

ACPF FAQ of ACPF Virtual Exhibition Site at Kyoto Crime Congress

I. About Crime Congress

1-1 What is the Crime Congress?

The United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (commonly known as the Crime Congress) brings together senior officials, practitioners, and researchers from judicial institutions, and has been held once every five years since 1955 in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice. This is the largest international conference of the United Nations in this field. Please see below for the significance, history, efforts of the Japanese government, and an overview of this Kyoto Congress.

At the Crime Congress, we aim to create a safer world by sharing knowledge, communicating, and promoting international cooperation on the issues facing the international community. A "Political Declaration" will be adopted for such measures.

➤ See MOJ Host country website:

[The Kyoto Congress The 14th UN Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice \(moj.go.jp\)](http://www.moj.go.jp/kyotocongress)

➤ See UNODC website: [Crime Congress - About \(unodc.org\)](http://www.unodc.org/crimecongress)

1-2 I heard that this is a United Nations event. Tell us about the history and content of the event.

- Please refer to page 2 and below of ACPF Bulletin No. 57 (September 2015) for a brief reference. (Only in Japanese)
- The first Congress was held in Geneva in 1955 after the establishment of the United Nations. It has been held every 5 years since then, and this time it was postponed for the first time by one year.
- Japan became the host country of the Kyoto Congress in 1970. The place is the same National Kyoto International Conference Center. From this time on, the "Political Declaration" was adopted as a result of the Crime Congress.
- The character of the Crime Congress changed from 1980 to 1991. The nature of the Crime Congress was a kind of the expert meetings up to that period but has changed to intergovernmental meetings. However, Workshops still have nature of an expert meeting, and participants hold ancillary meetings (also called as Side Events), which are not intergovernmental ones, to support for activating the Crime Congress.

- Recently, a Youth Forum has been held before the plenary session of the Crime Congress to raise awareness, participate in and reflect the opinions of young people (the Doha Congress in 2015 was the first). The second meeting was held at the Kyoto Congress on February 27th and 28th, 2021.

1-3 What is the relationship between the Congress, the Government of Japan, and ACPF?

- Relationship between Congress and the Government of Japan
The Congress has its predecessor and has a deep relationship with Japan. It originated from the International Penal and Penitentiary Commission (IPPC) in 1882 (Meiji 5). Later, the IPPC became part of the League of Nations, and Japan has contributed funds to and participated even after the withdrawal from the League of Nations (1933). It was the current United Nations that took over this IPPC, and although it was not a member of the United Nations at the time of the first Geneva Congress (1955), participation was accepted.

- UNAFEI (commonly known as Ajiken) contribution to the Japanese government.
The Government of Japan has contributed by having a government delegation participate in each Crime Congress and submitting opinions in the fields of crime prevention and criminal justice. In particular, UNAFEI (United Nations Asia and Far East Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the treatment of Offenders) was established by the agreement between the United Nations and the Government of Japan in 1961, but it was still under development. It is an organization that trains criminal justice personnel in the country (under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Justice). Crime prevention and criminal justice are important for the security of the world, and UNAFEI plays an important role and contribute to the field of international cooperation. As a member of the United Nations Network Organization (PNI), UNAFEI has been leading one of the workshops since 2000 and has contributed to the Crime Congress by dispatching experts to other workshops.

UNAFEI was also introduced in 2016 in an English-language article (*We Are Tomodachi*) by the Prime Minister's Office.

→[Strengthening Criminal Justice Systems Around the World / The Government of Japan - JapanGov -](#)

- Relationship between Congress and ACPF
The Asia Crime Prevention Foundation (ACPF) supports UNAFEI activities. The ACPF was founded in 1982, and the late SHIKITA Minoru, who contributed to

1-5 Tell us the outline, schedule and overall schedule of this Kyoto event.

- Please see the Ministry of Justice portal site. You can see the whole schedule.
[Annex_timetable_provisional_agenda_final.pdf \(unodc.org\)](#)
- English Annex_timetable_provisional_agenda_final.pdf (unodc.org)

1-6 I would like to actually go to Kyoto, can anyone participate?

Due to the worldwide spread of COVID-19, there are strict restrictions on participation both in Japan and overseas, and only those who have been approved by the United Nations to participate in the venue in advance can participate.

The procedure has been completed by the deadline of February 24th, and you will not be able to participate anymore.

