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Closing Ceremony

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Your Excellencies, Members of the Diplomatic Corps,

Hon. Director General of JICA Tokyo,

Hon. Director of UNAFEI,

Hon. Deputy Director of UNAFEI,

Distinguished Members of ACPF,

UNAFEI Professors,

UNAFEI Staff,

JICA Staff,

Distinguished Guests,

All the Protocol observed or in Place,

Fellow Participants,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am delighted to be here with you and to address this very special and historic gathering of distinguished VIPs and guests from UNAFEI, JICA, ACPF, Japan and other parts of the world. After visiting Hiroshima and learning more of what happen to the people of Japan as a result of the destruction done by the atomic bomb and the stand of the people of Japan for peace and humanity; allow me before I continue with my speech, to invite you to pay a special tribute to our brothers and sisters who sacrificed their lives for peace, freedom, equality and justice and contributed to the process of peace-making and Security among the nations of this world, especially those peace lovers and peacemakers who worked day and night for peace and the development of humanity, the people and government of Japan. The Japanese are great people of this world who are the real peacemakers and peace lovers.

Allow me on my own behalf and on behalf of my fellow participants of the 17th UNAFEI UNCAC Training Programme to express our deepest appreciation and profound gratitude to all of you who came here today to attend this important gathering. I greet you on behalf of the participants. Indeed this is a very special moment for all of us; a moment of happiness, appreciation and thanks for successful completion of this Training Programme. However it is also a moment of sadness for us participants, as we are going to say goodbye to one another after we had been living together like one family. This training has untied us and made us closer to each other as if we have known each other for a long time. Moreover we are sad since we are going to say goodbye to UNAFEI, UNAFEI's Director and Deputy Director, especially the Training Coordinator our humble, human and friendly Professor Iwashita, all UNAFEI Professors, staff and above all our

daily supporters, Training Coordinators of JICA as we are about to depart; however we are sure that one-day we will meet again.

I would also like to avail myself of this opportunity on behalf of the participants, our governments and our people to say thank you to the people of Japan, the government of Japan, and in a special way to JICA, for making it possible for us to be here and for providing us with this great learning opportunity to participate in this useful Training. Of course, in a very special way we would like to thank UNAFEI and its entire staff of professors, administrators, all the supporting staff, the guards, cooks and all those who made our lives very comfortable, making us feel at home while away from home. We thank you and appreciate all that you did for us; you gave us your knowledge, time, kindness, care and love. You have been teaching us the daily routine of the life of Japanese people and how do they relate and care for others. Even without knowing them, we learnt from you what we did not learn in the classroom, especially during cultural and social programmes and co-curricular activities. Allow me also to thank all the Japanese people we met on the way, in the trains, in the shops and anywhere for their willingness to help us and give us some of their time to show us the right direction and care for us without knowing who we are. It was enough for them that we are human beings who need a service that they can offer and they did so. Thank you Japanese People, you are truly GREAT.

On behalf of all the participants, I would like to extend my special thanks, gratitude and appreciation to JICA and its entire staff for their warm welcome and hospitality from the day of our arrival to the day of our departure. You have provided us

with all the necessary information, logistic support, daily support including our healthcare, and you addressed our personal needs. You cared for us with a lot of love and affection. We thank JICA for the orientations here and back home. Special thanks to the two great ladies, the two Training Coordinators who were always with us and ready to support us in anyway; they were like our sisters and friends in their concerns and care for us. Thank you Ms. YAMAMOTO and Ms. YAMAMURO.

I would also like to give a special note of thanks and appreciation to the Asia Crime Prevention Foundation (ACPF) with all its branches for supporting UNAFEI and this Training Programme. Not forgetting the Visiting Experts and ad hoc lecturers for sharing their knowledge with us. May Almighty God bless us all!

The 17th UNAFEI UNCAC Training Programme brought together 26 participants from 20 countries including the host country, the GREAT JAPAN. We, the participants are from different professional backgrounds; including participants from Anti-Corruption Agencies, the Judiciary, Prosecution and the Police. This composition has helped us to share experiences and has broadened our vision and knowledge in understanding and addressing the main theme of this Training Programme, which is the “Criminal Justice Response to Corruption”

This Training Programme has given us the opportunity to deeply analyze and discuss many issue; such as:

- Enhancing the participants’ knowledge to measure and improve anti-corruption efforts in our respective countries,

- Effective methods of tracing, identifying and, ultimately, confiscating proceeds and asset recovery, through effective investigative techniques and international cooperation,
- Identifying, tracing, freezing, seizing and confiscating proceeds of corruption offences,
- Acquiring and analyzing objective evidence (e.g. documents, bank records, data stored in personal computers or on cell phones, videotapes of security cameras, handwriting analysis, etc.),
- Acquiring suspect/witness's statements (e.g. electronic surveillance, undercover operations, immunity, plea bargaining, protection of witnesses, penalties for perjury and obstruction of justice),
- Cooperation with other institutions (e.g. other investigative authorities, governmental bodies, and the private sector),
- Money laundering, focusing on legal frameworks and effective methods of investigation, and
- International cooperation, identifying and tracing proceeds and utilization of Interpol (ICPO) and Mutual Legal Assistance (MLA).

