



The 23rd Annual Conference
on Technical Assistance in the Legal Field

Activity Report

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Summary of Activities in FY2021

I. Continuation of Activities while Coping with COVID-19

- 7 technical cooperation projects (Southeast Asia:6, East Asia:1) including new project in Indonesia
- Continuation of hybrid activities (on-line and in-person)
- Continuity of suspension of training in Japan

II. New Initiatives for Rule of Law

- 3 Studies on Africa toward TICAD VIII (August 2022):
 - (i) Juvenile Criminal Justice; (ii) Access to Justice; and
 - (iii) Business Laws
- Business and Human Rights:
 - (i) Study on vulnerable workers
 - (ii) Launch of the Platform for Sustainable Cocoa



Projects in FY2021

East and Southeast Asia

Country	Project title [project type* / start year] <i>*TCP: Technical Cooperation Project</i>	Partner
Vietnam	Enhancing the quality and efficiency of developing and implementing laws [TCP / FY2020]	ICD/ Supreme court/ JFBA
Cambodia	Legal and Judicial Development Project (Phase V) [TCP / FY2017]	
Lao PDR	Promoting development and strengthening of the Rule of Law in the Legal Sector [TCP / FY2018]	
Myanmar	Capacity Development of Legal, Judicial and Relevant Sectors (Phase 2) [TCP / FY2018]	
Indonesia	Project for Efficient and Fair Disputes Resolution Mechanism and Legislative Drafting Capacity Development for Improving Business Environment [TCP / FY2021]	
Vietnam	Improving Competition Policy and Enhancing the Effective Enforcement of Vietnam Competition Law [TCP / FY2019]	
Malaysia	Advisor on Competition Law [Expert / FY2020]	
Thailand	Capacity Development for Competition Law Enforcement [Expert/FY2021]	
Mongolia	Enhancement of the Fair Competition Environment Phase II [TCP / FY2019]	
Global	Competition Law and Policy [Training]	



Projects in FY2021

South and Central Asia, Africa, Global

Country	Project title [project type* / start year] <i>*TCP: Technical Cooperation Project</i>	Partner
Nepal	Capacity Enhancement of Human Resources in the Judicial Sector [Expert & Training/ FY2021]	ICD
Bangladesh	Enhancement of Court Mediation and Case Management System [Training / FY2020]	
Sri Lanka	Transitional Justice to Strengthen Accountability Mechanism [Training / FY2021]	
Uzbekistan	Enhancement of Judicial Ability for the Protection of Rights and Liberalization of Economy [Training / FY2020]	
Cote d'Ivoire	Training on Criminal Justice in French Speaking African Countries [Training / FY2019]	UNA FEI
Global (group training)	Criminal Justice (Focus on Investigation, Prosecution, Adjudication and International Cooperation)	
	Treatment of Offenders (Focus on Prison, Probation and Parole)	
	Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (Senior Seminar)	
	Criminal Justice Response to Corruption	
	Criminal Justice Response to Vulnerable Groups Towards Inclusive Society	
	Improving Access to Justice to Realize SDG16	JFBA
	Public International Law Focused on Law of the Sea and Peaceful Settlement of International Settlement	MOFA



Projects in FY2021

Study in Japan

I. Long-term training on Legal and Judicial Human Resources Development

Country	Enrollment	University
Vietnam	2	Nagoya University
Lao PDR	2	Kyushu University

II. Grant aid: Human Resource Development Program Scholarship (JDS)

Country	Enrollment	University
Vietnam	10	Tohoku University 1; Nagoya University 3; Kyushu University 6
Cambodia	2	Nagoya University
Lao PDR	6	International University of Japan 3; Kyushu University 3
Myanmar	4	Nagoya University 2; Kyushu University 2
Mongolia	1	Kyushu University
Uzbekistan	2	Nagoya University
Bangladesh	2	Keio University
Nepal	2	Kyushu University

III. JICA Development Studies Program (JICA-DSP)

- Nagoya University (Graduate School of Law)
- Kyushu University (Graduate School of Humanities)

Indonesia: Project for Efficient and Fair Disputes Resolution Mechanism and Legislative Drafting Capacity Development for Improving Business Environment

- i. Training program for law drafters to improve consistency between laws and regulations (Ministry of Law and Human Rights)
- ii. Training for judges and publication of reference materials to strengthen function of dispute resolution on intellectual property rights (Supreme Court)
 - *Publication and seminar on Casebook on intellectual property rights in March 2022*

Bangladesh: Enhancement of Court Mediation and Case Management System

- Online training of mediators
- Online seminar on case management with working group by government of Bangladesh on addressing backlog cases: discussion on arrangement of issues by using video material made with ICD

Sri Lanka: Transitional Justice to Strengthen Accountability Mechanism

- Online training on pre-trial conference procedure in Japan
- Criminal Procedure Code of Sri Lanka amended in Feb. 2022 to introduce pre-trial conference procedure

Study on Improvement of Access to Justice and Establishment of Relevant Networks

- Kenya, Tanzania, Rwanda, Zambia, Malawi, Cote d'Ivoire, Niger, Senegal
- Legal support, Alternative dispute resolution mechanism, ICT for access to justice, etc.

Study on Cooperation in the Business-related Legal and Judicial Sectors

- Kenya, Ghana, Nigeria
- Competition Law, Intellectual Property Law, Bankruptcy Law
- Consideration of region-wide training for African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA)

Study on Protection and Rehabilitation of the Juvenile Delinquent

- Formulation of technical cooperation project “Community-based protection and rehabilitation project for girls and boys involved in conflict with the law and those in need of care and protection”



Plan of Activities in FY2022

New Projects

Preparation of new projects

- Cambodia: Legal and Judicial Project (Phase V)
- East Timor: Expert for Legal and Judicial Capacity Development
- Japan-Singapore Partnership Program (JSPP21): Training on International Arbitration and Mediation
- Kenya: Community-based protection and rehabilitation project for girls and boys involved in conflict with the law and those in need of care and protection
- Long-term training program on Public International Law (2 students from Sri Lanka in FY2022; 9 students in FY2023)

Formulation of new projects

- South and Central Asia: Acceleration of litigation (Bangladesh, Sri Lanka); Implementation of Civil Laws (Nepal, Uzbekistan)
- Africa: projects on legal environment for business and access to justice
- TICAD VIII side-event with UNDP: Improving Women's Access to Justice towards People-Centered Justice



Plan of Activities in FY2022

New Initiatives

Business and Human Rights

- Data Collection Survey on Protection of Vulnerable Workers in Response to the COVID-19 Crisis
- Ghana: Project for Mainstreaming Child Protection through Child Labour Free Zones
- Coordination of *the Platform for Sustainable Cocoa* (42 corporate members and 85 individual members as of March 2022)

Networking with JICA scholarship students in Japan in collaboration with ICD and universities in Japan

Other activities for Rule of Law (Non-legal and judicial sector)

- Support for public broadcasting corporation (Ukraine, Kosovo, South Sudan)
- Support for election management committee (Cambodia, South Sudan, Palestine)
- Strengthening community policing (Indonesia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Guatemala)
- Improvement of working and living environments of Migrant workers in Japan
 - cf. Japan Platform for Migrant Workers Towards Responsible and Inclusive Society (JP-MIRAI) <https://jp-mirai.org/en/>