Follow-up Seminar on Criminal Justice for Central Asia "Addressing Corruption which hinders Countermeasures against Drug Offences: Focusing on Ethics and Codes of Conduct for Judges, Prosecutors and Law Enforcement Officials"

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

1. Duration and Participants

- O From 5 March to 18 March 2014
- O 10 participants from 5 countries (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan)

2. Programme Outline

UNAFEI has implemented the series of "Seminar on Criminal Justice for Central Asia" annually for nine years starting from FY 2004. These seminars contributed in preventing crime and improving criminal justice system in the Central Asia Region by clarifying the problems of corruptions among criminal justice officials, particularly in addressing drug offence and by examining countermeasures for corruption including preventive measures.

This year's seminar was held as a follow-up seminar of the nine years' series of the "Seminar on Criminal Justice for Central Asia" and compiled the result of the series as well as producing the medium-and-long term action plan regarding the countermeasure against corruption in addressing drug offence in the participating countries or the Central Asia Region. This seminar specifically focused on ethics and codes of conduct for judges, prosecutors and law enforcement officials, which are prerequisite for the proper implementation of countermeasures against drug offences.

This Seminar also endeavored to enhance the cooperative relationships among the criminal justice agencies within the Central Asia region.

Major topics for discussion included:

- 1) Status in Respective Countries:
 - a) Status of drug offence;
 - b) Control and punishment of drug offence;
 - c) Issues on control of drug offence;
 - d) Status of corruption in judiciary, prosecutorial authorities and law

enforcement authorities;

- e) Control of corruption within judiciary, prosecutorial authorities and law enforcement authorities;
- f) Status of preventive measures of corruption within judiciary, prosecutorial authorities and law enforcement authorities;
- g) Problems in preventive measures of corruption within judiciary, prosecutorial authorities and law enforcement authorities;
- 2) Codes of conduct and other measures for preventing corruption:
 - a) Codes of conduct for judges and prosecutors;
 - b) Codes of conduct for law enforcement officials;
 - c) Monitoring of implementation of the codes of conduct;
 - d) Effective measures against corruption in the judiciary, prosecutorial authorities and law enforcement authorities.
- 3) Appointment, education and training:
 - a) Procedure for appointment of judges, prosecutors and law enforcement officials;
 - b) Legal education for judges and prosecutors regarding legal ethics;
 - c) Education and training for law enforcement officials regarding professional responsibility.
- 4) Procedural Regulations:
 - a) Requirements and procedures for disqualification and recusal of judges and prosecutors in criminal cases;
 - b) Impeachment and disciplinary procedures for judges and prosecutors;
 - c) Internal regulations for law enforcement officials to avoid a bias or conflict of interest.

3. Lectures

Lectures by UNAFEI Professors and the following experts were provided:

- Visiting Experts
 - Ms. Olga Zudova

Senior Regional Legal Adviser

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Mr. Tony Kwok Man-wai

Anti-Corruption Consultant

Former Deputy Commissioner of the Independent Commission Against Corruption

Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, China

· Ad hoc Lecturer

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 Country attaché, Tokyo Country Office
 Drug Enforcement Administration
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