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LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

It is my privilege to inform readers of the successful completion of the 185th International Training Course on Preventing Inmate Abuse and Corruption in Correctional Facilities: Creating a Rehabilitative Prison Environment, which took place in Tokyo from 12 September to 8 October. In this Course, we welcomed 5 Japanese participants and 14 overseas participants: 5 from Africa, 4 from Asia, 4 from Oceania, and 1 from South America. The participants included corrections officers, probation and parole officers, police officers, prosecutors, and other criminal justice officials. As this newsletter demonstrates, the Course was extremely productive. It consisted of lectures by visiting experts, expert lecturers, UNAFEI faculty members, study visits, individual presentations and interactive discussion sessions.

Throughout human history, human rights abuses and corruption have thrived in the shadows. While human rights garnered greater global attention since the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948, governments have prioritized combating the harms of corruption since the adoption of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) in 2003. Despite progress leading to better governance in many sectors, the closed nature of correctional facilities – compounded by inmate overcrowding, staff burnout, and a variety of other factors – creates conditions that facilitate abusive treatment and corruption. Such facilities are not rehabilitative, ensuring that many inmates confined in such environments will be more likely to reoffend and, thus, present a greater threat to public safety.

UNAFEI, as one of the institutes of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme Network, held this Course to offer participants an opportunity to clarify and analyse the current situation of violation of human rights and corruption in correctional facilities in each participating country and to explore more effective practices. Additionally, the participants were able to share experiences, gain knowledge and build a human network of counterparts.

During the Course, the participants diligently and comprehensively examined the main theme, primarily through a comparative analysis. The participants shared their own experiences and knowledge of the issues and identified problems and areas in which improvements could be made. With the academic and practical input from the visiting experts, expert lecturers and UNAFEI faculty – and the in-depth discussions they had with each other – the participants are now better equipped to enhance the policies and practices related to creating and preserving rehabilitative prison environments.

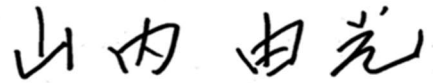
I would like to offer my sincere congratulations to all the participants upon their successful completion of the Course, made possible by their strenuous efforts. My heartfelt gratitude goes out to the visiting experts and expert lecturers who contributed a great deal to the Course's success. Furthermore, I appreciate the indispensable assistance and cooperation extended to UNAFEI by various agencies and institutions that helped diversify the Course.

I would also like to express my great appreciation to the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) for its immeasurable support throughout the Course. At the same time, a warm tribute must be paid to the Asia Crime Prevention Foundation (ACPF) and its branch organizations for their substantial contributions to our activities. Lastly, I owe my gratitude to all the individuals whose unselfish efforts behind the scenes contributed significantly to the successful realization of this Course.

With the knowledge and perspectives gained through this training course, I genuinely believe that, like their predecessors, the strong determination and dedication of the participants will enable them to work towards the improvement of their respective nations' criminal justice systems, and towards the benefit of international society as a whole.

Finally, I would like to reiterate my best regards to the participants of the 185th International Training Course. I hope that the experience they gained during the Course proves valuable in their daily work and that the bonds fostered among the participants, visiting experts and UNAFEI staff will continue to grow for many years to come.

November 2024



YAMAUCHI Yoshimitsu
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THE 185TH INTERNATIONAL TRAINING COURSE

PREVENTING INMATE ABUSE AND CORRUPTION IN CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES: FOSTERING A REHABILITATIVE PRISON ENVIRONMENT

Course Rationale

I. INTRODUCTION

Imprisonment creates a situation in which inmates rely on the prison authorities to meet almost all their daily needs, including access to essential supplies such as food and drinking water, which are essential for survival. Thus, by limiting the liberty of the inmates, the State is automatically obligated to ensure that custody is carried out in a safe and humanitarian manner. Therefore, administrators of correctional and detention facilities are required to carry out high-level due diligence (a series of efforts to identify the risks of human rights violations) aimed toward preventing and mitigating human rights violations. Moreover, administrators should explain the effectiveness of such efforts and disclose relevant information. Together, these measures will eliminate or reduce inmate abuse and corruption.

It is said that correctional institutions have two main responsibilities: to protect society from crime and reduce reoffending. To fulfill these responsibilities, criminal justice authorities are obliged to take necessary measures to ensure that inmates are safely held in custody, ensure that each offender's human rights are respected, and support their reintegration into society as law-abiding citizens. These underpinning principles have been recognized in the international community through international standards and norms, represented by the Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners (hereinafter referred to as the "Nelson Mandela Rules"), adopted by the United Nations General Assembly, which proclaim those principles and embody them into a set of guidelines.¹ The degree of inmate abuse and corruption in a facility will impact both of these fundamental objectives – protecting society from crime and reducing reoffending.

