Organization of the Research and Training Institute

Ministry of Justice
- Internal Subdivisions of the Ministry
  - Minister’s Secretariat
  - Civil Affairs Bureau
  - Criminal Affairs Bureau, etc.
- Special Agencies
  - Public Prosecutors Office, etc.

Research and Training Institute
- General Affairs and Planning Department
- Research Department
- First Training Department
- Second Training Department
- Third Training Department
- United Nations Training Cooperation Department
- International Cooperation Department
- Branch offices
  - Sapporo, Sendai, Ushiku, Nagoya, Osaka, Hiroshima, Takamatsu, Fukuoka

Historical timeline
- Shiho-kenkyusho (Judicial Research Institute) July 1939
- Shiho-kenkyusho (Judicial Training Institute) May 1946
- Shiho-kenkyusho (Training Institute, former Ministry of Justice) May 1947
- Homucho-kenkyusho (Training Institute of the Attorney General’s Office) Feb. 1948
- Homufu-kenkyusho (Training Institute of the Attorney General’s Cabinet) June 1949
- Shiho-kenkyusho (Legal Training and Research Institute) attached to the Supreme Court
- May 1949
- Apr. 1950
- Apr. 1952
- Aug. 1952
- Apr. 1959
- Training Institute of the Ministry of Justice
- Research and Training Institute of the Ministry of Justice
- Prosecutor’s Research Institute

Research and Training Institute Facilities
- The Red-brick Building of the Central Government Office Complex No. 6-A
- Urayasu Center, Research and Training Institute of the Ministry of Justice

International Block, International Justice Center, Ministry of Justice
- United Nations Training Cooperation Department
- International Cooperation Department

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The Research and Training Institute of the Ministry of Justice performs a wide range of duties including:

1. Research relating to criminal justice policy and other Ministry of Justice affairs;
2. Various training for Ministry of Justice officials; and
3. International cooperation with other countries, primarily in Asia in the criminal and civil sectors.

Research Department
- Conducts comprehensive surveys and research on criminal justice policy.
- Publishes Research Department reports on the results of individual research projects.
- Used for planning and implementing criminal justice policies and as fundamental materials for research by academics.

First, Second, and Third Training Departments
- Conducts various training for Ministry of Justice officials (excluding Correction Bureau officials and others).
- Fosters the development of Ministry of Justice officials in order for them to appropriately perform their duties which have become increasingly diverse and complex in recent years.
- Conducts research on legal practitioners.

United Nations Training Cooperation Department
- UNAFEI holds international training courses and seminars for criminal justice practitioners in various countries and conducts surveys and research on the crime prevention and the treatment of offenders.

Research
- Contributes to the establishment of the rule of law and good governance in developing and other countries.

Capacity Building in the Field of Criminal Justice
- Promotion of United Nations Standards and Norms
- Legal Technical Assistance

International Cooperation
- Supports the developing countries primarily in Asia in the field of the development of laws and regulations, particularly the civil and commercial laws, which serve as the basis for the stable society, as well as the development of the systems to apply those laws into good use and capacity building of legal professionals.
- Supports stabilization and economic growth in recipient countries through legal technical assistance, which leads to the prosperity of their surrounding regions and further contributes to the peace and security of the whole international community.
Research — Creating policies for the prevention of recidivism based on accurate understanding of crime conditions and empirical research

The Research and Training Institute conducts research useful for the Ministry of Justice to draft measures for prevention and control of crime and implement policies concerning such as corrections and rehabilitation. The results are summarized for public release.

**Research Process**

- **Selection of Topics**
  - Various statistical analysis
  - Field studies
  - Literature research
  - Collection of overseas information, etc.
  - Workshops with external research organizations, practitioners, etc.

- **Implementation of Research**
  - White Paper on Crime and its English-language materials
  - Research Department Reports
  - Websites
  - Presentations at academic societies, lecture meetings, etc.

