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## Upcoming UNAFEI International Training Programmes in FY2026

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 2026 fiscal year (April 2026 – March 2027). 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. 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 2025.

### **I. International Training Courses**

#### **i. Spring (May to Jun 2026)—International Training Course**

##### **“Countermeasures against Cybercrime and Crimes involving Misuse of Virtual Assets such as Cryptocurrencies”**

*(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:** With the rapid development of information technology, crimes misusing the Internet, social media and virtual assets have increased significantly across the globe. In response, each country should strengthen legal frameworks and enhance capacity to detect, investigate and prosecute such crimes, and facilitate international cooperation. This course aims to build the capacity of practitioners by providing expertise for effective implementation of the newly signed UN Convention against Cybercrime and through sharing best practices on investigation and prosecution of cybercrime.

**Possible Topics:**

1. Overview of the United Nations Convention against Cybercrime
2. Challenges, effective countermeasures and best practices regarding the investigation and prosecution of cybercrime and misuse of virtual assets such as cryptocurrencies
3. Preventive measures against cybercrime including awareness-raising among the general public and education for youth

#### **ii. Autumn-1 (Sep to October 2026)—International Training Course**

##### **“Developing Tailored Treatment for Vulnerable Groups in Correctional Facilities: Women, Children, Youths and Persons with Disabilities”**

*(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:** This course aims to deepen understanding of tailored treatment for vulnerable groups in correctional settings, such as women, children, youths and persons with disabilities. Drawing from the Kyoto Declaration and relevant UN standards and norms, it will explore inclusive correctional strategies that effectively address the unique needs and challenges of vulnerable persons in custody and support their reintegration into society. This course will utilize good practices from Member States for effective policy development and practical approaches for developing rehabilitative correctional environments.

**Possible Topics:**

1. Approaches to the correctional treatment of women, children, youths and persons with disabilities
2. Enhancing assessment capacities to accurately understand the individual risks and needs of each offender

**iii. Autumn-2 (Oct to Nov 2026)—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 2027)—International Senior Seminar**

**“Comprehensive Criminal Justice Approaches to Reducing Reoffending through Community Engagement and Support”**

*(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:** This seminar aims to explore comprehensive approaches to reduce reoffending that encompass all stages of the criminal justice system—from the decision to arrest or prosecute to offender reintegration—while fostering community understanding and support. In anticipation of the adoption of the United Nations Model Strategies on Reducing Reoffending (Kyoto Model Strategies) in 2025, the seminar will facilitate knowledge-sharing on policy coordination, multi-sectoral collaboration and sustainable reintegration models to explore the most effective forms of multi-stakeholder cooperation and community engagement methods that ensure a seamless transition from crime prevention to the social reintegration of offenders.

**Possible Topics:**

1. Individually tailored measures, programmes and practices to reduce reoffending and facilitate social reintegration
2. Strategies for improving collaboration with stakeholders and raising awareness about crime prevention
3. Best practices aligned with the forthcoming United Nations Model Strategies on Reducing Reoffending

**II. Regional Training Course**

**(Dec 2026)—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 twofold objectives of the course are: (1) to strengthen cross-border cooperation in criminal matters and (2) to 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).