

UNAFEI

UNITED NATIONS ASIA AND FAR EAST INSTITUTE
FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRIME AND THE TREATMENT OF OFFENDERS





About Us

The United Nations Asia and Far East Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (UNAFEI) was established in 1962 by an agreement between the United Nations (UN) and Japan. It is one of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme Network Institutes (PNI). The PNI consists of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) in Vienna and several interregional and regional institutes and specialized centres around the world.

UNAFEI, the oldest PNI institute, has contributed to the enhancement of the criminal justice systems and capacity-building in developing countries by conducting training courses and seminars, as well as to the development, dissemination and implementation of the UN policies and strategies in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice in collaboration with the UNODC and other PNI institutes.

UNAFEI's activities are highly regarded inside and outside Japan, and in 2003, UNAFEI won the Presidential Award of the National Personnel Authority in Japan.



His Majesty, The Emperor (His Imperial Highness Crown Prince at that time) visits UNAFEI.



Her Royal Highness,
Princess Bajrakitiyabha of Thailand
visits UNAFEI.

History of UNAFEI

1954	The 1st United Nations Asia and Far East Convention for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders is held. A resolution is adopted calling for the establishment of a UN regional training institute in Asia.
1961	Agreement between the UN and the Government of Japan to establish UNAFEI
1962	Opening of the first UNAFEI facility in Fuchu City, Tokyo / The 1st International Training Course is conducted
1982	Opening of the second UNAFEI facility in Fuchu City, Tokyo
1990	Tokyo Rules adopted by the 8th Congress in Havana, followed by adoption by the General Assembly
1993	Visit by His Imperial Highness, Crown Prince Naruhito (His Majesty, The Emperor since 2019)
2002	UNAFEI's 40th Anniversary Event
2003	Presidential Award of the National Personnel Authority in Japan
2009	Visit by Her Royal Highness Princess Bajrakitiyabha of Thailand
2012	UNAFEI's 50th Anniversary Event
2013	Second Visit by Her Royal Highness Princess Bajrakitiyabha of Thailand
2017	Relocation to the third facility in Akishima City, Tokyo
2022	UNAFEI's 60th Anniversary Event



