



## Letter from the ACPF Nagoya Branch

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ACPF members are now facing hardships due to COVID-19, which causes us to refrain from going out and engaging in our usual activities. However, I think it is also important in the present harsh situation to explore our future vision on branch activities now in consideration of upcoming settling down of the COVID-19. I would like to take this opportunity to review ACPF Nagoya's activities to date and I would like to share with ACPF members our activities and plans in the future.

### **【 The Situation when the Branch was Established 】**

The ACPF Nagoya Branch was established on 29 January 1992. The ACPF was founded in 1982, and through its support for activities of the United Nations Asia and Far East Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (UNAFEI) and steady contributions to the criminal justice field in the United Nations (UN), it was granted Special Consultative Status by the Economic and Social Council of the UN in March 1991. By taking opportunities of ACPF's decade history and the momentum of accreditation as UN NGO, the movement to establish ACPF branches developed in Japan and overseas countries to strengthen its basis of activities. ACPF Nagoya Branch was also set up in the movement. At the inception of the Branch, 25 judicial person companies and 115 individuals joined it with consent to fully support for the Branch activities. The first President was Mr. TOYODA Shoichiro, the current President is Mr. KAWAGUCHI Fumio (former advisor, Chubu Electric Power Co., Inc.) and Mr. MIZUNO Akihisa (Councillor, Chubu Electric Power Co., Inc.) will succeed its post from July 2020. At that time, 10 ACPF branches were established in Japan and two in foreign countries.

### **【 Friendship Agreement with the Philippine ACPF and the ACPF Nagoya Branch 】**



In order to assume a role as a UN NGO, the ACPF was required to hold international conferences to consult issues of crime prevention and criminal justice in the Asia-Pacific region. The ACPF started to hold the First ACPF World Conference on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in Tokyo in 1991, and held 12 Conferences in total including in Kuala Lumpur, Bangkok, and Beijing. By taking these occasions, the ACPF promoted significant activities which were conducted in cooperation with respective partners (ACPF branches in Japan

and overseas ACPF chapters) which signed the friendship agreements. ACPF Nagoya Branch inaugurated friendship agreement with the Philippine ACPF (at that time its name was ACPPI (Asia Crime Prevention Philippines, Inc.) at the Third ACPF World Conference with the attendance of President Ramos in Manila in March 1994.

### **【 International Cooperation in Muntinlupa, the Philippines 】**

Since then, ACPPI and ACPF Nagoya Branch mutually dispatched and received their members resulting to enhancement of amicable relations and deepening of mutual understanding about criminal justice administration in both countries. In the programs, I would like to underscore the so-called “Muntinlupa Halfway House Project” as one of our activities. It started in February 1996.

At that time in the Philippines, there was no Halfway House (it is called Offenders rehabilitation facility in the community in Japan) which provides free-of-charge services of accommodation, meals, and vocational training for a certain period of time for offenders who will soon leave prison but have no place to return to in the community.

The Project aimed for construction of a halfway house in the premises of the Bureau of Corrections (Bucor) in Muntinlupa, where prison compounds are also located, with donations from the Nagoya West Lions Club (Governor was Mr. Shinji Kayamori) and the joint cooperation of ACPF Headquarters, ACPF Nagoya Branch, ACPPI, National Police Commission, Department of Justice, Bucor, Parole and Probation Administration, Department of Social Welfare, Makati Golden Lions Club, and others. This joint endeavor is administered and managed by ACPPI and other organizations.

Thanks to the cooperation of many Philippine alumni of UNAFEI, which is an international UN training institute (presently relocated in *Akishima* City in Tokyo) for criminal justice officials, including judges and prosecutors in various countries of Asia, explanations of the project to relevant agencies were done successfully, and on 31 May 1997, one year and three months after the start of the project, the Halfway house, which is one-story, stylish, and voluntarily designed by Mr. ANDO Tadao, was completed and the opening ceremony was conducted with the attendance of the Secretary of Justice. The Halfway House Project may be a rare case of administration where a system that did not exist was improved through



**Muntinlupa Halfway House**

cooperative activities of NGOs in Japan and the Philippines.