1-7 Can I participate online? Do you need a procedure?

There are two types.

- (1) Anyone can participate (view) the meetings, side events, plenary meetings, and two workshops sponsored by the Government of Japan. All you have to do is register with Intrado from the Ministry of Justice portal site.

[14th United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice\("Kyoto Congress"\) Registration \(onlinexperiences.com\)](#)

The registration period is until March 12th (congress end date).

- (2) For the entire UN-sponsored congress, only those who have been approved online by the UN in advance can participate. The procedure has been completed by the deadline on February 24th.

Some parts of the Crime Congress will also be distributed on the United Nations Web News.

1-8 Can I participate in information other than ACPF, plenary sessions, ancillary meetings (side events), or view sites of other organizations from the virtual site?

It is as shown in 1-7 (1) above.

The virtual site you are viewing is set up for virtual exhibitions by related organizations, companies, etc., so you cannot do anything else (you cannot watch it unless you register for each).

II. About ACPF and related events

2-1 What kind of organization is ACPF? I want to know the activity content.

Please visit the ACPF website.

→[TOP | 国連 NGO | Asia Crime Prevention Foundation \(acpf.org\)](#)

→[What is the ACPF? | 国連 NGO | Asia Crime Prevention Foundation](#)

2-2 Tell us about the events sponsored (co-sponsored) by ACPF, their schedules, outlines, and how to participate. I'm not a member, can I see it later on demand?

There are the following two.

(1) Wednesday, March 10th, 11: 30-13: 00

ACPF-sponsored annex meeting (side event)

"Get out of the Labyrinth! Social Inclusion of Criminal Justice and Social Welfare"

(2) Wednesday, March 10th, 14: 00-15: 30

Ancillary meeting (side event) co-sponsored by UNAFEI and ACPF

"Follow-up to the UNAFEI training courses and seminars"

(3) The last day of March 12th (Friday)

The video of the piano concert hosted by UNODC, the UN Secretariat of the Kyoto Congress, will be screened, and ACPF supports this.

(1) is sponsored by ACPF as a UN NGO, so only those who have been approved online by the UN in advance can watch it live. Please note that ACPF plans to make it possible to watch the attached conference (2) on demand after the conference, so please be aware of the ACPF website.

(2) can be viewed live or on-demand by anyone who registers with Intrado stated in 1-7 above.

At the moment, I don't know if (3) can be viewed in (1), but it will be available on UN Web News.

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- Ancillary Meeting (March 10, 14:00-15:30)
"Follow-up to the UNAFEI training courses and seminars"

By UNAFEI & ACPF



- Ancillary Meeting (March 10, 11:30-13:00)
"Get out of Labyrinth" (only online)

-Social inclusion of Criminal Justice and Social Welfare

By ACPF



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2-3 Tell us about the participants, their contents, and the outline of the attached meeting (side event).

(1) Wednesday, March 10th, 11: 30-13: 00

ACPF-sponsored annex meeting (side event)

"Get out of the Labyrinth! Social Inclusion of Criminal Justice and Social Welfare"

Moderator : Mr. YOSHIDA Hiroyuki

Ms. **SHIRAKI Remi**, Attorney at Law, Japan

Ms. **Donna Caparas**, Director II, Crime Prevention and Coordination Service,
National Police Commission, NAPOCOM, the Philippines

Dr. **Anuwan Vongpichet**, Deputy Executive Director and Director of the Justice
Innovation Office, Thailand Institute of Justice (TIJ), Thailand

(Outline)

For the rehabilitation of criminals, not only the criminal justice field but also various mutual cooperation such as social welfare, medical care, public awareness activities, and private sector support are required. In particular, if the latter allows rehabilitation, criminal justice procedures will reduce the need for severe punishment. In Japan, collaboration between criminal justice and social welfare has been said for several years, but we share the problems and achievements, and since other countries have their own special circumstances,

we can learn from each other's experiences. You can make use of measures for realizing a safe society as future references.

Presenters will give presentations, ask and answer questions, and interact actively with online participants.