The first facility of UNAFEI in Fuchu City



The second facility of UNAFEI in Fuchu City

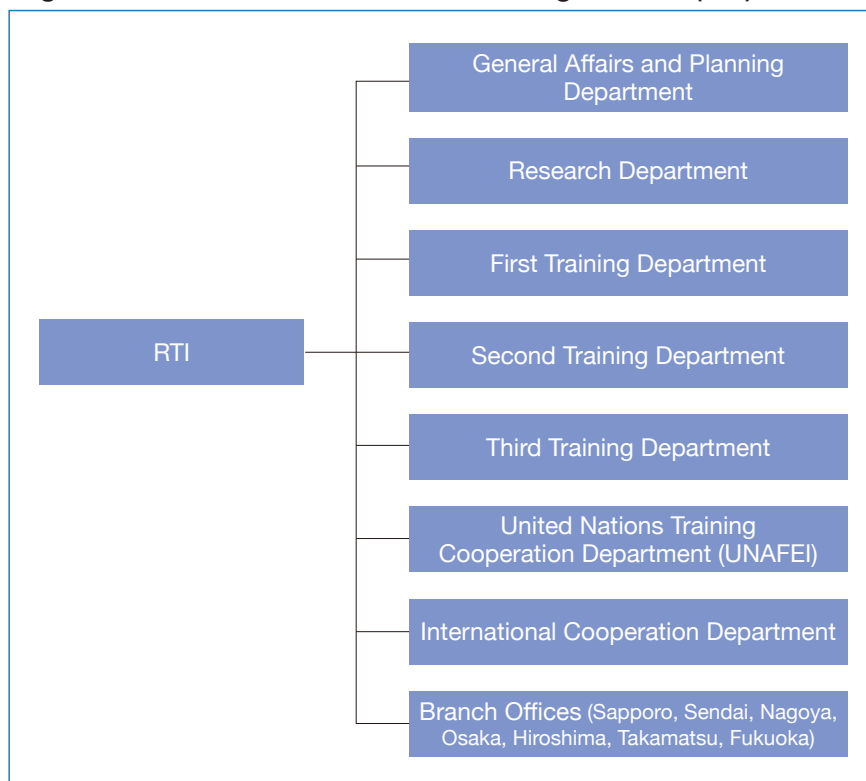


Lecture at UNAFEI in the second facility in Fuchu City

Organization of UNAFEI

The Government of Japan through the Research and Training Institute of the Ministry of Justice is responsible for UNAFEI's activities. The Director of UNAFEI is appointed upon consultation with the United Nations. Professors and staff, selected from among public prosecutors, judges, corrections officers, probation officers, etc., undertake UNAFEI's activities in cooperation with related organizations, such as the UNODC and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

Organization Chart of Research and Training Institute (RTI)



The mascot character of UNAFEI "Unafei-kun"



Lecture by UNAFEI professor



UNAFEI staff welcoming participants upon arrival at UNAFEI

International Training Courses and Senior Seminars

UNAFEI's international training courses and senior seminars have been its core mission. International training courses and senior seminars have contributed to the dissemination and implementation of the UN standards and norms, as well as to the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). UNAFEI held its first international training course in September 1962, and currently holds three international courses and senior seminars every year.

The international training course in spring mainly focuses on issues of crime prevention, investigation and adjudication, while the one in autumn concentrates on the management of correctional facilities and rehabilitation of offenders. The international senior seminar in winter deals with broader issues of criminal justice. Approximately 20 to 30 overseas and Japanese participants attend each international course or seminar, which lasts 4 to 5 weeks.

The programmes mainly consist of presentations by participants, lectures by UNAFEI professors and Japanese or overseas experts, observation visits to criminal justice agencies, group workshops and plenary discussions.



Group workshop



Group presentation



Presentation by a participant

Region/Country-Focused Courses and Seminars

UNAFEI is also engaged in region-focused training courses and bilateral technical assistance activities. The largest of these is the annual “Regional Seminar on Good Governance for Southeast Asian Countries”, known as the “Good Governance Seminar (GG Seminar)”, which has been conducted since 2007. The GG Seminar is designed to contribute to the promotion of good governance and the rule of law in Southeast Asian countries. UNAFEI's role is to co-organize the seminar with the designated criminal justice or international cooperation agency of the host country. The aim of the Seminar is to explore ways to strengthen anti-corruption measures and legal systems in the region.

In addition, the following country-specific training programmes are also conducted.

- (1) Since 2013, UNAFEI has conducted a series of programmes called the “Joint Comparative Study on the Criminal Justice Systems of Japan and Nepal”, which aims at improving the Nepali criminal justice system through comparative studies involving Nepali criminal justice officials and UNAFEI.
- (2) Since 2016, UNAFEI has supported Viet Nam's efforts to reform and improve its criminal justice system through conducting a series of programmes called the “Exchange Programme between the Japanese Prosecution Service and the Supreme People's Procuracy of Viet Nam”, as well as holding training courses for officers of Viet Nam's Supreme People's Procuracy.
- (3) Since 2018, UNAFEI has provided technical assistance in collaboration with the UNODC's Regional Office for Southeast Asia and the Pacific in the following countries
 - Timor-Leste (Prison Reform)
 - Philippines (Treatment of Offenders)
 - Cambodia (Community-based Treatment)



The 16th GG Seminar



Exchange Programme between the Japanese Prosecution Service and the Supreme People's Procuracy of Viet Nam



Technical Assistance to the Philippines on Offender Treatment



Technical Assistance to Timor-Leste on Prison Reform

Other Training Courses and Seminars

(1) UNAFEI-UNCAC Training Programme

UNAFEI has held an international training course entitled the UNAFEI-UNCAC Training Programme annually since 1998. Participants discuss and study the current situation of, and challenges in the countermeasures to, corruption, and then explore best practices for effective investigation, prosecution and adjudication of corruption offences, in order to better implement the provisions of the United Nations Convention Against Corruption (UNCAC).

