

UNAFEI WORK PROGRAMME FOR 1999

I. TRAINING

A. The 111th International Seminar

The 111th International Seminar, "The Role of Police, Prosecution and the Judiciary in the Changing Society," will be held from 18 January to 19 February 1999. Such factors as industrialization, technological advancements and socio-economic change will be explored in terms of their effect upon crime, the criminal justice system and society as a whole. Particular attention will be given to the suitability of present-day criminal justice measures.

B. The 112th International Training Course

The 112th International Training Course, "Participation of the Public and Victims for More Fair and Effective Criminal Justice Administration", is scheduled to be held from 12 April to 4 July 1999. Participants are expected to explore measures to enhance participation of public and victims in all aspects of criminal justice administration from crime prevention, to community-based treatment of offenders, to develop a more fair and effective criminal justice administration.

C. The 113th International Training Course

The 113th International Training Course entitled "The Administration of Criminal Justice for the Prevention of Corrupt Activities by Public Officials," is scheduled to be held from 30 August to 19 November 1999. The prevalence of corruption in many countries and severe difficulties encountered by criminal justice officials in tackling and effectively deterring such crime prompted the selection of this theme. Thus, the 113th Course will examine the current situation regarding corruption in each of the participating countries, and analyze the causes and dynamics of corruption in order to seek concrete and practical countermeasures.

II. SPECIAL SEMINAR FOR SENIOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE OFFICIALS OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

The 4th Special Seminar for Senior Officials of Criminal Justice in People's Republic of China, "Rational Structure of Criminal Justice and Relationship between the Different Agencies of Criminal Justice," will be held from 1 to 19 March 1999. Ten senior criminal justice officials and UNAFEI faculty will comparatively discuss contemporary problems faced by China and Japan in the realization of criminal justice.

III. TECHNICAL COOPERATION

A. Thailand-UNAFEI Joint Seminar

In December 1999, the Thailand-UNAFEI Joint Seminar is scheduled to be held in Bangkok. The Office of the Attorney General of the Kingdom of Thailand and UNAFEI will organize the Seminar.

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B. Regional Training Programmes

1. Seventh Regional Training Course on Effective Countermeasures against Drug Offences and the Advancement of Criminal Justice Administration

In January 1999, two UNAFEI Professors will travel to Thailand to assist the Royal Thai Government and the Office of the Narcotics Control Board (ONCB) in organizing the Seventh Regional Training Course on Effective Countermeasures against Drug Offences and the Advancement of Criminal Justice Administration. Approximately 20 participants from various Asia-Pacific countries will attend the two-week course and will discuss drug-related issues identifying the actual problems in the participating countries. Discussion topics in the Course will include the improvement of investigative techniques, effective measures against money laundering, the implementation of the Vienna Convention, international cooperation, and the treatment of drug offenders.

2. Preparatory Survey for Costa Rica Regional Seminar

In February 1999, the Preparatory Survey for the Regional Seminar on “Effective Measures for the Improvement of Prison Conditions and Correctional Programmes” will be held in San Jose, Costa Rica. The Government of Costa Rica through the United Nations Latin American Institute for the Prevention of Crime and Treatment of Offenders will organize and host this seminar, should the results of the Preparatory Survey be positive, with the support of JICA and UNAFEI. This seminar will be held annually for five years and will target correctional officers in Latin America.

3. Kenya

From August to October 1999, two UNAFEI professors will be dispatched to Kenya to assist the Children’s Department of the Ministry of Home Affairs and National Heritage in a project to develop nationwide standards for the treatment of juvenile offenders.

IV. OTHER ACTIVITIES

A. Preparation for the workshop at the tenth United Nations congress

UNAFEI will continue to prepare for the Workshop on “Crimes Related to the Computer Network” at the Tenth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders in 2000, in response to a request made during the Twelfth Co-ordination Meeting of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme Network held in Courmayeur, Italy in 1997.