

UNAFEI WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2000

I. TRAINING

A. The 114th International Seminar

The 114th International Seminar, "International Cooperation to Combat Transnational Organized Crime - with Special Emphasis on Mutual Legal Assistance and Extradition", is scheduled to be held from January 10 to February 20, 2000. The extensive international discussion, culminating in the drafting of the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime, currently in process, prompted the selection of this theme. The 114th Seminar purports to explore the ways and means of strengthening and improving international cooperation in the fight against transnational organized crime, particularly through effective implementation of the mechanisms of mutual legal assistance and extradition. Sharing practical information and experience on how other countries tackle common issues will facilitate our efforts in the fight against transnational organized crime.

B. The 115th International Training Course

The 115th International Training Course, entitled "Current Issues in Correctional Treatment and their Effective Countermeasures", is scheduled to be held from 15 May to 7 July 2000. The shortened duration of this course is a result of UNAFEI's participation in the Tenth United Nations Congress for the Prevention of Crime and Treatment of Offenders in Vienna, Austria, from 10 April to 17 April 2000. The 115th International Training Course will examine current trends and issues in correctional treatment, including the improvement of prison conditions and the effective transfer of prisoners through the development of bilateral and multilateral treaties.

C. The 116th International Training Course

The 116th International Training Course, tentatively entitled "Effective Methods to Combat Transnational Organized Crime", is scheduled to be held from 28 August to 17 November 2000. The 116th International Training Course will examine current trends and issues in investigating transnational organized crime, particularly the expansion of investigative techniques in the areas of electronic surveillance, controlled delivery, undercover operations and tracing crimes.

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

The Fifth Special Seminar for Senior Officials of Criminal Justice in the People's Republic of China, "Participation of the Public and Victims in Criminal Justice Administration", is scheduled to be held at UNAFEI from 28 February to 17 March 2000. Ten senior criminal justice officials and UNAFEI faculty will discuss contemporary problems faced by China and Japan in relation to the above theme.

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III. TECHNICAL COOPERATION

A. Nepal-UNAFEI Joint Seminar

In December 2000, the Nepal-UNAFEI Joint Seminar is scheduled to be held in Katmandu, Nepal. The Ministry of Home Affairs of the Kingdom of Nepal and UNAFEI will organize the Seminar.

B. Regional Training Programmes

1. Thailand

In January 2000, 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 Eighth Regional Training Course on "Effective Countermeasures against Drug Offences and the Advancement of Criminal Justice Administration."

2. Costa Rica

In August 2000, two UNAFEI professors will represent the Institute at the 2nd International training Course on the Improvement of Prison Conditions and Correctional Programmes, San Jose, Costa Rica.

3. Kenya

From July to August 2000, 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. Additionally, in response to a request made by the Children's Department, UNAFEI is planning to hold a special seminar (under the auspices of JICA) on treatment systems for juvenile delinquents, to be attended by Kenyan officials working in this field.

IV. OTHER ACTIVITIES

A. Preparation for the Workshop at the Tenth United Nations Congress

UNAFEI, as coordinator, will continue to prepare for the Workshop on "Crime Related to the Computer Network" to be held at the Tenth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders in Vienna, April 2000. UNAFEI is acting as coordinator for the Workshop 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.