(2) Youth International Training Course

In 2021, UNAFEI conducted its first training course targeting youth. Japanese university and graduate students, as well as international students, participated in the 1st Youth International Training Course. The participants learned about and discussed challenges and solutions to issues in the field of criminal justice.

(3) Criminal Justice Response to Vulnerable Groups (e.g. Reoffenders, Female and Child Victims) Towards Inclusive Society

With the goal of contributing to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development from a criminal justice perspective, UNAFEI launched a new training course in 2022 to discuss effective measures to promote the building of an inclusive society. The programme is conducted every year and alternates between the topics of crime prevention and victim protection.



UNAFEI-UNCAC Training Programme



Youth International Training Course



International Training Course on Building Inclusive Societies

UNAFEI's Contribution to the UN

UNAFEI contributes to the United Nations in formulating and implementing its global policies on crime prevention and offender treatment. UNAFEI faculty attend the regular sessions of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (Commission), a functional committee of the Economic and Social Council, every year and report on UNAFEI's activities and research findings. In selecting the themes of its courses and seminars, UNAFEI pays due attention to the priority areas of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, identified by the General Assembly, the Economic and Social Council and the Commission as well as the needs of the participating countries.

As a PNI member, UNAFEI has taken an important and active role in the United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (Congress) held once every five years. Since the 10th Congress in Vienna, UNAFEI has organized workshops and led practical discussions at each Congress.

The Workshops UNAFEI coordinated at previous Congresses

10th Congress (2000)	Vienna, Austria	Crimes Related to the Computer Network
11th Congress (2005)	Bangkok, Thailand	Measures to Combat Economic Crime, including Money-Laundering
12th Congress (2010)	Salvador, Brazil	Strategies and Best Practices against Overcrowding in Correctional Facilities
13th Congress (2015)	Doha, Qatar	Role of the United Nations standards and norms in crime prevention and criminal justice in support of effective, fair, humane and accountable criminal justice systems: experiences and lessons learned in meeting the unique needs of women and children, in particular the treatment and social reintegration of offenders (Panel I: The Treatment and social reintegration of women offenders)
14th Congress (2021)	Kyoto, Japan	Reducing Reoffending: identifying risks and developing solutions



The 12th Congress Workshop



The 13th Congress Workshop

The 14th UN Congress in Kyoto

At the 14th Congress (Kyoto Congress) held in Kyoto, Japan, in 2021, UNAFEI conducted the following activities.

(1) Workshop

UNAFEI co-hosted one of the workshops of the Kyoto Congress with the UNODC and the Thailand Institute of Justice (TIJ). The title of this workshop was "Reducing reoffending: identifying risks and developing solutions". Keynote speeches were followed by panel discussions on three topics. The workshop confirmed that reducing reoffending is essential for the creation of inclusive and sustainable societies as stated in the SDGs, and that doing so requires that offenders receive individualized treatment in rehabilitative environments – whether in the custodial or community setting – coupled with the active use of non-custodial measures and a multi-stakeholder approach to offender reintegration. The results of the workshop discussions were reported to the Kyoto Congress Plenary Session and reflected in the Kyoto Declaration.

(2) Ancillary Meeting

In addition, UNAFEI expects to strengthen its alumni network through reunion events at ancillary meetings. Approximately 150 ancillary meetings were held at the Kyoto Congress and, in collaboration with the Asia Crime Prevention Foundation (ACPF), UNAFEI hosted the "Follow-up to the UNAFEI Training Courses and Seminars" to strengthen the alumni network. In addition, UNAFEI held the World Conference of Volunteer Probation Officers jointly with the Rehabilitation Bureau of the Ministry of Justice.

(3) Follow-up

As a follow-up to the Kyoto Congress UNAFEI, in October 2022, invited experts from PNI and other organizations around the world to attend a PNI event titled "Enhancing Technical Assistance to Reduce Reoffending and Promote an Inclusive Society".



