



The 23rd Annual Conference

on Technical Assistance in the Legal Field

Roles Played by Legal Theories and Legal Education in Legal Technical Assistance —Focusing on approaches to the training of practitioners—

Saturday 25 June 2022

10:00–17:30

Hybrid format

(combination of onsite and online participation)

Onsite Venue:
International Conference Hall A,
International Justice Center, Ministry of Justice
 (2-1-18 Mokuseinomori, Akishima-shi, Tokyo)
Doors open: 9:30

Online: Webinar

English/Japanese simultaneous interpretation available

Annual Conference on Technical Assistance in the Legal Field

The Annual Conference on Technical Assistance in the Legal Field is held to exchange information and ideas on matters such as the current and future conditions of support and enhance collaboration among relevant organizations and persons so that Japan can more effectively provide technical assistance in the legal field to developing countries and transition countries. Not only those actually engaged in legal technical assistance but those interested in it are very welcome to participate.

Organized by: Research and Training Institute (RTI), Ministry of Justice of JAPAN (MOJ) and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)

Supported by: Supreme Court, Japan Federation of Bar Associations (JFBA), Institute of Developing Economies of the Japan External Trade Organization (IDE-JETRO), International Civil and Commercial Law Centre Foundation (ICCLC)



Program

Session 1

Activity Reports

JICA Long-term Expert (Socialist Republic of Viet Nam)
JICA Long-term Expert (Kingdom of Cambodia)
Senior Researcher, Inter-disciplinary Studies Center, IDE-JETRO
Attorney, JFBA
JICA Long-term Expert (Lao People's Democratic Republic)
Government Attorney, International Affairs Division,
Minister's Secretariat, MOJ
Senior Director, Law and Justice Team, Governance Group,
Governance and Peacebuilding Department, JICA
Deputy Director, ICD, RTI, MOJ

10:00–12:00
Mr. KONO Ryuzo
Ms. ITO Mizuki
Ms. YAMADA Miwa
Ms. SUZUKI Ichiko

Mr. ITO Atsushi

Mr. TAKEHARA Masayoshi

Mr. SUDA Hiroshi

Session 2

Organizer Remarks

Parliamentary Vice-Minister of Justice
President, RTI, MOJ
Director General, Governance and Peacebuilding Department, JICA

13:00–13:30
Mr. KADA Hiroyuki
Mr. UETOMI Toshinobu
Ms. MIYAZAKI Katsura

Keynote Speech

“Technical Assistance in the Legal Field and Juridical Science”

University Professor, Waseda University
Professor Emeritus, the University of Tokyo

Professor Emeritus UCHIDA Takashi

13:30–14:30

Discussion by Professionals Who Have Studied in Japan

“Development of Legal Theories and Legal Education in My Country

—Striving to Develop Legal Practices—”

– Panelists – (in alphabetical order)

Attorney (Lao People's Democratic Republic)

Mr. Manodeth CHOUNTHAVONG

Adjunct Lecturer, Royal University of Law and Economics (RULE)

Mr. Lyhong LIM

– Moderator –

Deputy Director, ICD, RTI, MOJ

Mr. SUDA Hiroshi

14:40–15:10

Panel Discussion

“Roles Played by Legal Theories and Legal Education in Legal Technical Assistance —Focusing on approaches to the training of practitioners—”

– Panelists – (in alphabetical order)

Attorney, JICA International Cooperation Specialist

Mr. EDAGAWA Mitsushi

Public Prosecutor, Chiba District Public Prosecutors Office

Ms. FUKUOKA Fumie

Professor, Keio University Law School

Prof. MATSUO Hiroshi

Director, Center for Asian Legal Exchange (CALE), Nagoya University

Prof. MURAKAMI Masako

Professor, Graduate School of Law, Nagoya University

– Moderator –

Professor, ICD, RTI, MOJ

Ms. SHOJI Minako

15:20–17:20

Closing Remarks

President, ICCLC

17:20–17:30
Mr. OHNO Kotaro

Keynote Speech

“Technical Assistance in the Legal Field and Juridical Science”



**University Professor, Waseda University;
Professor Emeritus, the University of Tokyo**

Jurist (Civil law). Mr. Uchida graduated from the Faculty of Law at the University of Tokyo in 1976. He became a professor at the University of Tokyo in 1992, served as Senior Advisor on Legislative Reform for the MOJ from 2006, and became a University Professor at Waseda University in 2015.

