

The 163rd International Training Course “Children as Victims and Witnesses”

1. Duration and Participants

- From 18 May to 23 June 2016
- 23 overseas participants from 20 countries
- 7 domestic participants

2. Programme Overview

It has been 25 years since the Convention on the Rights of Child (hereinafter referred to as “the Convention”) has come into effects, and it has been 15 years since the two optional protocols of the Convention have been adopted. The Convention clearly declares that each state party shall take measures to protect the child from all forms of physical or mental violence, injury or abuse, neglect or negligent treatment, maltreatment or exploitation, including sexual abuse. The importance of protecting children from all forms of violence, exploitation and abuse has been repeatedly stressed in international society, research has been conducted and several guidelines or declarations were adopted.

However, violence against children still exists all over the world in various ways. The mission for us, as criminal justice practitioners, is to implement these normative principles in the real world consistently with the legal system and social situation in each country.

In this programme, through lectures and discussions, we aim to deepen the understanding of the measures hitherto explored and to promote implementation of these measures consistently with each country’s legal and social system.

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. Sita SUMRIT
Thailand Institute of Justice
- Ms. Tracy LIU
National Crime Agency CEOP Command/Child Protection Team, UK

Lecturers

- Dr. Kazuhiro WATANABE

Associate Professor

School of Law, Senshu University

- Mr. Takehisa HAMADA
Lawyer
- Ms. Keiko MITSUYOSHI
Judge
Tokyo District Family Court
- Ms. Misao TAKAGI
Family Court Probation Officer
Tokyo District Family Court
- Dr. Makiko NAKA
Professor
Hokkaido University
- Mr. Toshio TANAKA
National Police Agency