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UNAFEI

MAIN ACTIVITIES OF UNAFEI

(1 January 2023 – 31 December 2023)

I. ROLE AND MANDATE

The Asia and Far East Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (UNAFEI) was established in Tokyo, Japan, in 1962 pursuant to an agreement between the United Nations and the Government of Japan. Its goal is to contribute to sound social development in the Asia and the Pacific region by promoting regional cooperation in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice, through training and research.

UNAFEI has paid utmost attention to the priority themes identified by the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice. Moreover, UNAFEI has been taking up urgent, contemporary problems in the administration of criminal justice in the region, especially problems generated by rapid socio-economic change (e.g., transnational organized crime, corruption, economic and computer crime and the reintegration of offenders into society) as the main themes and topics for its training courses, seminars and research projects.

II. TRAINING

Training is the principal area and priority of the Institute's work programmes. In the international training courses and seminars, participants from different areas of the criminal justice field discuss and study pressing problems of criminal justice administration from various perspectives. They deepen their understanding, with the help of lectures and advice from the UNAFEI faculty, visiting experts and ad hoc lecturers. This "problem-solving through an integrated approach" is one of the unique characteristics of UNAFEI programmes.

Each year, UNAFEI conducts two international training courses (five weeks' duration) and one international seminar (five weeks' duration). Approximately one hundred government officials from various overseas countries receive fellowships from the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA is an independent administrative institution for ODA programmes) each year to participate in all UNAFEI training programmes.

Training courses and seminars are attended by both overseas and Japanese participants. Overseas participants come not only from the Asia-Pacific region but also from the Middle and Near East, Latin America and Africa. These participants are experienced practitioners and administrators holding relatively senior positions in the criminal justice field.

By the end of 2023, UNAFEI had conducted a total of 182 international training courses and seminars. Over 6,400 criminal justice personnel representing 144 different countries and administrative regions have participated in these seminars. UNAFEI also conducts a number of other specialized courses, both country and subject focused, in which hundreds of other participants from many countries have been involved. In their respective countries, UNAFEI alumni have been playing leading roles and hold important posts in the fields of crime prevention and the treatment of offenders, and in related organizations.

A. The 180th International Senior Seminar

1. Theme, Duration and Participants

- “Promoting Legal Aid for Offenders and Victims”
- From 13 January to 6 February 2023
- 22 overseas participants from 16 jurisdictions
- 3 participants from Japan

2. Programme Overview

This seminar focused on promoting legal aid for offenders and victims. The participants made presentations about legal aid for offenders and/or victims in their respective countries. Through presentations and lectures, the participants learned from the participating countries’ experiences, practices and strategies with respect to legal aid for offenders and victims, with reference to recent international trends. In addition to enhancing their knowledge of effective measures, the participants established a global network for the exchange of updated information on the practices of the participating countries.

3. The Content of the Programme

(1) Lecturers

The following experts from overseas and Japanese experts, as well as UNAFEI faculty members, gave lectures as follows:

- Experts from overseas
 - Vincent Cheng Yang (Online)
Senior Associate
International Centre for Criminal Law Reform and Criminal Justice Policy (ICCLR, Vancouver, Canada)
Title of lecture: Criminal Legal Aid in Canada
 - Anika Holterhof (Online)
Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Officer & Focal Point for Legal Aid
Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Section, Division for Treaty Affairs
United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC, Vienna, Austria)
Title of lecture: Enhancing Access to Legal Aid in Criminal Justice Systems
(Joint lecture with Ms. Sonya Rahaman)
 - Sonya Rahaman (Online)
Legal Consultant, the Access to Justice Team, Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Section, Division for Treaty Affairs, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC, Vienna, Austria)
Title of lecture: UNODC Technical Assistance on Access to Legal Aid for Suspects, Prisoners and Victims and Witnesses of Crime (Joint lecture with Ms. Anika Holterhof)
- Japanese Experts
 - KAMITANI Sakura
Lawyer
Sakura-Mirai Law Firm
Title of lecture: Support for Victims of Crime by a private practice lawyer in

Japan

- TOMITA Satoko
Head, International Affairs Office (Lawyer)
Japan Legal Support Center
Title of lecture: Legal Aid in the Criminal Justice System in Japan

- MUTOU Issei
Deputy Director, Crime Victim Support Office
National Police Agency
Title of lecture: Crime Victim Support Provided by the Police

- HASEGAWA Kaoru
Head of the Crime Victim Support Office (Public Prosecutor)
Tokyo District Public Prosecutors Office
Title of lecture: Efforts of the Crime Victim Support Office of the Tokyo District Public Prosecutors Office

(2) Individual Presentations

All participants made presentations on the systems, practices, and challenges related to legal aid in their respective countries. In response to each presentation, many questions were asked by participants and a lively Q&A session took place. Participants showed a strong interest in the systems, practices, and challenges of other countries.