However, correctional institutions are particularly vulnerable to abuse and corruption when compared to other major judicial institutions. This is due to the closed nature of detention, the attendant risk of lack of oversight from the general public, and the fact that correctional institutions detain individuals who have been accused or sentenced to criminal offences, including serious offences. Correctional staff, despite their complex, difficult, and sometimes dangerous work, tend to have lower salaries, insufficient training, and lower public recognition and, therefore, fewer career opportunities than other civil servants working in criminal justice. These factors further increase the risk that inmate abuse and corruption will take root in correctional institutions.

For correctional institutions to be places where inmates can be encouraged to desist from crime and delinquency and to be reintegrated into society as responsible members of society, it is necessary that correctional institutions have a rehabilitative environment. Therefore, in this training programme, we shared various measures to prevent inmate abuse and corruption and focused on how to create a rehabilitative prison environment.

¹ General Assembly Resolution 70/175, Annex (17 December 2015).

II. TOPICS CONSIDERED

The following are key topics that were addressed during the programme.

1. Current situation and background of inmate abuse and corruption in detention facilities
 - A) Current situation of inmate abuse and corruption in each participant's country (e.g. number of cases, the most common types of abuse and corruption, and the circumstances and characteristics of the victims of abuse)
 - B) Understanding of the mechanisms or the roots of inmate abuse and corruption in correctional facilities
2. Effective measures to prevent inmate abuse and corruption in correctional facilities
 - A) Measures and good practices to prevent inmate abuse and corruption in each participant's country
 - B) Legal framework to prevent inmate abuse and corruption (e.g. inspection systems, complaint systems, independent inspection committees, etc.)
 - C) Facility management measures to prevent inmate abuse and corruption (e.g., establishment of a system for monitoring among staff, regular room movements, and utilization of the latest technologies such as AI)
 - D) Efforts to ensure the transparency of correctional facilities (e.g., efforts to make prisons accessible to the public such as prison tours, involvement of local communities, securing equal access to justice for inmates)
 - E) Recruitment of qualified staff, effective human resource development and staff training to maintain the integrity of correctional staff (e.g., support for improving staff's understanding of the human rights of inmates and humanitarian treatment, staff training on emotional control such as stress management and anger management)
 - F) Improvement of work environment of correctional facilities (e.g., improvement of the working conditions of correctional staff, appropriate allocation of staff, appropriate evaluation systems, establishment of team-based treatment, ensuring psychological safety in the workplace)
 - G) Strengthening administrative structures (e.g., formulation of codes of conduct for correctional officers, clarification of responsibilities and authority of correctional officers, establishment of good management systems, etc.)

Course Summary

Lectures

During the Course, the participants attended a variety of lectures, presentations and discussion sessions, including 4 presented by the visiting experts, 3 by expert lecturers and lectures by faculty members of UNAFEI. The distinguished lecturers addressed issues relating to the main theme of the course and contributed significantly beyond their lectures by answering the participants' questions during the question-and-answer sessions. The visiting experts were from the International Committee of the Red Cross and the International Corrections and Prisons Association. The expert lectures from Japan included lecturers from the Correction Bureau of the Ministry of Justice of Japan, the Japan Legal Support Centre, and the National Police Agency. The lecturers and lecture topics are listed on pages 6 and 7.

Individual Presentations

Toward the beginning of the course, all participants delivered individual presentations which introduced the situation, problems and future prospects of the participants' countries. These papers were distributed to all the participants. Each presentation was followed by a Q&A session, in which additional information was shared. The Individual Presentation topics are listed on pages 8 and 9.

Group Workshop Sessions

Group workshop sessions provided the participants with the opportunity to further examine the sub-topics of the main theme through in-depth discussions. In order to conduct each session effectively, the UNAFEI faculty selected individuals to serve as group members for the sub-topics. Selected participants served as chairpersons, co-chairpersons, rapporteurs or co-rapporteurs, and faculty members served as advisers. Each group's primary responsibility was to explore and develop their chosen topics in the group workshop sessions. The participants and UNAFEI faculty studied the topics and exchanged their views based on information obtained through personal experience, the individual presentations, lectures and so forth. The group members are provided on pages 10 to 12.