(2) Wednesday, March 10th, 14: 00-15: 30

Ancillary meeting (side event) co-sponsored by UNAFEI and ACPF

"Follow-up to the UNAFEI training courses and seminars"

Moderator : Ms. ISHIHARA Kayo

Presenter :

- ① Mr. FUTAGOISHI Ryo (UNAFEI Professor)
 - ② Prof. Dr. Kittipong Kittayarak (Executive Director, Thailand Institute of Justice)
 - ③ Judge Luz del Carmen Ibáñez Carranza (Appeals Chamber of the International Criminal Court)
 - ④ Mr. Severino Hunt Gaña, Jr. (Former Senior Deputy State Prosecutor of the National Prosecution Service, Department of Justice, Philippines)
 - ⑤ Mr. Vladimir Aras (Federal Appellate Prosecutor, Brazil)
- (Outline)

UNAFEI alumni will share information about their experiences in international training and seminars, how to utilize those experiences, and their subsequent activities, and discuss the significance of UNAFEI training.

III. About the contents of ACPF virtual site

3-1 I would like to share the contents of the ACPF virtual site with related parties. Can I do it? Tell me the method and procedure.

During the Kyoto Congress, you can watch it by registering for Intrado as described in (1) of I.1-7 above, so please let us know if you would like to share it.

After the end of the Kyoto Congress, ACPF plans to make it available to members and related parties through the ACPF website, so please contact the ACPF secretariat.

3-2 About the contents of the main screen

➤ What is the history of a UN NGO?

February 1982 Established Asian Criminal Administration Foundation

March 1991 Approved as a UN NGO

May 2000 Obtained UN NGO consultative status (top category)

From 1992 to 2008, ACPF held a total of 12 ACPF World Congresses, and have

contributed by submitting opinions to the United Nations based on the resolutions adopted there. At that time, it was Japan that the delegates of government officials changed due to the often transfer, but since Mr. SHIKITA participated continuously based on his work experience at the United Nations, the Ministry of Justice, the prosecution and UNAFEI. He was something for criminal justice officials from around the world. ACPF showed its presence both on the front and back stages.



➤ Mr. SHIKITA and Mr. SAKAIYA seem to be great people, but who are you and what kind of achievements do you have?

(1) About Mr. Shikita

As you can see from the above explanation, while working for the legal prosecution, he has been active in the international field for a long time and has contributed not only to criminal justice support in developing countries but also to the establishment of the International Prosecutor's Association. He is a person who tried to disseminate international criminal justice from the standpoint of Japan and Asia (Orient).

(2) About Mr. SAKAIYA ou are Japanese, you probably know the name. Originally working for the Ministry of International Trade and Industry, he demonstrated his skills in running the Osaka World Exposition in 1970, is a well-known writer, and was the Secretary of the Economic Planning Agency (Ministerial level). With the cooperation of the ACPF President, "Japan, a

safe country" (commonly known as a safety notebook), which is seen in the data, was the idea of Mr. SAKAIYA is the responsible editor.

➤ Are executives prosecutors? Tell us the reasons?

International contributions in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice have been made through UNAFEI's international cooperation since 1962 (before the establishment of JICA).

UNAFEI is under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Justice:

- a) Staff must be assigned by Ministry of Justice staff
- b) Specialization in crime prevention and criminal justice is required
- c) UNAFEI participants from developing countries must be criminal justice officials.

Considering those characteristics, the prosecutor is the Director of UNAFEI. ACPF was established for the purpose of supporting UNAFEI, that is, developing countries, and in many cases, experienced prosecutors serve as executives, but private sector people also contribute as directors.

➤ About activity contents (explanation of each photo)

1st: UNAFEI's domestic and overseas training participants are invited to the *Kokugikan* every May (sponsored by ACPF Headquarters branch's *KISEIKAI*). This is an event to introduce Japanese traditional culture.

2d: UNAFEI's domestic and overseas trainees will visit the criminal justice organization in Yokohama, and at that time, enjoy dinner and Japanese dance while enjoying the night view on a Yokohama Bay cruise (sponsored by the Yokohama branch).

3rd: This is a scene from UNAFEI's domestic and overseas training participants having an exchange with the Saitama branch regarding volunteer probation officers (a scene when a criminal justice official from Kenya came to Japan).

Fourth: About 25 years have passed since the Philippines ACPF (CPPAP) and ACPF Nagoya Branch signed a cooperation agreement, but it looks like when the agreement was revised in 2017.

Fifth: UNAFEI Each branch invites overseas participants to inspect the characteristics of the region, but it is an event sponsored by the Osaka branch and is being discussed with *Kindai* University Law School students.

