

■ The memorial symposium of the International Block in the new International Justice Center for UNAFEI and ICD was held on 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2017

The United Nations Asia and Far East Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (UNAFEI) and the International Cooperation Department (ICD) have both moved to the International Justice Center (IJC) located in Akishima City and have begun their operations in the International Block of the IJC since 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 2017.



[International Conference Hall A in International Block (the venue of the symposium)]



[Mr. HANASHI, State Minister of Justice]

Justice, and guests from the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), courts, relevant ministries, the Japan Federation of Bar Associations, academics and public interest incorporated foundations, such as the Asia Crime Prevention Foundation (ACPF) and the International Civil and Commercial Law Centre Foundation (ICCLC).

In order to commemorate this event, the Ministry of Justice (MOJ) held a memorial symposium on 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2017. More than one hundred guests and relevant officials attended, including officials of MOJ such as Mr. Yasuhiro HANASHI, State Minister of Justice, Mr. Takashi YAMASHITA, Parliamentary Vice-Minister of



[Mr. SAKUMA, the President of the Research and Training Institute]



[Mr. MAEDA, Senior Vice President of JICA]

gave a congratulatory address.

Presentations were then delivered by Mr. Kenji MIYAHARA, President of the ICCLC and Honorary Chairperson of Sumitomo Corporation, titled “Two Decades of ICCLC and the Future of Legal Technical Assistance”, and by Dr. Eduardo VETERE, the former Director of the Division for Treaty

Mr. Yasuhiro HANASHI and Mr. Tatsuya SAKUMA, the President of the Research and Training Institute of MOJ gave opening remarks to thank the guests for their attendance and introduce the history and activities of UNAFEI and ICD. Mr. Shigeru MAEDA, Senior Vice President of JICA, also



[Mr. MIYAHARA, President of ICCLC]

EDUARDO VETERE



[Dr. VETERE, former Director of UNODC]

Affairs of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and Vice President of the International Association of Anti-Corruption Authorities (IAACA), titled “The UN's Efforts in the Field of Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice: UNAFEI's Role in the Past, Present and Future”.

Video messages were also shown from Dr. Kittipong Kittayarak, Executive Director of the Thailand Institute of Justice (TIJ) and an alumni of UNAFEI, and Mr. Ha Hung Cuong, the former Minister of Justice of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, the country in which ICD initiated its legal technical assistance in 1994.



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All of those presentations and messages symbolized the cosmopolitan nature of UNAFEI and ICD and were fitting to commemorate the opening of the IJC.

The activities of UNAFEI and ICD contribute to peace and security all over the world through enhancing the rule of law in the field of both criminal law and civil/commercial law, which leads to sustainable development in the assisted countries.

UNAFEI and ICD will strengthen international cooperation through improved collaboration and coordination by making the most of the advantage of working together in the new IJC.