

The Human Rights Bodies of the Ministry of Justice

Public-Private Collaborations

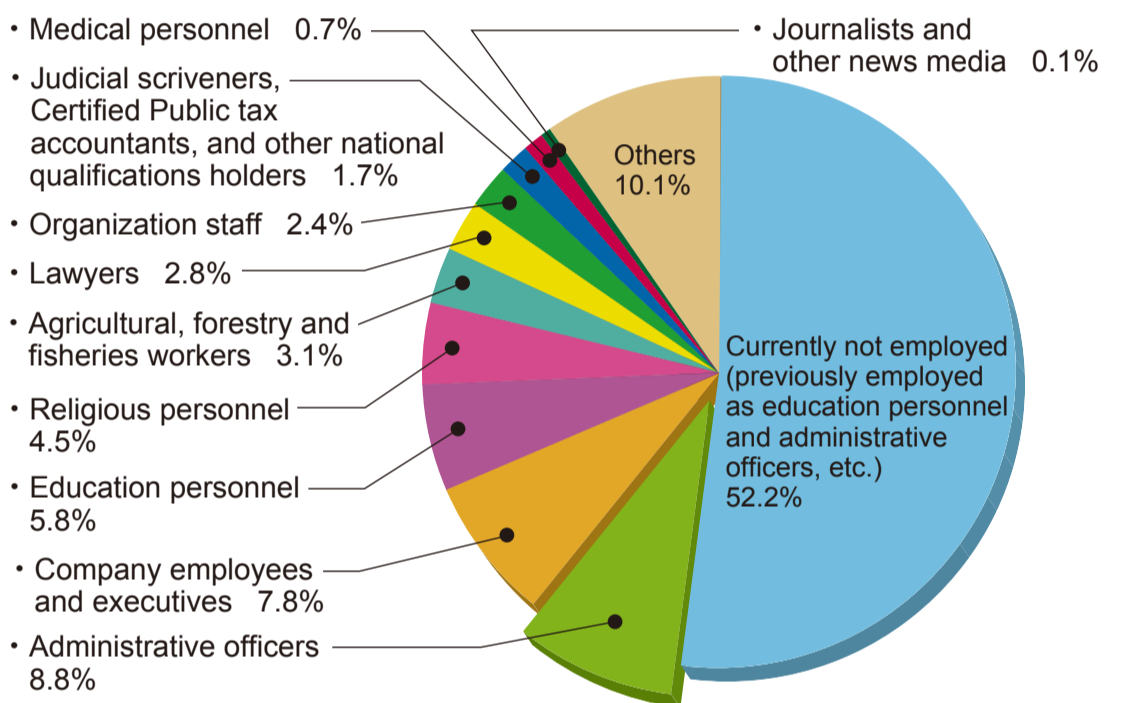
In Japan, the Ministry of Justice and Human Rights Volunteers Organization collaborate closely to carry out various human rights promotion and protection activities.