- Sixth: UNAFEI's domestic and overseas training participants will visit the Hiroshima penal institution and the Atomic Bomb Dome. At that time, the Hiroshima branch organizes a lecture on the experience of the atomic bombing (storyteller in English).
- 7th: Every year in late January, UNAFEI, ACPF and the Japan Criminal Policy Study Group co-sponsored a criminal policy public lecture, which was held seven times since 2013.
- 8th: It is co-organized by The Association of Corporate Legal Department that overseas visiting lecturers of UNAFEI training are invited to exchange opinions (conducted 7 times since 2013).
- 9th: Thailand ACPF exists, and now it is when a lecture for Japanese business persons was held in Bangkok in cooperation with the Thailand Institute of Justice (TIJ) (2013). Conducted 6 times from).
- 10th: It is a state when a lecture for Japanese companies was held in cooperation with Philippines CPPAP (2019 is the first time).

- I am interested in the safety notebook (Japan, How Safe). Tell me the details of the contents. Can I buy even one copy? What is the procedure?

Using various statistics, it is a compact representation of how Japan is a country of "safety, security, accuracy, cleanliness, and good will."

Click here for an overview.

→ [b2600cb8c399928fab5a3b16fdccbc1.pdf \(acpf.org\)](https://www.acpf.org/b2600cb8c399928fab5a3b16fdccbc1.pdf)

You can purchase from one (1) copy for 500 yen per copy, but considering the mailing cost etc., we would appreciate it if you purchase in units of 5 or 10 books. The application method is also available on the website (Japanese only).

Please contact ACPF secretariat.

- Tell me the status of member companies.

Currently,
corporations 120 companies,
individuals 552 people

→ Corporate introduction (partial)

[Member recruitment | 国連 NGO | Asia Crime Prevention Foundation \(acpf.org\)](https://www.acpf.org)

- What are the membership qualifications? How can I participate?

Please visit the ACPF website.

→ [Member recruitment | 国連 NGO | Asia Crime Prevention Foundation \(acpf.org\)](#)

If you are a sensible individual, group, or company who agrees with "Prosperity without Crime" (excluding antisocial forces, of course), please apply to the ACPF Secretariat.

3-3 About domestic branch

- Tell us about the activity content ○○. I would like to know the details of each branch, but please introduce the contact point. How can I participate?

Activities vary depending on each branch, but mainly

- (1) Membership Annual meeting and lecture hosted by the branch
- (2) UNAFEI Overseas Participants Invitation to Branch and Networking Meeting
- (3) International contribution by purchasing an international contribution calendar.

Please refer to the ACPF website for the contact point.

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3-4 About overseas cooperating organizations

- Tell us about the activity content ○○. I would like to know the details of each cooperating organization, but introduce the contact point. How can I participate?

Overseas ACPF cooperating organizations can individually introduce the contact points that we know, but only a few organizations are open to the public.

Indonesia : [LCKI – Prosperity without Crime](#)

Malaysia : [Home - MCPF](#)

Sri Lanka : [Asia Crime Prevention Foundation - Sri Lanka Chapter \(acpflanka.org\)](#)

Thailand : [Home \(tijthailand.org\)](#)

3-5 About members

- I would like to hear from the members. I want to get in touch, what should I do?

If you have public information, please access it from there.

If you would like to be contacted through ACPF, please inform the Secretariat in writing of your personal information and the purpose of your contact. If ACPF can get approval from the member, ACPF would inform you of the result.

IV. Others

4-1 I would like to know the conference halls and famous places in Kyoto.

- Please see "Information for Participants" on the Ministry of Justice portal site. Accommodation information, transportation information, useful information, etc. are posted.

[The Kyoto Congress The 14th UN Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice \(moj.go.jp\)](https://www.moj.go.jp/kyotocongress/)

Kyoto International Conference Center (KICC)

<https://youtu.be/eeM9slJlGwM>

4-2 How can I go to Kyoto? Please introduce recommended places, delicious food and souvenirs.

Same as above

→ Kyoto Tourist Information

<https://ja.kyoto.travel/>

4-3 What are the measures for COVID-19 at the venue?

Please see "Infectious Disease Control" in "Information for Participants" on the Ministry of Justice portal site.

→ [Border Control and Quarantine Measures for Oversea Participants | Participants Info | The Kyoto Congress The 14th UN Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice \(moj.go.jp\)](https://www.moj.go.jp/kyotocongress/)