(3) Group Workshops

Participants were divided into four groups, and discussions were held in each group on how to promote legal aid for offenders and/or victims. Each group decided whether it would discuss both forms of legal aid or just one. One group discussed legal aid for offenders, two groups discussed legal aid for victims and another group discussed both. In the discussions, the participants shared the systems and practices of their respective countries, identified challenges facing the promotion of legal aid based on the knowledge gained through the individual presentations and lectures, and discussed specific solutions to resolve those challenges. The participants were very serious and enthusiastic, so very active and constructive discussions were held. The good relationships that had been established before the discussions also contributed to them. Each group made presentations on the results of the discussion. In response to each presentation, participants in other groups asked many questions and a lively Q&A session was held.

(4) Feedback from the Participants

Most participants made positive comments. They said that the individual presentations, lectures and group workshops were very helpful. In addition, some participants said that they were surprised at the discipline of the Japanese people, based on what they had seen and heard inside and outside the seminar.

(5) Comments from the Programming Officer

Legal aid for offenders has long been one of the themes of great concern in many countries. On the other hand, legal aid for victims is a new area compared to legal aid for offenders. Therefore, when I prepared this seminar, I felt a little anxious about whether the participants would be interested in legal aid for victims. However, legal aid for victims was also of very high interest to participants, and active Q&A and discussions were

conducted in terms of both forms of legal aid. I learned a lot from the participants, including the systems, practices and challenges related to legal aid in the participating countries. In addition, I was deeply impressed by the seriousness and enthusiasm of the participants. I hope that the knowledge gained in this seminar will contribute to the development of the systems and practices in their respective countries. UNAFEI's in-person training courses were suspended due to the Covid-19 pandemic. However, this seminar was held in person, following the 24th UNCAC Training Programme that was held in November last year. I felt that face-to-face communication made it easier to actively exchange opinions and to build a good personal network among participants, and increased the quality of the seminar. I strongly hope that the personal network that was established during this seminar will continue for a long time to come.

B. The 181st International Training Course

1. Theme, Duration and Participants

- “Countermeasures against Transnational Organized Crime – The 20th Anniversary of UNTOC –”
- From 12 May to 8 June 2023
- 25 overseas participants from 19 jurisdictions
- 3 participants from Japan

2. Programme Overview

This programme mainly focused on the challenges that criminal justice practitioners face in Countermeasures against Transnational Organized Crime. In particular, the programme considered the following topics: (1) Effective legal frameworks and measures in investigation, prosecution and trial in various transnational organized crime cases such as organized violent crime cases, organized drug smuggling cases, organized financial crime cases and organized human trafficking/migrant smuggling cases; (2) Effective legal frameworks and measures on matters which often arise in various transnational organized crime categories and require special consideration, such as tracing and confiscation of proceeds of crime, asset recovery, witness and whistle-blower protection and mutual legal assistance, etc.; (3) Good practices, challenges and solutions in specific cases of transnational organized crime in each jurisdiction with regard to issues under paragraphs (1) and (2). Also, this programme, through lectures on best practices and the participants' discussions, aimed to enhance the participants' knowledge of measures to improve anti-transnational-organized-crime efforts in their respective jurisdictions and to establish a global network for the exchange of updated information on the practices of the respective jurisdictions.

3. The Content of the Programme

(1) Lectures

The following visiting experts from overseas and Japanese experts, as well as UNAFEI faculty members, gave lectures as follows:

- Visiting Experts
 - Rosario Salvatore Aitala
Judge, International Criminal Court
Lecture on investigation in transnational organized crime cases and the role of the International Criminal Court

- David Jaffe
Chief, Organized Crime and Gang Section
U.S. Department of Justice, Criminal Division
“Challenges in Complex Transnational Investigations and Prosecutions”

- Daniela Buruiană
Chair of the Eurojust Anti-Trafficking Team and National Member for Romania
European Union Agency for Criminal Justice Cooperation
“Eurojust’s Work against Trafficking in Human Beings: Current Landscape, Challenges, Available Tools”

- Japanese Experts
 - HARADA Ryotaro
Superintendent, Organized Crime Department, Criminal Affairs Bureau,
National Police Agency
Lecture on investigation in transnational phone scam cases

 - HORII Takashi
Superintendent, Organized Crime Department, Criminal Affairs Bureau,
National Police Agency
“Current situation of *Boryokudans* in Japan”

 - OKADA Tetsuaki
Public Prosecutor, Criminal Affairs Department,
Tokyo District Public Prosecutors Office
“Problems with Investigations and Trials in Transnational Economic Crimes”

(2) Individual Presentations

Participants shared the practices and the challenges in their respective jurisdictions regarding the theme of the programme through their individual presentations. Materials of all presentations were uploaded online for later reference by participants.

