

The 14th United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (the “Congress”) to be held in Japan in 2020

1. Overview

- The largest international conference in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice (usually held around April)
- Held quinquennially since 1955 (The 4th Congress in 1970 was held in Kyoto, Japan)
- Participants: High-ranking government officials such as Ministers of Justice and Prosecutors General as the heads of country delegations; representatives of international organizations and relevant NGOs
- Each congress addresses issues related to crime prevention, criminal justice and international judicial cooperation, and a political declaration is adopted

2. The 13th (last) Congress

- Held from April 12-19, 2015 in Doha, Qatar
- Attended by the Head of the State of Qatar, the UN Secretary General, the Executive Director of the UNODC (UN Office on Drugs and Crime), etc. The total number of participants exceeded 4,000 from 149 countries. (The Japanese Delegation was represented by the Prosecutor General and consisted of personnel from the Ministry of Justice, the National Police Agency, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and other relevant ministries)
- Addressed the theme of “Integrating crime prevention and criminal justice into the wider United Nations Agenda”, and the Doha Declaration was adopted

3. Past Venues

1st Congress: Geneva, Switzerland (1955)

2nd Congress: London, United Kingdom (1960)

3rd Congress: Stockholm, Sweden (1965)

4th Congress: Kyoto, Japan (1970)

5th Congress: Geneva, Switzerland (1975)

6th Congress: Caracas, Venezuela (1980)

7th Congress: Milan, Italy (1985)

8th Congress: Havana, Cuba (1990)

9th Congress: Cairo, Egypt (1995)

10th Congress: Vienna, Austria (2000)

11th Congress: Bangkok, Thailand (2005)

12th Congress: Salvador, Brazil (2010)

13th Congress: Doha, Qatar (2015)

14th Congress: Kyoto, Japan (2020)