

The 165th International Senior Seminar
“Juvenile Justice and the United Nations Standards and Norms”

1. Duration and Participants

- From 12 January to 10 February 2017
- 26 overseas participants from 14 countries (including 1 course counsellor)
- 5 domestic participants

2. Programme Overview

Juveniles are vulnerable, inexperienced, immature, and susceptible to stress and trauma. On the other hand, juveniles are often more responsive to efforts at rehabilitation and reintegration with appropriate intervention and support.

Many countries have established juvenile justice systems and laws with a view to protecting juveniles’ rights and promoting their well-being. However, some countries face challenges including long-term detention/incarceration, lack of social inquiry, lack of use of diversion, and there is room for further improvement in terms of juvenile justice policymaking, alternative measures to incarceration, specified treatment programmes, and cooperation with related organizations and individuals.

This programme offered participants an opportunity to deepen their understanding and share experiences and knowledge focusing on juvenile justice in light of international standards and norms, especially the United Nations standards and norms; to learn from the experiences and the best practices consistent with the standards and norms; to identify and examine challenges to incorporate them; and to improve policymaking and practices of juvenile justice.

3. Lectures

The following visiting experts from overseas and ad hoc lecturers from Japan, as well as professors of UNAFEI, gave lectures:

- Visiting Experts
 - Dr. Ann Skelton
Professor, University of Pretoria
 - Dr. Richard Dembo
Professor, University of South Florida
 - Dr. Eduardo Vetere

Former Director of the Division for Treaty Affairs of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

- Dr. Matti Joutsen

Director of the European Institute for Crime Prevention and Control, affiliated with the United Nations

- Dr. Kittipong Kittayarak

Executive Director of the Thailand Institute of Justice

- Mr. Gary Hill

Chief Executive Officer of CEGA Services

○ Lecturers

- Mr. Toshihiro Kawaide

Professor, University of Tokyo Graduate Schools for Law and Politics

- Mr. Seigan Kawamoto

Judge, Tokyo Family Court

- Ms. Rieko Ono

Family Court Investigating Officer, Tokyo Family Court