(3) Group Workshops

The participants were divided into three groups and exchanged their views and knowledge through discussions on the following topics: (1) Effective legal frameworks and measures in investigation, prosecution and trial in various transnational organized crime cases such as organized violent crime cases, organized drug smuggling cases, organized financial crime cases and organized human trafficking/migrant smuggling cases; (2) Effective legal frameworks and measures on matters which often arise in various transnational organized crime categories and require special consideration, such as tracing and confiscation of proceeds of crime, asset recovery, witness and whistleblower protection and mutual legal assistance, etc.; (3) Good practices, challenges and solutions in specific cases of transnational organized crime in each jurisdiction with regard to issues under paragraphs (1) and (2).

In each group, the participants mainly discussed effective measures to identify perpetrators in investigating transnational organized crime cases involving ICTs

including network services with high anonymity, enhanced use of special techniques, forfeiture of proceeds of crimes and domestic/international cooperation among authorities etc. Participants recommended the following practices: legal frameworks and practices which enable disclosure of various information from various network service providers, effective use of non-conviction-based confiscation and enhancing protection of witness/whistle-blowers.

Each group concluded the programme by presenting their recommendations based on the challenges they identified and what they learned in the lectures, presentations by the fellow participants and discussions.

4. Feedback from the Participants

Most participants commented that the lectures, individual presentations and group workshops helped them gain knowledge. On the other hand, some commented that it would have been better if more specific information and best practices had been exchanged and intensive discussion on mock cases had been included in the Programme. We appreciate all the feedback from the participants and will take them into consideration in planning our future training programmes.

5. Comments from the Programming Officer

Transnational organized crime is an issue that all countries face, and identifying countermeasures thereto is an urgent issue throughout the world. I felt the enthusiasm of the participants in the programme by their active participation. The participants were highly interested in the lectures, presentations and group workshops, which led to active discussions. We hope that the knowledge gained from this course will help the development and enhancement of each participant's jurisdiction.

This programme was held in person at UNAFEI's facilities for the first time since its in-person training courses were suspended due to the Covid-19 pandemic. In-person communication among both overseas and Japanese participants throughout the programme made it easier for them to understand the content of the programme as well as to establish personal connections. We hope that this personal network will contribute to preventing transnational organized crime in the future.

C. The 182nd International Training Course

1. Theme, Duration and Participants

- “Effective Support for Reintegration of Released Inmates – Toward Seamless Support for Employment, Housing and Medical Care”
- From 8 September to 3 October 2023
- 17 overseas participants from 15 jurisdictions
- 7 participants from Japan

2. Programme Overview

This training course focused on effective social reintegration support for offenders, including those released from prison, especially efforts to achieve seamless support for employment, housing, and medical care. In this course, the participants shared and deepened their understanding of the legal systems and operational conditions in each participating country, and intensively discussed good practices, challenges, and solutions at all stages of criminal justice in each country.

The participants stayed for about a month at UNAFEI, where they spent their time together and learned from each other about efforts to support offender reintegration into society in their respective countries. The participants were able to build a network of international cooperation that will last a lifetime.

3. Contents of the Programme

(1) Lecturers

The following visiting experts from overseas and Japanese experts, as well as UNAFEI faculty members, gave lectures as follows:

- Visiting Experts
 - Ou Sabun
Executive Director, Prison Fellowship Cambodia
“Support for Reintegration of Prisoners in Cambodia through Public-Private Partnership”

 - Heidi Maria Lind
Project manager, Development and Quality Unit, Development and Guidance Department, Prison and Probation Service of Finland
“Criminal Justice System and Reintegration Assistance in Finland”

- Japanese Experts
 - NAKAI Masatsugu Chairman,
Chibo Corporation
“The Activities of Cooperative Employers Employing Offenders”

 - TAKASAKA Asato
President, NPO Re-Delinquency Prevention Support Centre Aichi
“The Private Activities to Support Prisoners Released from Prison”

(2) Individual Presentations

Participants shared the practices and the challenges in their respective jurisdictions regarding the theme of the programme through their individual presentations. Materials of all presentations were uploaded online for later reference by participants.

(3) Group Workshops

The participants were divided into three groups by job category and exchanged their views and knowledge through discussions on the following topics: In group 1, mainly judges and prosecutors, “Best Practices for Imposition of Penalties and Case Dispositions with Due Regard to Rehabilitative Perspectives”; In group 2, which consisted mainly of correctional officers in the facility, “Effective Measures to Ensure Inmates’ Smooth Transition from Correctional Facilities to the Community, Focusing on Employment, Housing and Health Care”; In group 3, which consisted mainly of officers in charge of community corrections, “Promotion of community-based treatment and multi-stakeholder partnerships in the social reintegration of offenders”.