**Professor Emeritus
UCHIDA Takashi**

Discussion by Professionals Who Have Studied in Japan

“Development of Legal Theories and Legal Education in My Country —Striving to develop legal practices—”



Attorney (Lao People’s Democratic Republic)

Mr. Chounthavong graduated from Tokyo University of Foreign Studies in 2003 and Faculty of Law, Kobe University in 2007. He started to work as a JICA project staff in charge of interpreting and coordinating between Japanese and Laotian in 2013 and became an independent interpreter in 2016. He is now a qualified lawyer who engages in interpreting and translation in Laos.

**Mr. Manodeth
CHOUNTHAVONG**



Adjunct Lecturer, Royal University of Law and Economics (RULE)

Mr. Lim graduated from the Faculty of Law, RULE in Cambodia in 2012 and completed a course at the Nagoya University Research and Education Center for Japanese Law. He graduated from the LL.M. Program (Master’s Program), Graduate School of Law, Nagoya University in 2015 and acquired a doctorate in comparative law in 2018. Since that year, he has been working for a law firm and a consulting company while teaching constitutional law and comparative constitutional law as an adjunct lecturer at RULE.

**Mr. LIM
Lyhong**

Panel Discussion

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Professor, Keio University Law School

Mr. Matsuo specializes in civil law, and law and development. He has worked as a visiting professor at the University of Sydney, a visiting researcher at the University of Oxford, a member of the Legislative Council, the Social Infrastructure Development Council, the National Land Council, etc.

He is engaged in research on and the practice of legal reform in the development process in Japan and abroad based on the history of each country.

**Prof. MATSUO
Hiroshi**



Director, Center for Asian Legal Exchange (CALE), Nagoya University; Professor, Graduate School of Law, Nagoya University

Ms. Murakami specializes in civil procedure law. She has been a professor at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences in the University of Tsukuba, and a member of various Legislative Councils of MOJ, such as Subcommittee for Legislation of International Jurisdiction (Regarding Personal Status Litigation and Domestic Relations Cases). She became the director of CALE in April this year.

**Prof. MURAKAMI
Masako**



Attorney, JICA International Cooperation Specialist

Mr. Edagawa has worked as a JICA staff member in locations including Papua New Guinea. He became a certified attorney in December 2008 and from 2018 served as a JICA long-term expert for approximately 4 years in the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam. He began working in his current position after returning to Japan.

**Mr. EDAGAWA
Mitsushi**



Public Prosecutor, Chiba District Public Prosecutors Office

Ms. Fukuoka was appointed public prosecutor in 2005. For approximately 3 years from 2019 she worked at the Cambodian Ministry of Justice as a JICA long-term expert for the Legal and Judicial Development Project. She took up her current position after returning to Japan.

**Ms. FUKUOKA
Fumie**

How to Apply

If you would like to participate, please apply by the deadline using the application form noted below.

【Deadline】 Onsite participation: **Friday 10 June**
Online participation: **Wednesday 22 June**

【Application form】 <https://ws.formzu.net/dist/S877349898/>



Application form
QR code

【Points to note】

- Onsite participation and online participation
 - Please note that questions submitted in advance may not be answered by panelists due to time constraints.
 - Personal information provided will be carefully managed and utilized solely to carry out this event.
- Onsite participation
 - If there are too many applicants, the number of participants may be restricted during the application process due to COVID-19 infection control measures (venue capacity is approx. 50 people).
 - Please bring your own lunch as there are no restaurants, convenience stores, etc. in or near the venue.
- Online participation
 - When the date of the event approaches, a URL enabling online participation will be sent to the email address provided.
 - On the day of the event, if the communication is interrupted and cannot be restored for some reason, we may be forced to cancel the event.

Onsite venue

International Justice Center

2-1-18 Mokuseinomori, Akishima-shi, Tokyo

- JR Ome Line: Approx. 0.7 km from the north exit of Higashi-Nakagami Station (approx. 15 min. on foot)
- Tachikawa Bus: North exit of Tachikawa Station →Mokuseinomori (approx. 27 min. by bus→3 min. on foot)

*Please use public transportation.

*The Tachikawa Bus runs about 1–2 times an hour.

Please check the company's bus schedule.



Main building entrance

Contact information

● International Cooperation Department (ICD), Research and Training Institute (RTI), Ministry of Justice of JAPAN (MOJ)

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*For direct inquiries (about the connection, etc.), please use the following email address.

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