Logo of the Kyoto Congress



Logo of the Kyoto Youth Forum



The 14th Congress Workshop

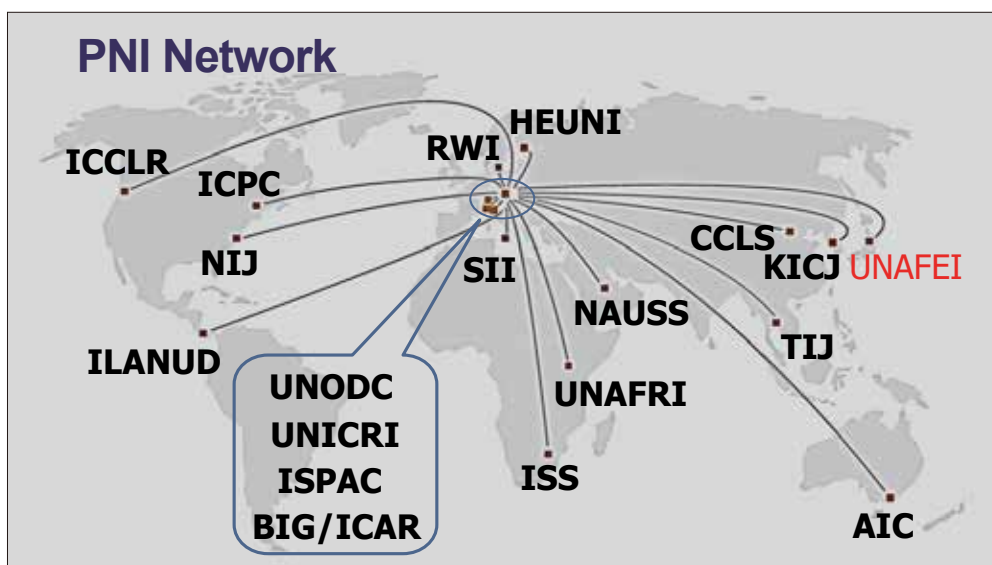


Ancillary Meeting
"Follow-up to the UNAFET Training Courses and Seminars"

UNAFEI and the PNI

The UN Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme Network consists of 18 Programme Network Institutes (PNI) around the world and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC). The PNI play a key role to assist the international community in strengthening international cooperation in the crucial area of crime prevention at the global, regional and sub-regional levels. UNAFEI, the oldest PNI, contributes to the achievement of the SDGs and the development and implementation of UN policies and strategies through training courses, seminars and research in cooperation with the UNODC and other PNI members, and active participation in UN meetings.

“PNI around the world”



Event on Reducing Reoffending with PNI Experts hosted by UNAFEI

UNAFEI's Involvement in Various International Activities

UNAFEI's faculty and staff members deliver lectures and presentations at international conferences and forums, such as the Counter-Terrorism Committee (CTC), the Global Counterterrorism Forum (GCTF), the International Penal and Penitentiary Foundation (IPPF), the World Justice Forum (WJF), the General Meeting of the International Association of Prosecutors, the Asia and Pacific Conference of Correctional Administrators (APCCA), the International Corrections and Prisons Association (ICPA) Annual Conference, the World Congress on Probation, among many others. UNAFEI is also actively involved in various activities for the betterment of criminal justice around the world by concluding memorandums of cooperation (MOC) with international organizations.

List of MOUs/MOCs between UNAFEI and other Institutes

2014	College for Criminal Law Science of Beijing Normal University, China (CCLS)
2015	Korean Institute of Criminology, Korea (KIC)
2016	Thailand Institute of Justice, Thailand (TIJ)
2017	Escola Superior do Ministério Público da União, Brazil (ESMPU)
2022	Confederation of European Probation (CEP)
2022	International Criminal Court (ICC)



Presentation at APCCA



Signing the MOU between UNAFEI and TIJ



Signing the MOU between UNAFEI and the CEP



Signing the MOC between UNAFEI and the ICC

Life at UNAFEI

UNAFEI is located at the International Justice Center in Akishima, Tokyo. UNAFEI is fully equipped with facilities for effective training. The facilities include International Conference Hall A (four-language simultaneous interpretation is available); International Conference Hall B; a multi-purpose hall, a library, several seminar rooms and a cafeteria.