Each group concluded the programme by presenting their recommendations based on the challenges they identified and what they learned in the lectures, presentations by the fellow participants and discussions.

4. Comments from the Programming Officer

In this training, practitioners from diverse professions working at various stages of criminal justice in countries around the world learned and discussed together. Treatment and reintegration of offenders, the main theme of this training, are essential to prevent recidivism and protect the safety of society, but the reality is that the necessity and importance of these efforts are not fully understood in all countries. Practitioners involved in offender treatment often face the lack of public support, misunderstanding, prejudice and criticism, and they struggle with limited budgets and personnel. They are always looking for ways to provide the best possible treatment and support and to make the government and the public understand the importance of multi-stakeholder partnership in offender reintegration.

The participants were keenly aware of the common challenges they face, even though they are from different countries. It was also an opportunity to re-evaluate the excellent policies and systems in their own countries and share them as suggestions for other countries. I believe that all participants were able to gain a common understanding during this training that, in the great proposition of rehabilitation and reintegration of offenders, multi-agency collaboration that does not stop at the framework of ministries and agencies, and cooperation from the private sector, are indispensable.

The training was a valuable opportunity for participants to share a sense of empathy and solidarity, to increase pride in their work and to share their hopes for the future. I sincerely hope that the knowledge and experience gained from this training will help the participants to improve and enhance the systems in their respective countries, and that the friendships and cooperative relationships they built during this training will last for a long time.

III. SPECIAL TRAINING COURSES, TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

A. RTI-SPP Exchange Programme (Japan Session)

From 15 to 17 February, UNAFEI held the 22nd Exchange Programme between the Japanese Prosecution Service and the Supreme People's Procuracy of Viet Nam. The theme of the programme was "Judicial Reform in the Supreme People's Procuracy of S.R. Viet Nam".

B. The Study Tour for Officials in Kenya

From 9 to 14 February, UNAFEI invited 9 government officials from Kenya to UNAFEI for a study tour on the community-based rehabilitation of children in conflict with the law.

C. The Joint Study with the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste on Treatment of Offenders and Prison Reform

From 1 to 6 March, UNAFEI invited 6 government officials from the Ministry of Justice and penal institutions of Timor-Leste for a joint study. The main theme of the joint study was to strengthen the functions of correctional facilities in Timor-Leste by learning about the correctional facilities and the treatment of offenders in Japan.

D. The Francophone African Criminal Justice Seminar

From 28 February to 10 March, the Francophone African Criminal Justice Seminar was held at JICA Tokyo on the theme of “Challenges in Investigation and Trials of Drug Crimes and Measures to Tackle these Challenges”. Twenty-six criminal justice practitioners from seven Francophone African countries (Burkina Faso, Chad, Cote d’Ivoire, Mali, Mauritania, Niger and Senegal) participated.

E. The Second International Training Course on Building Inclusive Societies

From 8 to 20 March, UNAFEI held a training course on the theme of “Rehabilitation and Social Reintegration of Offenders with Substance Use Disorders”. 15 participants from 10 jurisdictions attended.

F. The Japan Session of the TIJ Executive Programme on the Implementation of International Standards and Norms in Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

On 7 and 8 June 2023, UNAFEI conducted the Japan session of the “TIJ Executive Programme on the Implementation of International Standards and Norms in Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice”, organized by the Thailand Institute of Justice (TIJ). This programme is designed to deepen understanding of international standards and norms in crime prevention and criminal justice for executive practitioners from various fields, such as government officials, businesspeople and researchers.

G. The Malaysia and the Philippines Joint Study Tour to Japan on Community Corrections

From 8 to 17 June 2023, in collaboration with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) Regional Office for Southeast Asia and the Pacific (ROSEAP), UNAFEI conducted the “Malaysia and the Philippines Joint Study Tour to Japan on Community Corrections.” A total of 14 participants (7 from Malaysia and 7 from the Philippines) attended the programme.

H. Symposium on a Comparative Approach to a Culture of Lawfulness

On July 6, UNAFEI held a special event, a symposium on “A Comparative Approach to a Culture of Lawfulness (CoL)”. UNAFEI Director Taro Morinaga gave an introductory speech and Professor Hiroshi Matsuo of Keio University's Graduate School of Law delivered a keynote speech, followed by presentations by ten panellists in two panels. The panellists were practitioners in the field of criminal justice from ASEAN countries, Timor-Leste and Japan.

