

The 144th International Senior Seminar
The Enhancement of Appropriate Measures for Victims of Crime
at Each Stage of the Criminal Justice Process

1. Duration and Participants

- January 12 to February 10, 2010
- Fourteen overseas participants from 12 countries
- Nine domestic participants including observers

2. Outline of the Seminar

The purpose of this Seminar is to offer practitioners in the criminal justice field an opportunity to share experiences and knowledge regarding protection and support of victims of crime at each stage of the criminal justice process. In order to achieve this purpose, the Seminar programme will provide an opportunity to clarify the current situations of and problems with measures for victims in each participating country and to build participants' knowledge of possible ways to enhance these measures. Among the major topics to be studied are the following:

(1) The investigation stage

- Consideration of the views and concerns of victims of crime in investigation;
- Ensuring victims' safety and privacy;
- Providing information for victims of crime.

(2) The prosecution stage

- Consideration of the views and concerns of victims in prosecution;
- Mechanisms for the resolution of disputes other than by formal prosecution;
- Providing information for victims of crime.

(3) The trial/sentencing stage

- Consideration of the views and concerns of victims regarding the criminal trial;
- Restitution from offenders through the criminal trial or attached process;
- Ensuring the victim's safety and privacy;
- Minimizing the burden on victims in testifying as a witness;
- Providing information for victims of crime.

(4) The execution of sentence stage

- Consideration of the views and concerns of victims regarding the treatment of offenders at the post-sentencing stage;
- Providing the victim and the community with information concerning the

treatment of offenders.

(5) Others

- Necessary material, medical, psychological and social assistance;
- State compensation system for victims of crime;
- Strengthening co-operation with other criminal authorities or organizations, experts or community outside of the criminal justice system;
- Training on victim matters for criminal justice practitioners;
- Other effective measures for victims of crime.

3. Visiting Experts

The following visiting experts and ad-hoc lecturers as well as professors of UNAFEI will give lectures:

(1) Visiting Experts

- Prof. John P. J. Dussich, Director, Tokiwa International Victimology Institute, Tokiwa University, Japan
“The Challenges of Victimology - Past, Present and Future”
- Prof. Cho Kyoon Seok, Professor, School of Law, Ewha Woman’s University, Korea
“The Current Situation and Challenges of Measures for Victims of Crime in the Korean Criminal Justice System”
- Prof. Dr. Kumaravelu Chockalingam, Professor, Tokiwa International Victimology Institute, Tokiwa University, Japan
“Situation and Measures for Victims in India”
- Ms. Martina Peter, Director in the Division R B 2 – Law of Criminal Proceedings, Federal Ministry of Law, Germany
“Measures to Protect Victims in German Criminal Proceedings: A summary with special focus on the key points of the Second Victims’ Rights Reform Act”
- Ms. Kim Herd, Chief, Victim Witness Assistance Unit, Assistant United States Attorney, United States Attorney’s Office for the District of Columbia, the United States
“History and Overview of Rights and Services for Federal Crime Victims within the United States”

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(2) Ad-hoc lecturers

- Sinichi Seto, the Director, the Office for Policies on Crime Victims, Cabinet

Office

“Current Conditions and Future Issues with Measures for Crime Victims”

- Hayato Takagi, the Director, the Office for Crime Victims, the National Police Agency

“The Police Support for Crime Victims in Japan”

- Fusako Ishibashi, the Director, the Crime Victims Support Division, Japan Legal Support Center Headquarters

“Victim Support by Japan Legal Support Center”

- Keisuke Senta, Professor, Graduate Schools for Law and Politics, University of Tokyo

“Victim Support and Protection within the Framework of the United Nations Conventions in Criminal Matters”

- Tatsuya Ota, Professor, Keio University

“Victim Support in Asia”

- Others