Human Rights Volunteers – Multidimensional Composition

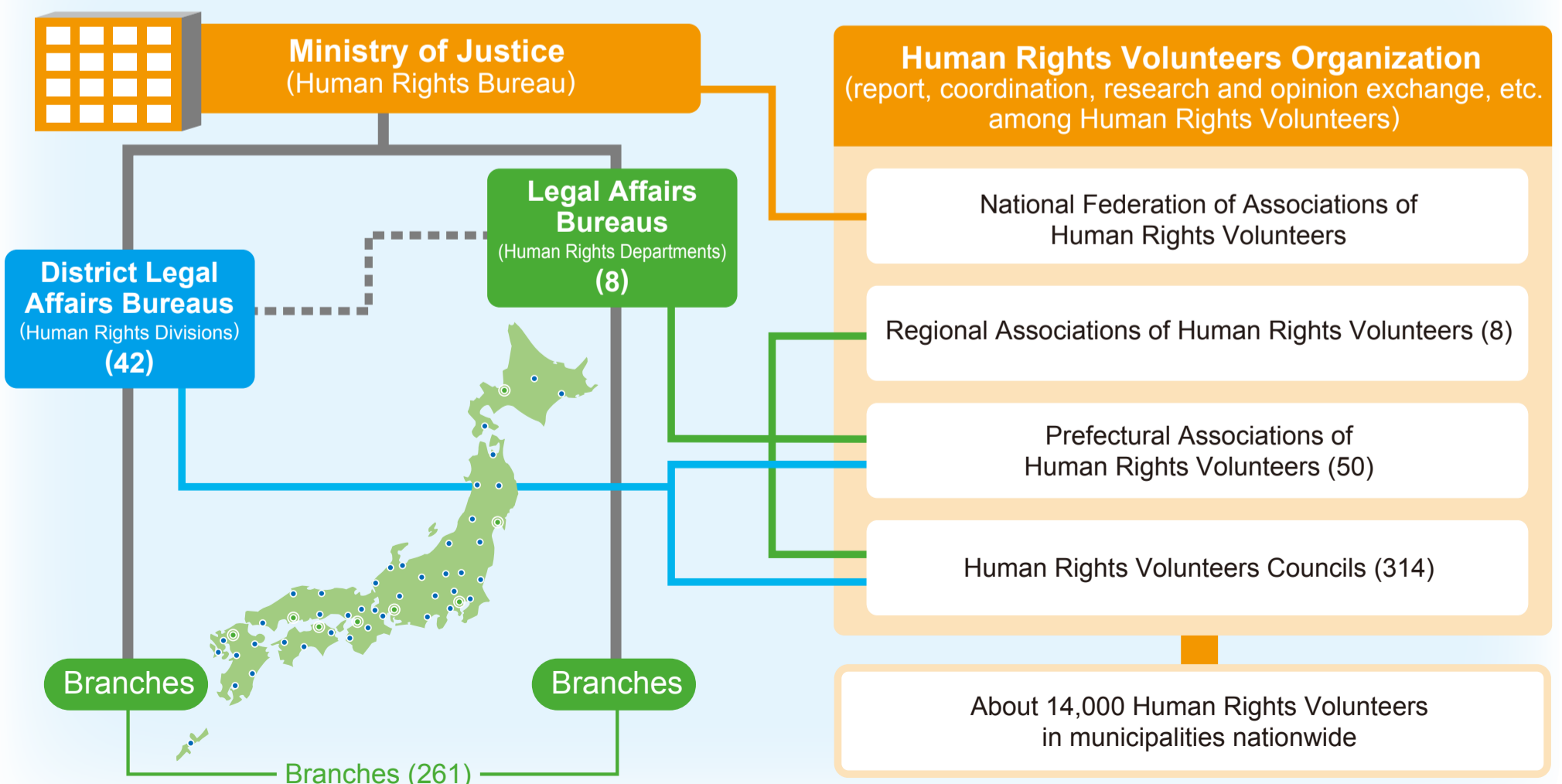
Human Rights Volunteers are private citizens appointed by the Minister of Justice. The Human Rights Volunteers System was established in 1948 based on the concept that it would be effective for people in various fields to encourage respect for human rights in the local community, to make efforts to avoid violation of the human rights of the residents, and to promote and protect human rights.

At present, there are approximately 14,000 Volunteers in all of the municipalities of cities, towns, and villages across the country.

