

**The 16th Seminar on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice
for the People's Republic of China
“Forensic Science and Expert Testimony”**

1. Duration and Participants

- From 16 November to 3 December, 2010
- Fifteen participants from Ministry of Justice, Legislative Affairs Commission of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, The Supreme People's Court, The Supreme People's Procuratorate and Ministry of Public Security, and two Course Counsellors from Ministry of Justice and Central University of Finance and Economics in the People's Republic of China

2. Programme Overview

Forensic science and expert testimony play a significant role in ensuring accurate fact finding in the criminal justice process. Promoting accurate, objective, and scientific examination of forensic evidence, and facilitating proper interpretation and evaluation of its results and expert testimony based thereupon greatly contribute to the search for truth and the protection of human rights.

This seminar offers an opportunity for Chinese officials to explore how these issues are addressed and solved in the Japanese criminal justice system, thereby providing them with needed background information to develop their own solutions.

Major topics for discussion include:

- 1 Institutions and resources that provide scientific examination and expert testimony: decision making authority on when and what examinations should be made.
- 2 Measures to secure and improve the impartiality and accuracy of forensic evidence and expert testimony
- 3 Rules of evidence applicable to forensic evidence and expert testimony, and proper evaluation of their probative value.

3. Lectures

The following ad-hoc lecturers, as well as professors of UNAFEI, will give lectures:

- Mr. Koji Watanabe
Senior Fellow (former ambassador to Russia), Japan Center for International Exchange
- Mr. Yasuo Seto
Chief Research Officer, Third Department of Forensic Science, National Research Institute of Police Science, Japan
- Mr. Ken-ichi Nakamura
Public Prosecutor, Special Trial Department, Tokyo District Public Prosecutors Office