I. On-site Workshop for Correctional Officials in Timor-Leste

On July 19 and 20, 2023, UNAFEI co-hosted a local workshop with the UNODC ROSEAP for about 20 correction officials in Timor-Leste.

J. The 10th Comparative Study on Criminal Justice Systems of Japan and Nepal

From 20 to 26 July 2023, UNAFEI conducted the 10th Comparative Study on Criminal Justice Systems of Japan and Nepal (hereinafter “the programme”). 12 participants (from the Office of the Attorney General, the Supreme Court of Nepal, the Police and the National Judicial Academy) attended the programme to study challenges and develop solutions for the implementation of the new Criminal Procedure Code in Nepal.

K. On-site Workshop in Cambodia for Officers of the Ministry of Justice and the

Ministry of Interior of Cambodia

From 16 to 18 August 2023, UNAFEI visited Cambodia and co-organized a workshop with the UNODC ROSEAP for more than 60 officers of the Ministry of Justice (MOJ) and the Ministry of Interior (MOI) of Cambodia. In the workshop, representatives from Cambodia made presentations on the current situation, challenges and future perspectives on parole implementation in Cambodia, followed by discussion with all participants.

L. Study Tour in Thailand for Officers of the Ministry of Justice and the Ministry of Interior of Cambodia

From 9 to 11 October 2023, UNAFEI co-organized the study tour to Thailand with the Thailand Institute of Justice (TIJ), inviting MOJ and MOI officers of Cambodia to learn how to promote offender rehabilitation and social reintegration through community-based and prison-based treatment

M. The 25th UNAFEI UNCAC Training Programme

From 2 to 28 November, 30 criminal justice practitioners from 25 jurisdictions discussed the theme of “Effective Corruption Investigation Utilizing International Cooperation”.

N. The Seventeenth Regional Seminar on Good Governance for Southeast Asian Countries

The 17th Good Governance Seminar was held in person at UNAFEI from 13 to 15 December. The Seminar addressed the theme of “Protecting Judges, Prosecutors and Law Enforcement Officials from Undue Interference Including Bribery”.

IV. INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTATION SERVICES

The Institute continues to collect data and other resource materials on crime trends, crime prevention strategies and the treatment of offenders from Asia, the Pacific, Africa, Europe and the Americas, and makes use of this information in its training courses and seminars. The Information and Library Service of the Institute has been providing, upon request, materials and information to United Nations agencies, governmental organizations, research institutes and researchers, both domestic and foreign.

V. PUBLICATIONS

A. Annual Publications

Reports on training courses and seminars are published regularly by the Institute. Since 1971, the Institute has issued the Resource Material Series, which contains contributions by the faculty members, visiting experts and participants of UNAFEI courses and seminars. In 2022, the 113th and 114th editions of the Resource Material Series were published. Additionally, issues 163 through 166 of the UNAFEI Newsletter were published, which included brief reports on UNAFEI’s training courses and seminars and other timely information. These publications are also available on UNAFEI’s website at <http://www.unafei.or.jp/english>.

B. Research Studies by UNAFEI Professors

UNAFEI’s main work is to conduct international training courses and seminars for personnel in crime prevention and criminal justice administration in developing countries

around the world, as well as regional and bilateral support and research on crime prevention and treatment of offenders. Through long-term international training and regional and bilateral support, UNAFEI has accumulated knowledge on criminal justice in various countries, mainly in the participating countries. Based on this knowledge, we publish practice-oriented papers and research in our journal *Prevention of Crime and Treatment of Offenders*, known as UNAFEI's Resource Material Series, and other publications, to introduce the criminal justice system in Japan and other countries.

VI. OTHER ACTIVITIES

A. Public Lecture Programme

On 27 January 2023, the 41st Public Lecture on Criminal Justice Policy was conducted in a hybrid format. Approximately 375 participants from many countries and regions attended. The Programme was jointly sponsored by the Asia Crime Prevention Foundation (ACPF), the Japan Criminal Policy Society (JCPS) and UNAFEI. Public Lecture Programmes increase the public's awareness of criminal justice issues, through comparative international study, by inviting distinguished speakers from abroad. In 2023, H.E. Judge Antoine Kesia-Mbe Mindua, Second Vice-President of the International Criminal Court and Mr. Clement Okech, Deputy Director of Probation and Aftercare Services, State Department for Correctional Services, Ministry of Interior and Co-ordination of National Government, Republic of Kenya, were invited as speakers. They presented on the "Role of the International Criminal Court in Providing Accountability for the Gravest Crimes under International Law, especially Crimes against Children" and "The Development of the Juvenile Justice System in Kenya and the Management of Children Involved in Violent Crimes", respectively.