The main theme of this course was carefully explored, discussed, analyzed and shared with the participants by the professors through different teaching methods and processes of learning; which included lectures by UNAFEI Professors, Visiting Experts and ad hoc lecturers, Individual Presentations by each participant, observation and study visits and trips to agencies relating to the main theme of this Training and group

workshops, whereby the participants further examined the subtopics under the main theme of the Training, studied the designated subtopics and exchanged views based on the information obtained through personal experience, the Individual Presentations, lectures, and visits. The participants compiled their findings in a report with recommendations for future reference.

As you are well aware, the theme of the Training Programme revolved around corruption related issues. Corruption is a very big problem in many countries around the world; it is becoming more extensive, and more areas of development activity are being affected. Corruption is also becoming, de facto, an attack on governance as more and more of the rules under which nations are governed are breached with impunity. Unfortunately, there are many indications that corruption continues to be not only a serious problem, but also an increasing one.

Corruption adversely affects society politically, economically, administratively and socio-culturally. Corruption erodes the moral fabric of the society and violates the social and economic rights of the poor and the vulnerable. It subverts the rule of law and retards development. It is so destructive that it maims the human soul and spirit.

We the participants, admit that we have to deal with a number of obstacles that interfere with the detection, investigation or prosecution of corruption cases. The obstacles undoubtedly are many, from human and financial resources to effective tools and enacted laws. However, the political will in many countries is one of the main obstacles, especially pressure from powerful elements of the society and high-ranking

officials. In spite of that we noted that our countries are going through the formation of democratic institutions, and at this stage there can be some challenges in the fight against corruption. However, we are confident that the fight against corruption, as with the negative phenomenon which is capable to undermine the basis of statehood, is in full swing in our countries; and hopefully, with what we have learnt here, the fight against corruption will succeed.

This Training Programme has provided us with ample opportunities to engage more effectively and professionally in the fight against corruption and will enable us to contribute to the following:

1. The best approaches to prevent corruption,
2. The best approaches to investigate and prosecute corruption cases,
3. Adding value and support to efforts to eradicate corruption and how to manage efficiently and effectively the process of investigation and prosecution,
4. The best approaches to address the issues of criminal proceeds and stolen-asset recovery,
5. Sharing experiences and gaining more knowledge in the field,
6. Creating regional and international networks, which will facilitate the process of asset recovery,
7. Increasing transparency and introducing concrete measures that strengthen the role of the society in demanding better governance;
8. Strengthening the legal framework, including the judicial system;

9. Strengthening investigation and asset tracing measures, and capacity building of the staff,
10. Creating networking between Ministries of Justice, the Judiciary, law enforcement agencies and other stakeholders,
11. Creating regional and international networking with the institutions and the participants of this Training Programme,
12. Capacity building of other stakeholders, and
13. If necessary improving the legal framework to effectively combat corruption and ensure effective recovery of stolen assets.

Conclusion

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for giving me this chance to address you at this important gathering.

As you know, corruption is a serious worldwide problem. It is neither peculiar to any certain country nor is any country a corruption-free zone. We recognise that fighting corruption is a huge challenge and that the expectations of our nations, the region and the international community are very high and have not yet been met. However, we are determined to fight corruption and if possible eliminate it from our countries. We are confident that fighting corruption is not a “Mission: Impossible”. We are confident that if we have sufficient resources and approach the task with iron determination, the victory will be ours.

Therefore, I take this opportunity to appeal to all to cooperate with each other with the available resources to effectively fight corruption. We must not allow corruption to undermine development in our nations and the world at large.

Finally I would also like to give a special note of thanks to the organisers of this event and above all the organizers of this unique Training Programme and all those who made it possible for us to be here and attend this Training Programme. I cannot forget all of you who made this a very special gathering.

Last but not the least, I avail myself of this opportunity to wish you success in your profession and personal life. We are looking forward to meeting each other again in the nearest future.

May Almighty God bless you all!

Thank you!