The participants and overseas visiting experts stay in the dormitory attached to UNAFEI's main building. The living environment and meals are designed to meet the individual needs of the participants so that their stay will be as comfortable as possible. In their free time, they can enjoy activities such as table tennis, working out in the training room, etc.



International Conference Hall A



International Conference Hall B



Dormitory Room



Dining Hall



Library



Japanese *tatami* room

Publications

The outcomes of UNAFEI's training courses and seminars are widely disseminated through UNAFEI's periodic publications, as well as the results of surveys and activities occasionally conducted by UNAFEI faculty, all of which are available online.

(1) Resource Material Series

In principle, UNAFEI publishes its journal Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, UNAFEI's Resource Material Series three times a year. It contains materials prepared by visiting experts and selected papers written by participants highlighting the criminal justice practices and challenges in their countries. It is a valuable publication to learn about the theme of each course and the criminal justice situation in a variety of countries. This collection, which had been published only in English, is now also published in Japanese (since 2023).

(2) Report of Workshop

UNAFEI publishes the results of the workshops organized by UNAFEI at the Congresses. At the 14th Congress held in Kyoto in 2021, UNAFEI organized a workshop on "Reducing reoffending: identifying risks and developing solutions" together with the UNODC and TIJ and published the papers presented at the workshop.

(3) Newsletter/Annual Report

An overview of each training course/seminar conducted at UNAFEI is available in the online UNAFEI Newsletter. The annual activities of UNAFEI are reported to the United Nations once a year. This report is also posted online.

(4) Report of the GG Seminar

UNAFEI publishes the results of its GG Seminars, which have been held annually since 2007. The publication includes papers from various countries on anti-corruption measures in Southeast Asia.



The Resource Material Series
in UNAFEI's library



Report of the Workshop
(Kyoto Congress)

Public Support

The Asia Crime Prevention Foundation (ACPF), established in 1982, greatly supports UNAFEI's programmes by providing various activities for the participants, such as friendship parties, co-organization of an annual public lecture and study tour programmes. The ACPF is a non-profit foundation and an international non-governmental organization (NGO), whose main purpose is to support UNAFEI's activities. The ACPF has been granted General Consultative Status, the top category of UN NGOs. The ACPF has many branches overseas and in Japan.

In addition, UNAFEI is assisted in various Japanese cultural activities (e.g. tea ceremonies, flower arrangement and koto concerts) by local community organizations such as the Rotary Club, Soroptimist International and the Volunteer Probation Officers Association in Support of UNAFEI's Activities.



Tea Ceremony hosted by Soroptimist International Akishima (the 173rd International Training Course)



Participants visit the home of a Volunteer Probation Officer



International Friendship Party hosted by the ACPF Hiroshima Branch

UNAFEI Alumni Network

Over the past 60 years, more than 6,300 criminal justice practitioners from 143 countries/regions have participated in UNAFEI's training courses and seminars. Many UNAFEI alumni members are playing leading roles in the field of criminal justice in their respective countries, thus strengthening the UNAFEI alumni network. Given the globalization of crime, networking among criminal justice practitioners and agencies facilitate sharing of experiences, gathering of information and international cooperation. In order to strengthen its alumni network, UNAFEI updates its contact list and sends an e-magazine periodically to former participants and visiting experts to provide up-to-date information about UNAFEI's activities.

UNAFEI's alumni network (as of 1 April 2023)