B. Assisting UNAFEI Alumni Activities

Various UNAFEI alumni associations in several countries have commenced, or are about to commence, research activities in their respective criminal justice fields. It is, therefore, one of the important tasks of UNAFEI to support these contributions to improve the crime situation internationally.

C. Overseas Missions and International Conferences

The major conferences and events that UNAFEI attended were as follows:

March

- Southeast Asia Regional Workshop on Justice for Children in a Counter-Terrorism Context (Deputy Director Irie)

May

- the thirty-second session of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (Director Morinaga, Deputy Director Irie, Professor Takai)

September

- Open-ended Intergovernmental Expert Group Meeting on the development of model strategies on reducing reoffending (Director Morinaga, Deputy Director Irie, Professor Yamana, Professor Kida, Professor Akashi)
- The 1st Intersessional Meeting of the 32nd Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal

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Justice (Director Morinaga, Deputy Director Irie, Professor Okuda, Professor Yamana, Professor Akashi, Professor Kida)

October

- IJJ Juvenile Justice Initiative: Child-Sensitive Approaches for Southeast Asian Practitioners in a Counter-Terrorism Context (Deputy Director Irie)
- ICPA (International Corrections and Prisons Association) annual Conference (Professor Tanaka)

November

- 2023 Autumn Coordination Meeting of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme Network (Director Morinaga, Professor Akashi)
- The 41st Asian and Pacific Conference of Correctional Administrators (APCCA) (Professor Miyagawa)
- The High-Level Regional Seminar of the International Criminal Court (Director Morinaga)

December

- The 22nd Session of the Assembly of States Parties to the Rome Statute: Side Event on Fostering Complementarity through Capacity-building and Cooperation (Deputy Director Irie, Professor Yamana)
- The 29th Plenary of the Cybercrime Convention Committee (Professor Okuda)
- The 10th Session of the Conference of the States Parties to the United Nations Convention against Corruption (Deputy Director Irie, Professor Okuda, Professor Yamana)

D. Assisting ACPF Activities

UNAFEI cooperates and collaborates with the ACPF to improve crime prevention and criminal justice administration in the region. Since UNAFEI and the ACPF have many similar goals, and a large part of the ACPF's membership consists of UNAFEI alumni, the relationship between the two is very strong.

VII. HUMAN RESOURCES

A. Staff

In 1970, the Government of Japan assumed full financial and administrative responsibility for running the Institute. The Director, Deputy Director and approximately nine professors are selected from among public prosecutors, the judiciary, corrections, probation and the police. UNAFEI also has approximately 15 administrative staff members, who are appointed from among officials of the Government of Japan, and a linguistic adviser. Moreover, the Ministry of Justice invites visiting experts from abroad to each training course and seminar. The Institute has also received valuable assistance from various experts, volunteers and related agencies in conducting its training programmes.

B. Faculty and Staff Changes

TANAKA Naoki, formerly an officer of the National Police Agency, was appointed a professor of UNAFEI in April 2023.

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FURUKAWA Yuho, formerly a probation officer of the Nagoya Probation Office, was appointed a professor of UNAFEI in April 2023.

OTSUKA Takeaki, formerly a professor of UNAFEI, was transferred to the Rehabilitation Bureau in April 2023.

TANAKA Mii, formerly a professor of UNAFEI, was transferred to the Kanto Regional Parole Board in April 2023.

YOSHIHARA Daiki, formerly a senior officer of the Training and Hostel Management Affairs Section of UNAFEI, was transferred to the Tokyo Juvenile Classification Home in April 2023.

TADA Ryosei, formerly the Chief of the Secretariat, was transferred to the Tachikawa District Public Prosecutors Office in April 2023.

YAMAMOTO Shinichi, formerly the Chief of the Training and Hostel Management Affairs Section of UNAFEI, was appointed as the Chief of the Secretariat in April 2023.

UEKI Katsuhiko, formerly an officer of the Criminal Affairs Bureau, was appointed a Chief of Training and Hostel Management Affairs Section in April 2023.

TAKAI Ayaka, formerly a professor of UNAFEI, was transferred to the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) in August 2023.

KANDA Kotaro, formerly a senior officer of the General Affairs Section of UNAFEI, was appointed a senior officer of the Training and Hostel Management Affairs Section of UNAFEI in August 2023.

MORINAGA Taro, formerly the Director of UNAFEI, retired in December 2023. He was the 24th Director of UNAFEI.

YAMAUCHI Yoshimitsu, formerly the chief Prosecutor of the Asahikawa District Prosecutors Office, was appointed as the Director of UNAFEI in December 2023. He is the 25th Director of UNAFEI.

SUZUKI Kaori, formerly an officer of the Takamatsu High Public Prosecutors Office, was appointed an officer of the Training and Hostel Management Affairs Section of UNAFEI in December 2023.