Lecture Topics

Visiting Experts' Lectures

- 1) Dr. Emiliano Blanco
Board Member, Board of Directors, International Corrections and Prisons Association
 - Creating Rehabilitative Prison Environments: Anti-corruption Policies in Argentina
 - Effective Measures in Anti-corruption Policies Argentina

- 2) Mikko Sarvela
Regional Prison Systems Adviser, International Committee of the Red Cross
 - Organizational Management for Building Correctional Facilities That Are Resistant to Inmate Abuse and Corruption
 - Capacity-Building and Empowerment for Correctional Officers with High Integrity

UNAFEI Professors' Lectures

- 1) Deputy Director SUGANO Naoki
 - Overview of the Japanese Criminal Justice System

- 2) Prof. KIDA Makiko
 - The Situation and Background of Inmate Abuse and Corruption in Correctional Facilities and Effective Prevention Measures – How Do We Address This Issue?

- 3) Prof. YAMAZAKI Jun
 - An Overview of the United Nations Convention Against Corruption

- 4) Prof. MURAJI Isao
 - Institutional Corrections in Japan

Experts' Lectures

- 1) SHINIKETANI Ryo
Director, Inspection Office, General Affairs Division, Correction Bureau, MOJ
 - Status of Inappropriate Treatment and Corruption and Their Prevention at Correctional Institutions in Japan

2) NATORI Masako

Executive Director, Japan Legal Support Centre

Former Director-General of the Correction Bureau, MOJ

- Response to Violent or Unjust Incidents, and Efforts for Recurrence Prevention and Organizational Reform

3) AOYAMA Hitoshi

Deputy Chief, Detention Management Office, General Affairs Division, Commissioner

General's Secretariat, National Police Agency

- Prevention of Inappropriate Treatment in Police Detention Facilities

Individual Presentation Topics

Overseas Participants

- 1) KHEAK Visalratanak (Cambodia)
 - The Good Effect of Conditional Release/ Parole for Fostering a Rehabilitation Prison Environment
- 2) Rae-Dawn Vonetta CORBIN (Guyana)
 - Preventing Inmate Abuse and Corruption in Correctional Facilities: Fostering a Rehabilitative Prison Environment
- 3) Mary Njeri KARANJA (Kenya)
 - Preventing Inmate Abuse and Corruption in Correctional Facilities: Fostering a Rehabilitative Prison Environment
- 4) Judith Wanjiku MWANGI (Kenya)
 - Preventing Inmate Abuse and Corruption in Correctional Facilities; Fostering a Rehabilitative Prison Environment
- 5) Ibrahim NASHID (Maldives)
 - Building Integrity: Exploring Abuse and Corruption in the Maldives Prison System
- 6) Ariunzaya MUNKHUU (Mongolia)
 - Rehabilitating Prisoners in the Correctional Facilities of Mongolia
- 7) Sam Tukondjela SHAALULANGE (Namibia)
 - Inmate Abuse and Corruption in Correctional Facilities: the Case of Namibia
- 8) Presley Junior PERAKI (Papua New Guinea)
 - Preventing Inmate Abuse and Corruption in Correctional Facilities: Fostering a Rehabilitative Prison Environment
- 9) Warrick SIMATAB (Papua New Guinea)
 - Preventing Inmate Abuse and Corruption in Correctional Facilities: Fostering a Rehabilitative Prison Environment
- 10) Sani AFU (Samoa)
 - Preventing Inmate Abuse and Corruption in Correctional Facilities

- 11) Christopher BWEKULYI (Solomon Islands)
 - Correctional Service of Solomon Islands
- 12) TUTU Joseph Benjamin Moses (South Sudan)
 - Management of Correctional Facilities and Rehabilitation of Offenders
- 13) Helena Madeira GOMES (Timor-Leste)
 - Fostering a Rehabilitative Prison Environment
- 14) Monford CHISHIMBA (Zambia)
 - The Effectiveness of Zambia Correctional Service in Upholding Human Rights, Rehabilitation of Inmates and Fighting Corruption

Japanese Participants

- 1) KIMURA Shigeki
 - Prevention of Maltreatment and Corruption in Detention Facilities
- 2) MIHARA Chika
 - Staff Training to Improve Ethical Standards among Probation Officers
- 3) MUTO Yoko
 - Causes and Prevention of Inappropriate Treatment in Japanese Correctional Institutions
- 4) NAKATANI Kazuki
 - Countermeasures against Corruption in Correctional Facilities – Insight from a Public Prosecutor’s Viewpoint
- 5) YOSHIDA Manabu
 - Enhancing Transparency in Detention Facilities of the Immigration Services Agency (ISA)

Group Workshop Sessions

Group 1*Effective measures for the prevention of corruption in correctional facilities*