**【 Twenty Three Years since the Inauguration of the Friendship Agreement 】**

The Halfway House has been administered for 23 years and has accommodated more than 500 clients for their rehabilitation. The ACPF Nagoya Branch has made continuing donations to ACPF Philippines every year to support management of the house. On 14 September 2017, the ceremony for the Memorandum of Agreement was signed by representatives of ACPF Headquarters, ACPF Nagoya Branch, and ACPF Philippines, who visited Japan on the occasion to attend the Third World Conference on Probation in Tokyo. The reason why the ceremony was conducted is that since the number of those who understood the situation of inception of the Halfway House lessened, there was a need for relevant persons of the House to confirm again matters about cooperation, authority, and the obligations of relevant organizations, and to sign the document of consent. Those who signed were Mr. HINO Masaharu (Chairperson, ACPF), the President of ACPF Nagoya Branch, the Commissioner of National Police Commission, the Administrator of Parole and Probation Administration, the Director General of Bucor, and the President of ACPF Philippines. In order to sustain activities like this project, we need to review them regularly.



**14 September 2017  
Group Photo ACPF and CPPAP**

**【 To Contrive Activities 】**

As deemed applicable for other ACPF branches, human resources and funds are needed to continuously implement the activities of ACPF branches. Although the ACPF Nagoya Branch does not maintain a similar number of branch members as in its beginning period, we are creating methods to invite attorneys at law from the Aichi Prefecture Bar Association, specifically, powerful attorneys at law of the Commission of International Affairs as ACPF Nagoya Branch members, through whom the ACPF Nagoya Branch invites foreign students, including incumbent judges and prosecutors, one of whom became Minister of Justice in Viet Nam, to join ACPF Nagoya Branch events such as the networking meeting of UNAFEI overseas participants study tour to the ACPF Nagoya Branch.

More specifically, the ACPF Nagoya Branch invites UNAFEI overseas participants to Nagoya, and guides them to criminal justice institutions and sightseeing spots, and welcomes them to join the network meeting with ACPF Nagoya members. The ACPF Nagoya Branch also recently supported lectures on

“Criminal Justice Organization in Japan” in the (English) Graduate School of Law at Nagoya University. The ACPF Nagoya Branch guides overseas students to courts, prisons, the Research and Training Institute (in *Akishima*, Tokyo), and the Ministry of Justice in line with programs for overseas students. Our Branch members also attend information sessions on the White Paper on Crime at the Nagoya High Public Prosecutors Office, in order to comprehend trends related to crime and criminal justice in Japan.

### **【 Recent Visits to the Philippines 】**

When it comes to overseas countries, the ACPF Nagoya Branch has inaugurated a friendship agreement with the Philippine ACPF, and it actively participated in the ACPF Philippine tour planned by ACPF Headquarters. The ACPF Philippine Tour from 21 to 24 March 2019 was conducted with 26 ACPF members from Japan, of which three members of the ACPF Nagoya Branch joined and held an ACPF Nagoya donation ceremony at the Phi-Japan Halfway House in Muntinlupa. For your information, the official name of ACPF Philippines is now Crime Prevention Practitioners Association of the Philippines (CPPAP), and members use the abbreviation “see pap”.



**22 March 2019**  
**Phi-Japan Halfway House in Muntinlupa**

CPPAP held a seminar on “Crime Prevention and Doing Business in the Philippines” for Japanese companies which do work in the Philippines at the Conference Hall of the National Police Commission in Quezon City on 19 July 2019. Since I have heard that similar seminars will be held in the future, the ACPF Nagoya Branch would like to encourage our members to participate in those seminars too.

### **【 In Conclusion 】**

I have reviewed various programs of the ACPF Nagoya Branch since its inception. Bearing in mind that these achievements could be realized with the support of many related persons, we would like to provide meaningful programs which satisfy UNAFEI international training course participants, CPPAP members, and ACPF branch members. I hope all concerned members and friends will continue to provide understanding and support.