young people involved in terrorist organizations