Chairperson	NAKATANI Kazuki (Japan)
Rapporteurs	Mary Njeri KARANJA (Kenya) Monford CHISHIMBA (Zambia)
Members	Sam Tukondjela SHAALULANGE (Namibia) Presley Junior PERAKI (Papua New Guinea) Helena Madeira GOMES (Timor-Leste)
Visiting Expert	Dr. Emiliano Blanco
Advisers	Prof. NAKAYAMA Noboru (UNAFEI) Prof. TOMARI Fumi (UNAFEI)

Group 2

Measures for promoting human rights protection in correctional facilities, including effective prevention and early detection of inmate abuse

Chairperson	Judith Wanjiku MWANGI (Kenya)
Rapporteurs	Ibrahim NASHID (Maldives)
	Ariunzaya MUNKHUU (Mongolia)
	KIMURA Shigeki (Japan)
Members	Christopher BWEKULYI (Solomon Islands)
	MUTO Yoko (Japan)
Adviser	Prof. KIDA Makiko (UNAFEI)

Group 3***Capacity-building and good governance of administration for fostering rehabilitative prison management***

Chairperson TUTU Joseph Benjamin Moses (South Sudan)

Co-chairperson Rae-Dawn Vonetta CORBIN (Guyana)

Rapporteur MIHARA Chika (Japan)

Co-rapporteur KHEAK Visalratanak (Cambodia)

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Visiting Expert Mikko Sarvela

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Observation Visits

<u><i>Date</i></u>	<u><i>Agency/Institution</i></u>
25 Sep.	Fuchu Prison
26 Sep.	Aiko Juvenile Training School for Girls
1 Oct.	Training Institute for Correctional Personnel
2 Oct.	Tokyo Metropolitan Police Department

Special Events

- 12 Sep. Welcome Reception
- 17, 19 Sep. Japanese Language Class
- 21 – 22 Sep. ACPF Branches Study Tour (Sapporo, Fukushima, Tochigi, Saitama and Osaka)
- 1 Oct. Friendship Party hosted by the Training Institute for Correctional Personnel
- 2 Oct. Courtesy Call to the Director General of the Correction Bureau of the Ministry of Justice
- 8 Oct. Farewell Party

Reference Materials

**UNAFEI'S 185TH INTERNATIONAL TRAINING COURSE
LIST OF REFERENCE MATERIALS**

List of Reference Materials (185th International Training Course)	
1	The United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for the Treatment of Prisoners (the Nelson Mandela Rules)
2	United Nations Convention Against Corruption
3	Handbook on Anti-Corruption Measures in Prisons
4	UNODC Handbook for Prison Leaders
5	Global Prison Trends (2023)
6	Criminal Justice in Japan (2019)

Expert and Participant List

Visiting Experts

Dr. Emiliano Blanco	Board Member Board of Directors International Corrections and Prisons Association
Mikko Sarvela	Regional Prison Systems Adviser International Committee of the Red Cross

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INFORMATION ABOUT FORTHCOMING PROGRAMMES

1. The First ASEAN-Japan Criminal Justice Seminar

From 11 to 19 December 2024, UNAFEI will hold the First ASEAN-Japan Criminal Justice Seminar in Tokyo, Japan, to discuss “Enhancing International Cooperation within the ASEAN Region: Utilizing New Tools for Effective Mutual Legal Assistance (MLA session)” and “Countermeasures against Overpopulation of Prisons within the ASEAN Region, with a Focus on Challenges and Developments regarding Non-custodial Measures and the Treatment of Offenders (OTR session)”. Approximately 22 participants from ASEAN countries, Timor-Leste and Japan will attend.

2. The 186th International Senior Seminar

From 17 January to 13 February 2025, UNAFEI will host the 186th International Senior Seminar in Tokyo, Japan. The main theme of the Seminar is “Criminal Justice Issues Regarding Youth Involved in Terrorism”. Approximately 15 participants from overseas and Japan are expected to attend the Seminar.

ADMINISTRATIVE NEWS

Faculty and Staff Changes

YAMAZAKI Jun, formerly a First Secretary of the Permanent Mission of Japan to the International Organizations in Vienna, was appointed as a Professor of UNAFEI in August 2024.

OKUDA Yoshinori, formerly a Professor of UNAFEI, was transferred to the Osaka District Public Prosecutors Office in August 2024.

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YAMAZAKI Jun	Professor
MURAJI Isao	Professor
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KIDA Makiko	Professor
	Chief of Research Division
	185th Training Course Programming Officer
TANAKA Naoki	Professor
ABE Yuta	Professor
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	Chief of Information and Public Relations
TOMARI Fumi	Professor
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