- **Organization of Research Results**
  - White Paper on Crime and its English-language materials
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- **Public Release of Research Results**
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**Recent Special Feature Topics**

- Community Networks to Support Rehabilitation
- The Current Situation and Countermeasures of Recidivism
- Actual Conditions and Measures to Prevent Recidivism of Sexual Offenders
- Theft Offenders and Reoffending
- Female Crime and Delinquency, Globalization and Criminal Justice Policy
- Support to Releases from Correctional Institutions for Their Reintegration into Society
- Picture of Juvenile and Young Offenders and Preventive Measures against their Reoffending

**Recent Research**

- Research Concerning Theft Offenders
- Research on Crimes Committed by Elderly or Mentally Disordered Persons and Their Treatment
- Comprehensive Research on Sex Crimes
- Research on Juvenile Offenders and Their Guardians: Results of a Survey on Continuous Support of Juveniles and Guardians

**White Paper on Crime**

Since 1960, the government’s annual White Paper on Crime has provided extensive analysis of crime trends and the treatment of offenders as a fundamental resource in the formulation of criminal justice policy, taking up important issues of the time as special topics. The White Paper on Crime and its English-language materials use colorful graphs to support visual understanding of various statistics regarding persons cleared by the police for crimes and inmates population in correctional facilities from the time of arrest until rehabilitation. They also depict trends over time in easy-to-understand formats and provide quantitative data for accurate understanding of crime trends.

These statistical materials emphasizing continuity, as basic data useful for “fixed-point observations” of crime conditions, are used for proposing and implementing criminal justice policies, in university lectures, for research by academics, and for other purposes.

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**Research Department Reports**

The Research Department conducts field studies and gathers information from overseas regarding individual topics relating to crime trends and the treatment of offenders, analyzes the data from a variety of perspectives, and compiles the results as Research Department Reports. The results are used for planning and implementing criminal policies and as reference materials by researchers in specialized fields such as criminal psychology.

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http://www.moj.go.jp/housouken/housou_hakusho2.html
Training — Aiming not only to transfer knowledge but to foster officials with power of execution in the course of duties

Goals of Training

The Research and Training Institute carries out various kinds of training for Ministry of Justice officials (excluding officials engaged in corrections and Public Security Intelligence Agency officials).

The training consists of various subjects including lectures, discussions, and practical work, so as to have trainees acquire knowledge and skills necessary as Ministry of Justice officials according to their respective duties. The training aims to foster officials who can appropriately cope with their daily duties, which have become more and more diverse and complicated in recent years.

General Flow of Training

Various kinds of training are provided for Ministry of Justice officials, in accordance with their respective service years and duties, so that they can acquire knowledge and skills necessary for the execution of their duties.

- Elementary Course
  - Provided for newly entered officials, to have them get prepared for practice as Ministry of Justice officials and acquire fundamental knowledge and skills

- Intermediate Course
  - Provided for middle-ranking officials, to have them enhance knowledge and skills necessary for the execution of their duties

- Advanced Course
  - Provided for future top officials, to have them acquire advanced legal knowledge and professional skills

- Managerial Course
  - Provided with an aim to have trainees acquire advanced administrative ability necessary as managerial officials

Training Specialized in Duties of Respective Departments

Respective departments of the Ministry of Justice have various unique characteristics and thus required professional knowledge differs accordingly. Therefore, we offer special training courses tailored to each department so that officials can enhance their skills unique to their duties and cope with new legislations and procedures.

- Training programs for public prosecutors or their assistants
  - For public prosecutors, assistant public prosecutors, and public prosecutor’s assistant officers
  - Aiming for the acquisition of professional knowledge concerning investigation and trials, etc.
  - Implementing case studies and mock trials, etc.

- Training programs for Legal Affairs Bureau staff
  - For Legal Affairs Bureau staff (engaged in duties concerning registration, litigation, human rights, etc.)
  - Aiming for the acquisition of knowledge concerning civil affairs administrative services
  - Implementing workshops and case studies, etc.

- Training programs for officials in the Rehabilitation Bureau
  - For probation officers and rehabilitation coordinators, etc.
  - Aiming for the acquisition of various kinds of science and technique for improving treatment ability
  - Designing means such as adopting a lot of practical work

- Training programs for Immigration Bureau staff
  - For immigration inspectors and immigration control officers, etc.
  - Aiming for the acquisition of legal knowledge, various skills and languages
  - Implementing inspection simulation and interrogation practice of foreign violators, etc.

New Efforts

We conduct practical training which addresses controversial issues at the time and new legislation.

Training conducted for the Public Prosecutors Office officials, for example, includes lectures by university professors on methods of interviewing children and others using psychological knowledge and on the psychology of the victims of sexual crimes and other crimes and a review meeting on the use of sound and video recordings during interrogations as well as mock examinations of expert witnesses and other professionals. Public Prosecutors Office officials and probation officers are working together to improve their professional abilities by conducting a joint practice, for instance, concerning Urgent Aftercare of Discharged Offenders.
**International Cooperation**

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(United Nations Asia and Far East Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (UNAFEI))

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