Breakdown of Personnel at the Human Rights Bodies of the Ministry of Justice (Administrative officers : approx.9%)



Structure: The Human Rights Bodies of the Ministry of Justice (as of June 1, 2023)



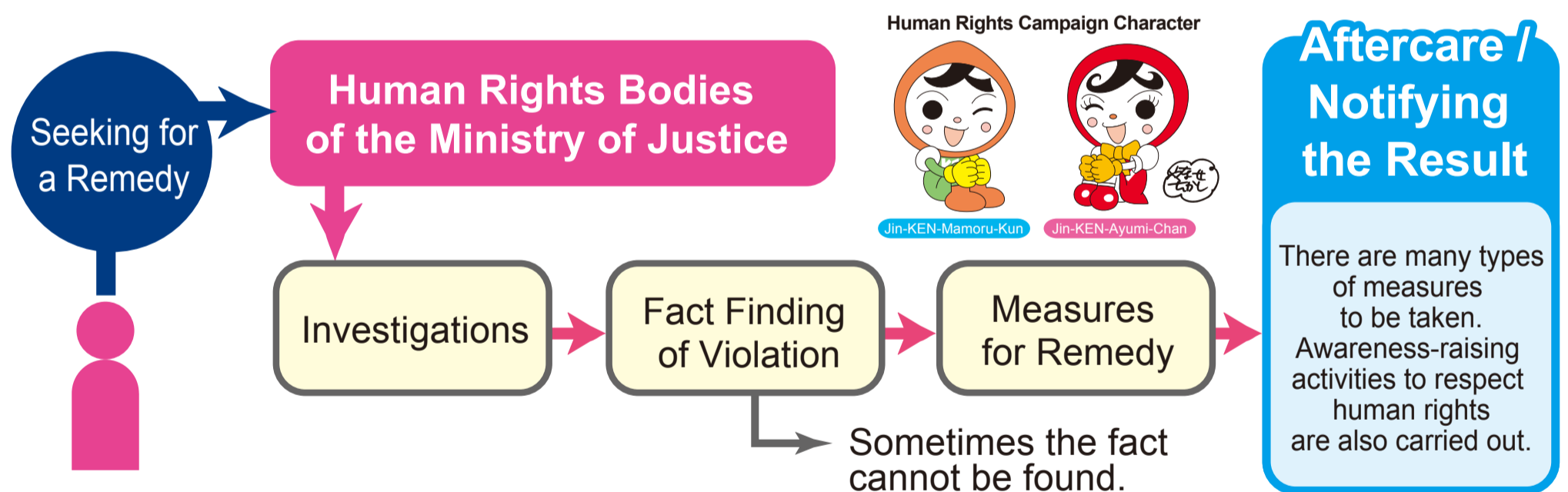
Human Rights Counseling, Investigation and Remedy Procedures

The Human Rights Bodies of the Ministry of Justice offer human rights counseling and necessary advice on all types of human rights issues, and introduce relevant organizations to assist in resolving the issues. If we suspect there is a case of human rights violations, we will investigate it as a human rights violation case, and work with the relevant organizations to take appropriate measures to resolve the case.

Main Counseling Services



Investigation and Remedy Procedures



Human Rights Volunteer offering counseling



Human Rights Volunteers visiting temporary housing at a disaster-affected area

Human Rights Awareness-Raising Activities

The Human Rights Bodies of the Ministry of Justice have been carrying out various activities to raise each individual's awareness and deepen their understanding of human rights. The following are examples of some initiatives.

National Essay Contest on Human Rights for Junior High School Students

This initiative aims to have junior high school students to deepen their understanding of the importance and necessity of human rights and to foster awareness of human rights, through writing essays on human rights issues.



Collection of award winning essays



Minister of Justice SAITO Ken and the winners at the Award Ceremony in 2023



Scan here to read excerpts of some of the past award-winning essays

Human Rights Lectures

Human Rights Volunteers visit schools nationwide and hold human rights lectures there. This initiative aims to nurture compassion in children and have them learn about the preciousness of life by providing them with an opportunity to think about bullying and other topics.



Human Rights Volunteer talking with children

Cooperation with Sports Organizations

We are partnering with professional sports organizations to spread the concept of the respect for human rights among young fans and supporters.



Human Rights Volunteers and a soccer team at a sports stadium to raise awareness about eliminating hate speech