

The 166th International Training Course
“Criminal Justice Procedures and Practices to Disrupt Criminal Organizations”

1. Duration and Participants

- From 10 May to 15 June 2017
- 22 overseas participants from 19 countries
- 8 domestic participants

2. Programme Overview

It has been more than 20 years since the growing threat of transnational organized crime and the necessity of a concerted response from the international community was expressed by Naples Political Declaration and Global Action Plan against Organized Transnational Crime. During that period, at the international platform, efforts to develop an international legal framework, among others, the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime and the Protocols Thereto, for combatting transnational organized crime have been made. In each member state, strenuous efforts have been made to dismantle criminal organizations through, inter alia, enacting substantive and procedural laws. Further, the United Nations has been helping its member states by providing technical assistance for the development of legislation and the implementation of relevant conventions.

On the other hand, criminal organizations have been exploiting loopholes in criminal justice systems in order to continue their illicit activities. Combating criminal organizations has continued to be a never-ending struggle. Moreover, these organizations have established links between transnational organized crime and terrorism. Thus countering transnational criminal organizations is crucial to ensuring peace and securing society.

National borders and the differences in criminal justice system of each jurisdiction are helping organized criminal groups than hindering their activity. As such, it is an imminent need for criminal justice practitioners to share their best practices in order to explore new and effective measures for investigating, prosecuting and adjudicating transnational organized crime through international cooperation.

With the above mentioned in mind, this program offers participants an opportunity to share experiences and knowledge focusing on best practices to disrupt criminal organizations and to establish bases for future international cooperation through understanding the laws and systems of other countries.

3. Lectures

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

○ Visiting Experts

- Mr. Joseph Wheatley
Trial Attorney
Organized Crime and Gang Section, Department of Justice, U.S. A.
- Dr. Francesco Testa
Chief Prosecutor
Chieti Prosecutor's Office, Italy
- Ms. Santanee Ditsayabut
Prosecutor
Office of the Attorney General, Thailand
- Mr. Toshiaki Yoshizane
Superintendent
Organized Crime Department, National Police Agency, Japan
- Mr. Haruhiko Ukawa
Public Prosecutor,
Supreme Prosecutors' Office, Japan
- Mr. Yoshimitsu Yamauchi
Director (Attorney)
International Affairs Division, Criminal Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Justice, Japan