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Upcoming UNAFEI International Training Programmes in FY2025

The United Nations Asia and Far East Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (UNAFEI) will offer the five multi-lateral training courses listed below during the 2025 fiscal year (April 2025 – March 2026). Participants from around 10 to 20 countries and Japan will attend each course. The course curricula will consist of individual presentations, lectures from esteemed international and Japanese experts, group workshops and study visits/trips. Participants will have the opportunity to share the latest knowledge on the topic of the course and gain insight into best practices around the world. Throughout the programme, participants will stay at the UNAFEI dormitory and will build personal and professional relationships with experts and other participants. We hope you will join us in Tokyo!

Note: These programmes are organized by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). If you are interested in participating, please contact your nearest JICA office or Japanese Embassy and tell them the “JICA name” of the course (see below). The deadline for submitting a request to participate in these courses will be around August 2024.

I. International Training Course

i. Spring (May to Jun 2025)—International Training Course

“Countermeasures against Money Laundering”

(JICA Name: “Criminal Justice (Focus on Investigation, Prosecution, Adjudication, and International Cooperation)”)

Duration and Venue: Four-weeks in Tokyo, Japan

Target: Criminal justice officials and practitioners (police, prosecution, judiciary and other relevant agencies) who deal with criminal cases

Objective: Criminal and terrorist organizations continue to pose serious threats to society by exploiting jurisdictional boundaries and vulnerabilities in the anti-money-laundering capacity of the Member States. This course aims to strengthen the capacity of practitioners by sharing best practices and enhancing knowledge on the following possible topics.

Possible Topics:

1. Current situation and challenges of money laundering
2. Legal framework and international standards to regulate money laundering
3. Effective measures for investigation and prosecution of money laundering
4. International cooperation in cases of money laundering, including asset recovery

ii. Autumn-1 (Sep to October 2025)—International Training Course

“Theories of Offender Rehabilitation and Their Effective Implementation”

(JICA Name: “Management of Correctional Facilities and Rehabilitation of Offenders”)

Duration and venue: Four-weeks in Tokyo, Japan

Target: Criminal justice officials and practitioners (police, prosecution, judiciary, corrections, probation, parole and other relevant agencies) involved in the rehabilitation of offenders

Objective: Effective implementation of treatment theories is essential for better offender rehabilitation. This course will examine basic models and theories of offender rehabilitation, as well as assessment and evaluation methods, and further explore best practices in each jurisdiction.

Possible Topics:

1. Practical measures to enhance evidence-based practice
2. Application of the Risk-Need-Responsivity model in offender rehabilitation

3. Better understanding and application of evaluation of offender rehabilitation
4. Offender rehabilitation models to promote inclusive societies

iii. Autumn-2 (Oct to Nov 2025)—UNAFEI-UNCAC Training Programme

(JICA Name: "Criminal Justice Response to Corruption")

Duration and venue: Four-weeks in Tokyo, Japan

Target: Criminal justice officials and practitioners (police, prosecution, judiciary, and other relevant agencies) who deal with corruption cases

Objective: To effectively implement the provisions of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC) by sharing good practices and exploring effective measures to investigate, prosecute and adjudicate corruption offences with transnational aspects.

iv. Winter (Jan to Feb 2026)—International Senior Seminar

**“Reducing Reoffending through Rehabilitation and Social Reintegration:
Relevant UN Standards and Norms and Promising Practices”**

(JICA Name: "Enhancing Policy and Practice in the Field of Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (Senior Seminar)")

Duration and venue: Four-weeks in Tokyo, Japan

Target: Senior officers involved in policymaking in the field of criminal justice, and high-ranking criminal justice practitioners (police, prosecution, judiciary, corrections, probation, parole and other relevant agencies)

Objective: Reducing reoffending is one of the main goals of criminal justice systems, and it can be achieved through offender rehabilitation and social reintegration. The efforts to reduce reoffending require active engagement of all relevant sectors of society. This course will examine relevant United Nations standards and norms in crime prevention and criminal justice, current developments and research, and share promising practices in promoting rehabilitation and social reintegration of offenders.

Possible Topics:

1. The relevant United Nations standards and norms in crime prevention and criminal justice
2. Strategy and policy for reducing reoffending through rehabilitation and reintegration of offenders
3. Approaches and measures to encourage involvement of relevant stakeholders

II. Regional Training Course

(Dec 2025)—ASEAN-Japan Criminal Justice Seminar

(JICA Name: "ASEAN-Japan Criminal Justice Seminar: Promoting the Rule of Law and Building an Inclusive Society")

Duration and venue: Two-weeks in Tokyo, Japan

Target: Criminal justice officials and practitioners (police, prosecution, judiciary, corrections, probation, parole and other relevant agencies) from ASEAN countries and Timor-Leste

Objective: The objective of the course is to strengthen cross-border justice cooperation and enhance effective measures for managing correctional facilities and rehabilitation of offenders. Through sharing of best practices and exchange of insights, the course aims to build on the recent developments in the region to address its pressing challenges.

Structure: The seminar will be held in two parallel sessions: one for mutual legal assistance in criminal matters (MLA session) and one for offender treatment and rehabilitation (OTR session). In this regard, each participating country is kindly requested to nominate two practitioners (one for the MLA session and one for the OTR session) to the seminar.