VIII. FINANCES

The Ministry of Justice primarily provides the Institute's budget. UNAFEI's total budget for its programmes is approximately ¥110 million per year. Additionally, JICA and the ACPF provide assistance for the Institute's international training courses and seminars.

WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2024

Multinational Training Courses & Seminars

1. The 183rd International Senior Seminar

The 183rd International Senior Seminar was held from 11 January to 6 February 2024. The main theme of the Seminar was "Management of Correctional Institutions in the 21st Century". Fourteen government officials from 13 countries across Southeast Asia and other parts of the world, as well as visiting experts and lecturers, attended the seminar.

2. The Third International Training Course on Building Inclusive Societies

The Third International Training Course on Building Inclusive Societies was held from 5 to 14 March 2024. The main theme of the Course was "Effective Measures for Preventing and Responding to Domestic Violence". Seven overseas participants from seven countries attended the course.

3. The 184th International Training Course

The 184th International Training Course was held from 9 to 29 May 2024. The main theme of the Course was "Countermeasures against Trafficking in Persons, with a Focus on Trafficking in Persons for Sexual Exploitation". Nineteen overseas participants and five Japanese participants attended the course.

4. The 185th International Training Course

The 185th International Training Course was held from 11 September to 9 October. The main theme of the Course was "Preventing Inmate Abuse and Corruption in Correctional Facilities: Fostering a Rehabilitative Prison Environment". Fourteen overseas participants and five Japanese participants attended.

5. The 26th UNAFEI UNCAC Training Programme

UNAFEI's annual general anti-corruption programme, the UNAFEI UNCAC Training Programme, took place from 23 October to 19 November 2024. The theme of the Programme was "Strengthening Prevention, Detection and Prosecution of Corruption, and Public-Private Partnership". Twenty-five overseas participants and four Japanese participants attended.

6. The First ASEAN-Japan Criminal Justice Seminar

From 11 to 19 December 2024, UNAFEI held the First ASEAN-Japan Criminal Justice Seminar in Tokyo, Japan, as a follow-up to the Criminal Justice Forum for Asia and the Pacific (Crim-AP). During the seminar, participants from nine ASEAN countries and Timor-Leste discussed the issues of offender treatment and rehabilitation and mutual legal assistance in two respective working groups.

Distribution of Participants by Professional Backgrounds and Countries

(1st International Training Course - 182nd International Training Course, U.N. Human Rights Courses and 1 Special Course)

As of 31 December 2023

Country/Area	Professional Background Judicial and Other Administration	Judge	Public Prosecutors	Police Officials	Correctional Officials (Adult)	Correctional Officials (Juvenile)	Probation Parole Officers	Family Court Investigation Officers	Child Welfare Officers	Social Welfare Officers	Training & Research Officers	Others	Total
1 Afghanistan	11	9	6	5		1							32
2 Bangladesh	24	17		23	5	1	4			6		2	82
3 Bhutan				23									23
4 Brunei	4	1			2		1						8
5 Cambodia	5	3	2	7	1								18
6 China	13	5	5	10							8		41
7 Georgia				1									1
8 Hong Kong	22			12	32	3	9		1	3	1		83
9 India	15	10		55	7	1	1			2	6	4	101
10 Indonesia	24	26	33	37	15		5			6		4	150
11 Iran	5	12	8	8	6						2	1	42
12 Iraq	6	3	3	8	5	5					2		32
13 Jordan	2	1	3	7	2								15
14 Korea	13	3	53	6	37	4					3		119
15 Kyrgyzstan	1			2									3
16 Laos	17	9	10	11									47
17 Malaysia	26	2	9	52	37	8	4		1	6	3	1	149
18 Maldives	6	4	11	11	4		2						38
19 Mongolia	4		1	3	1						2	1	12
20 Myanmar	12	1	1	12	4								30
21 Nepal	42	18	19	34								4	117
22 Oman			1	4									5
23 Pakistan	22	13	3	49	8	1	2				2	3	103
24 Palestine	2		4	1			1			1			9
25 Philippines	25	9	29	44	11	3	17	3	1	7	5	8	162
26 Saudi Arabia	5			7	3						1	1	17
27 Singapore	12	18	5	12	11	3	10			3	1	1	76
28 Sri Lanka	26	31	29	27	21	1	11		1	3		1	151
29 Taiwan	12	4	2	2	1								21
30 Tajikistan	2	3											5
31 Timor-Leste					5							1	6
32 Thailand	29	51	46	20	22	10	22	1		8	9	1	219
33 Turkey	2	1	1	2							1	1	8
34 United Arab Emirates	1												1
35 Uzbekistan		4	4	1							1	2	12
36 Viet nam	18	5	6	9	3					4	6		51
37 Yemen	2			2									4
A S I A	410	263	294	507	243	41	89	4	4	49	53	36	1,993
1 Algeria		4	2										6
2 Botswana	2		1	5	2					1			11
3 Cameroon	4		1										5
4 Cote d'Ivoire		13	7	2									22
5 Democratic Republic of the Congo	2	4	5	2									13
6 Djibouti					1								1
7 Egypt	1	5	7	3							3	1	20
8 Ethiopia	3		2	2									7
9 Gabonese Republic	2												2
10 Gambia				2									2
11 Ghana	1		1	5	1								8
12 Guinea	2		1	4									7
13 Kenya	13	6	5	15	11	2	22		1		2		77
14 Lesotho				1			2						3
15 Liberia											1		1
16 Libya											1		1
17 Madagascar				1									1
18 Malawi	1	3	3										7
19 Mali	1	1	2										4
20 Mauritius		1										1	2
21 Muritania		1		1	4								6
22 Morocco	2	1	1	4							1	1	10
23 Mozambique	1			1	1								3
24 Namibia	3		1	1	4								9
25 Niger			1										1
26 Nigeria	2		1	8	8						1	1	21
27 Somalia	1	1											2
28 South Africa				4	3					1	1		9
29 South Sudan												1	1
30 Seychelles				4			1						5

