Organization of the Research and Training Institute

Ministry of Justice

- Internal Subdivisions of the Ministry
  - Minister's Secretariat
  - Civil Affairs Bureau
  - Criminal Affairs Bureau
- Special Agencies
  - Public Prosecutors Office
- 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, Nagoya, Osaka, Hiroshima, Takamatsu, Fukuoka)

Councils
- Legislative Council of the Ministry of Justice

Independent Organs
- Public Security Intelligence Agency

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

Historical timeline

- July 1939: Shiho-kenkyusho (Judicial Research Institute)
- May 1946: Shiho-kenkyusho (Judicial Training Institute)
- June 1949: Homucho-kenkyusho (Training Institute of the Attorney General's Cabinet)
- June 1949: Homucho-kenkyusho (Training Institute of the Attorney General's Cabinet)
- Apr. 1950: Prosecutor's Research Institute
- Apr. 1959: Research and Training Institute of the Ministry of Justice

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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.

**First, Second, and Third Training Departments**
- Conducts various training for Ministry of Justice officials (excluding Correction Bureau officials and others).
- Conducts research on legal practitioners.
- 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.

**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.

**International Cooperation Department**
- 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.
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

Organization of Research Results

Public release of Research Results

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.


Recent Special Feature Topics

- Drug Offenses
- Criminal Justice Policy During the Heisei Era
- Aging Society and Crime
- Community Networks to Support Rehabilitation
- The Current Situation and Countermeasures of Recidivism


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.

The outline of recent studies are available on the website of the Ministry of Justice. https://www.moj.go.jp/ENGLISH/m_housouken03_00007.html

Recent Research

- Research on Drug Offenders
- The Fifth National Crime Victimization Survey in Japan
- Research on Violent Offenders
- A study of effective policies, practices and research to reduce recidivism
- Research on Desistance among Juvenile Training School Parolees in Japan
Goals of Training
The Research and Training Institute carries out various kinds of training for Ministry of Justice officials (excluding officials engaged in corrections, Public Security Intelligence Agency officials, and Immigration Services Agency Staff). 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

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

- 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 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 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.

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:

a) lectures by university professors on methods of interviews with children and others using psychological knowledge and on the psychology of victims of sexual and other crimes
b) exercises on questioning experts, including a psychiatric expert and c) lectures by outside experts for the improvement of consciousness about obligations of national public officers, illegal activities prevention and national public service ethics.

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

UNAFEI promotes the development of criminal justice systems in, and stronger cooperation among, United Nations member states. UNAFEI is the oldest United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme Network Institute (PNI). UNAFEI collaborates with other PNs and works together with organizations such as the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), while conducting training and research on criminal justice issues such as countermeasures to organized crime and corruption, which are priority policies of the UN. Participants come from Asia, the Pacific, Africa and Latin America, and UNAFEI’s activities have been highly evaluated. UNAFEI alumni have gone on to serve as ministers of justice, attorneys general, supreme court judges, and in other key positions and remain active in countries around the world.

International Cooperation Department

The International Cooperation Department (ICD) works with JICA and other organizations to support developing countries, primarily in Asia, mainly in the field of civil and commercial law. Specific support includes: (1) drafting and amending fundamental statutes such as civil codes and codes of civil procedure, (2) development of systems for the proper enforcement of laws, and (3) capacity-building of legal professionals.

Japanese legal technical assistance not only takes the local conditions and needs of recipient countries into great consideration, but also puts emphasis on the capacity building so that the recipient countries can operate the legal system effectively on their own. This “tailor-made” character of Japanese assistance receives high appreciation from them.

To date, more than 10 countries have received assistance. Concrete results include the enactment of civil codes and codes of civil procedure in Vietnam and Cambodia and the enactment of a civil code in Nepal.

Legal Technical Assistance Recipient Countries

- Bangladesh: Cooperation began in 2013
- Democratic Republic of the Congo: Cooperation began in 2016
- Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste: Cooperation began in 2018
- Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka: Cooperation began in 2013
- Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia: Cooperation began in 1998
- Federal Democratic Republic of Indonesia: Cooperation began in 2004
- Kingdom of Cambodia: Cooperation began in 1998
- Kingdom of Thailand: Cooperation began in 2003
- Lao People’s Democratic Republic: Cooperation began in 2003
- People’s Republic of China: Cooperation began in 2016
- People’s Republic of Korea: Cooperation began in 2006
- People’s Republic of Mongolia: Cooperation began in 1998
- People’s Republic of Myanmar: Cooperation began in 2009
- People’s Republic of Nepal: Cooperation began in 1998
- Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Cooperation began in 1998
- Socialist Republic of Uzbekistan: Cooperation began in 2006
- Timor-Leste: Cooperation began in 2008

Prosecutors and others are dispatched as JICA long-term experts to support recipient countries and provide day-to-day support for drafting legislation, developing legal systems and so on. Support for human resource development is provided by dispatching ICD professors and others to conduct seminars and by inviting legal practitioners from recipient countries to Japan for training.

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC)

United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme Network Institutes (PNI)

International Training Cooperation Department

United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme Network Institutes (PNI)

Through international training courses and participation in international conferences, UNAFEI cooperates with the United Nations to formulate and implement policies on the prevention of crime and the treatment of offenders.

In 2001, the 14th United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice was held in Kyoto. As a PNI of the host country, the UNAFEI played a leading role such as holding workshops.

Lecture in an international training course
14th United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in Kyoto

For more details, visit → https://www.unafei.or.jp

Training of legal practitioners from Bangladesh invited to Japan
A local seminar in Cambodia

For more details, visit → https://www.moj.go.jp/ENGLISH/m_housouken05_00001.html