

Addressing evolving threats through the rule of law

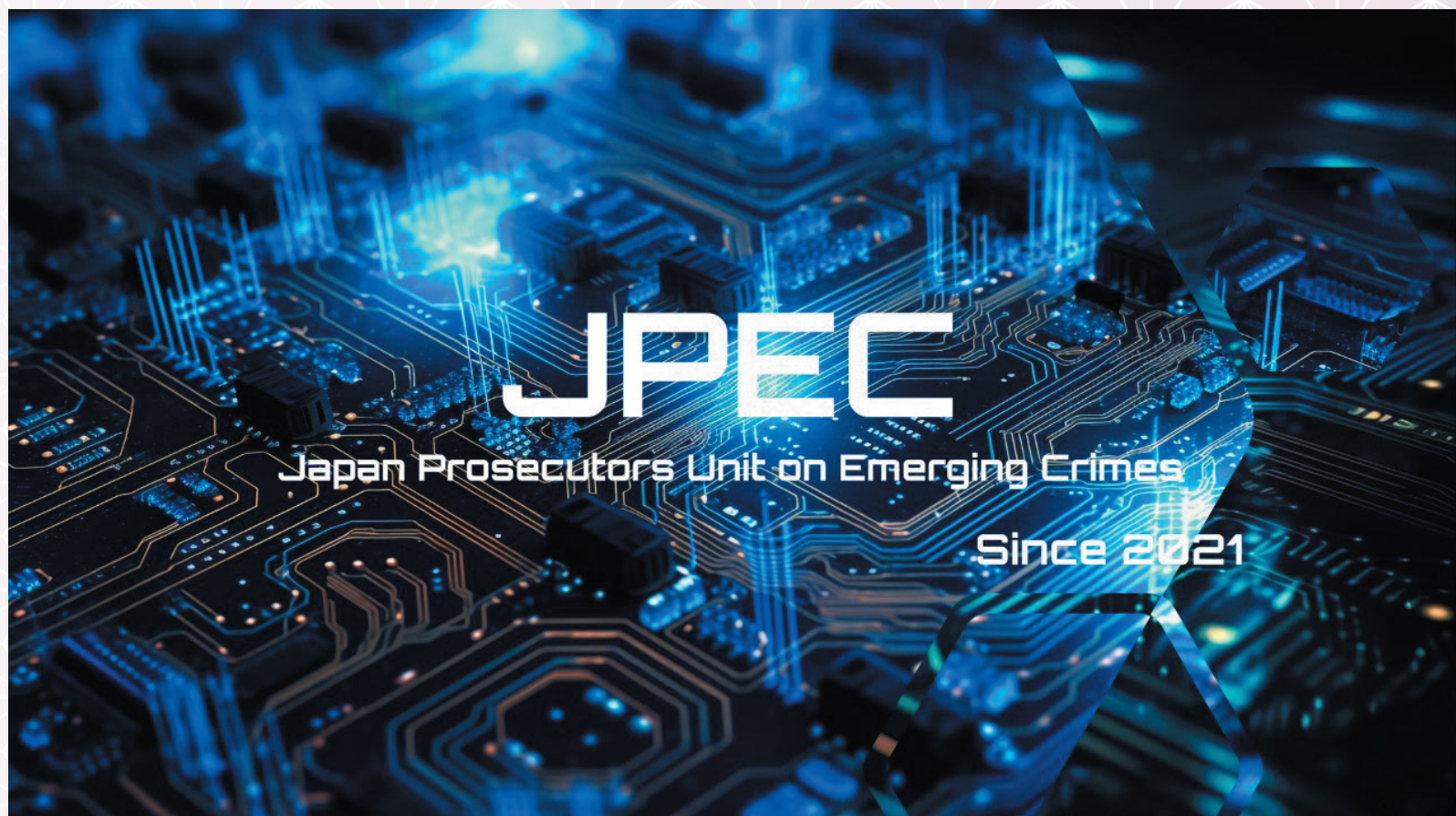
Organized crime and terrorism are threats to international peace and security, and the criminal landscape is rapidly evolving owing to technological advancements. Japan is working to tackle and combat new forms of crime.

1 Countermeasures against Cybercrime

Japan addresses increasingly sophisticated forms of cybercrime, including DDoS attacks, information theft, AI misuse, and crypto-related crimes.

● Establishment of the "Japan Prosecutors Unit on Emerging Crimes" (JPEC) in the Public Prosecutors Office in 2021

- Support for digital evidence analysis and investigation
- Provision of expertise to public prosecutors nationwide
- Provision of hands-on training on digital forensics
- Exchanging information and strengthening cooperation with foreign counterparts



● Establishment of the "National Cyber Unit" in the Kanto Regional Police Bureau in 2022

- Participation in the Octopus Conference 2025 (Global Conference on Cybercrime), held in France, which brought together parties to the Convention on Cybercrime
- Active participation in investigative conferences hosted by international organizations

2 Countermeasures against Organized Crime

Japan has strengthened its measures against “anonymous and fluid, mobile criminal groups” that are recruiting perpetrators through social media.

● Development of personnel with specialized expertise / Strengthening analytical equipment for seized evidence

● Technical cooperation and capacity-building through UNODC and ICPO

- Establishment of the Emergency Response Network (ERN) to strengthen rapid responses to trafficking in persons
- Providing training on Open Source Intelligence (OSINT), cryptocurrency tracking, evidence management and dark web investigations
- Supporting the analysis of electronic devices seized from a fraud hub and providing guidance on cryptocurrency tracking



Staff instructing on how to analyse electronic devices seized by the Philippine government

3 Countering Terrorism and Violent Extremism

Japan counters terrorist organizations leveraging new technologies, including drones, AI, and encrypted communications applications.

● Strengthening cooperation through workshops and bilateral frameworks

- Participation in the Global Counterterrorism Forum (GCTF)
- Holding CT / Rule of law workshops, inviting practitioners from Southeast Asian, South Asian and Central Asian countries
- Providing expertise to practitioners from various countries for the effective prosecution of terrorists



Central Asia CT/Rule of Law Workshop (Tokyo, Feb 2025)