31	Sudan	2		1	13	1		1			2		20	
32	Swaziland				2								2	
33	Tanzania	4	3	7	9	2							25	
34	Tunisia		1		1								2	
35	Uganda			1	5						2		8	
36	Zambia	3	1	2	7	2							15	
37	Zimbabwe	3		3	8								14	
	AFRICA	53	45	55	110	40	2	26	0	1	2	12	7	353
1	Australia			1				1			1			3
2	Cook Islands	1						4						5
3	Fiji	7	1	9	22	17					1			57
4	Kiribati	1												1
5	Marshall Island	1			4									5
6	Micronesia				1			1						2
7	Nauru				1	1								2
8	New Zealand	1			1									2
9	Palau				2	1								3
10	Papua New Guinea	17	1	6	27	12		9			1		4	77
11	Samoa	7			2	1		4					1	15
12	Solomon Islands	3		2	2	3								10
13	Tonga	2	1		7	4		4				1		19
14	Vanuatu			1	4	2		1						8
	THE PACIFIC	40	3	19	73	41	0	24	0	0	3	1	5	209
1	Antigua and Barbuda				1			1						2
2	Argentina	2	2		2								1	7
3	Barbados				2			1						3
4	Belize	4			4	1							1	10
5	Bolivia		1										1	2
6	Brazil	4	1	24	33	4				1	1			68
7	Chile	1		1	4	2								8
8	Colombia	3	1	2	6					1			1	14
9	Costa Rica	3	5	5								1	2	16
10	Dominican Republic	1	1		2									4
11	Ecuador			1	4		1							6
12	El Salvador	2	1	1	5	1						1	1	12
13	Grenada				1									1
14	Guatemala	2		1	1	1							2	7
15	Guyana				4	1								5
16	Haiti				1									1
17	Honduras			2	8								1	11
18	Jamaica	3			2	5	1							11
19	Mexico	2			2								1	5
20	Nicaragua		1											1
21	Panama	2	1	13	5								2	23
22	Paraguay	1		1	9		1							12
23	Peru	4	10	4	5	1						1	2	27
24	Saint Christopher and Nevis			1	1									2
25	Saint Lucia	1			1	1								3
26	Saint Vincent				2									2
27	Trinidad and Tobago	1				1								2
28	U.S.A.								1					1
29	Uruguay				3									3
30	Venezuela	1		1	12							1		15
	NORTH & SOUTH AMERICA	37	24	57	120	18	3	2	1	2	1	4	15	284
1	Albania	1			2									3
2	Armenia	1												1
3	Azerbaijan	3												3
4	Bosnia and Herzegovina	1										1		2
5	Bulgaria				1									1
6	Estonia			1										1
7	Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	2												2
8	Hungary	1												1
9	Lithuania				1									1
10	North Macedonia			1										1
11	Moldova				1									1
12	Poland				1									1
13	Ukraine	1	2	5								1	1	10
	EUROPE	10	2	7	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	28
	United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime												1	1
	JAPAN	120	216	340	113	111	102	238	72	38	2	48	95	1,495
	TOTAL	670	553	772	929	453	148	379	77	45	57	119	161	4,363

Note: This chart covers UNAFEI's International Training Courses, International Senior Seminars, U.N.Human Rights Courses and 1 Special Course completed by 31 December 2023; participants of other categories of training courses are not reported.

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