ASIA	3,209	THE PACIFIC	225	AFRICA	752	NORTH & SOUTH AMERICA	326
Afghanistan	39	Australia	3	Algeria	8	Antigua and Barbuda	2
Bangladesh	97	Fiji	60	Botswana	13	Argentina	7
Bhutan	28	Kiribati	2	Burkina Faso	19	Barbados	3
Brunei	25	Marshall Islands	5	Burundi	1	Belize	11
Cambodia	66	Micronesia	2	Cameroon	6	Bolivia	2
China	270	Nauru	2	Chad	20	Brazil	80
Hong Kong	82	New Zealand	2	Cote d'Ivoire	44	Chile	9
India	103	Palau	3	D.R.Congo	35	Colombia	14
Indonesia	241	Papua New Guinea	85	Egypt	34	Costa Rica	19
Iran	42	Samoa	19	Ethiopia	6	Cuba	1
Iraq	38	Solomon Islands	10	Gabon	2	Dominican Republic	4
Jordan	17	Tonga	19	Gambia	3	Ecuador	7
Korea	119	Vanuatu	9	Ghana	8	El Salvador	13
Laos	94	Cook Islands	4	Guinea	9	Grenada	1
Lebanon	1			Kenya	253	Guatemala	8
Malaysia	193	EUROPE	251	Lesotho	3	Guyana	5
Maldives	49	Albania	4	Liberia	1	Haiti	1
Mongolia	18	Armenia	4	Libya	1	Honduras	16
Myanmar	106	Azerbaijan	4	Madagascar	5	Jamaica	12
Nepal	230	Bosnia and Herzegovina	2	Malawi	14	Mexico	6
Oman	5	Bulgaria	2	Mali	25	Nicaragua	2
Pakistan	112	Estonia	1	Mauritania	17	Panama	25
Palestine	13	Georgia	3	Mauritius	5	Paraguay	15
Philippines	331	Hungary	1	Morocco	10	Peru	33
Saudi Arabia	17	Kazakhstan	30	Mozambique	5	Saint Christopher and Nevis	2
Singapore	92	Kyrgyz	37	Namibia	11	Saint Lucia	3
Sri Lanka	163	Latvia	1	Niger	21	Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	2
Taiwan	21	Lithuania	1	Nigeria	31	Trinidad and Tobago	2
Thailand	385	North Macedonia	2	Republic of South Sudan	5	U.S.A. (Hawaii)	1
Timor-Leste	21	Moldova	5	Senegal	17	Uruguay	4
Turkey	8	Montenegro	1	Seychelles	5	Venezuela	16
United Arab Emirates	1	Poland	1	Sierraleone	3		
Viet Nam	175	Romania	1	Somalia	2		JAPAN 1,619
Yemen	7	Serbia	1	South Africa	10		
		Tajikistan	74	Sudan	22		TOTAL 6,382
		Turkmenistan	8	Eswatini	2		(As of 1 April 2023)
		Ukraine	20	Tanzania	27		
		Uzbekistan	48	Tunisia	3		
				Uganda	12		
				Zambia	15		
				Zimbabwe	19		

UNAFEI Alumni Promoted to High-Ranking Positions

UNAFEI alumni have been promoted to high-ranking positions, such as Minister of Justice, President of the Supreme Court of Justice, and Attorney General.

UNAFEI Alumni Promoted to High-Ranking Positions

Nepal



- Chief Justice, Chairman, Council of Ministers
- Prime Minister
- Joint Secretary, Ministry of Law, Justice and Constituent Assembly Affairs
- Secretary, Commission for the Investigation of Abuse of Authority

Pakistan



- Director General, National Police Bureau, Ministry of Interior

Sri Lanka



- Secretary to the Ministry of Justice
- Chief Justice of the Supreme Court
- Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Justice

Kenya



- Director of Probation and Aftercare Services, Ministry of Interior and Coordination of National Government
- Director of Children's Services, Ministry of Labor and Social Protection

Singapore



- Principal Senior State Counsel of the Criminal Justice Division, Attorney General's Chambers

Indonesia



- Deputy Chief Justice



China

- Chief Justice, The Supreme People's Court
- Grand Justice of the Second Rank, The Supreme People's Court



Korea

- Minister of Justice
- Prosecutor General



Thailand

- Minister of Justice
- President, Supreme Court
- Attorney General
- Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Justice



Costa Rica

- Costa Rican Ambassador to Japan



Philippines

- Senior Deputy State Prosecutor, Department of Justice
- Commissioner, National Police Commission
- Administrator, Parole and Probation Administration, Department of Justice



Brazil

- Director of International Cooperation Division, Federal Prosecution Service



Samoa

- Senior Supreme Court Justice



Peru

- Judge of the International Criminal Court



Fiji

- President of the United Nations Human Rights Council
- Deputy Prosecutor, International Criminal Court



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