

What is the Public Prosecutors Office?

The work of the Public Prosecutors Office is carried out by public prosecutors, and public prosecutors' assistant officers who assist the prosecutors in their work.

The public prosecutors offices all across the country perform the following functions:

(1) Investigate criminal cases.

The public prosecutor has the power to investigate all criminal offenses.

(2) Decide whether or not to initiate prosecution in court.

Only public prosecutors have the power to prosecute.

(3) Prove the side of the prosecution in court and request the proper judgment of cases.

The public prosecutor endeavors to prove the crime in the criminal trial and to ensure that an appropriate penalty is imposed.

(4) Direct and supervise execution of the sentence.

The public prosecutor directs and supervises the enforcement of the adjudication (imprisonment, fine, etc.) to ensure that it is justly carried out.

✖ The Offices also offer protection/supports to crime victims and perform other functions of public prosecutors as the representative of public interest provided in relevant laws and regulations.

Types of offices and number of officials working for the public prosecutors offices (2013)

Type of Office	Public Prosecutors & Assistant Prosecutors	Public Prosecutors' Assistant Officers & Others	Total
Supreme Public Prosecutors Office	18	93	111
High Public Prosecutors Office	130	514	644
District Public Prosecutors Office	1,674	8,468	11,041
Local Public Prosecutors Office	899		
Total	2,721	9,075	11,796

List of Public Prosecutors Offices

The Supreme Public Prosecutors Office	03-3592-5611	1-1-1, Kasumigaseki, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo
Sapporo High Prosecutors Office	011-261-9311	12, Odori-nishi, Chuo-ku, Sapporo
Sapporo District Prosecutors Office	011-261-9313	12, Odori-nishi, Chuo-ku, Sapporo
Hakodate District Prosecutors Office	0138-41-1231	1-13, Kamishinkawa-cho, Hakodate
Asahikawa District Prosecutors Office	0166-51-6231	4, Hanasaki-cho, Asahikawa
Kushiro District Prosecutors Office	0154-41-6151	5-7, Kashiwagi-cho, Kushiro
Sendai High Prosecutors Office	022-222-6153	1-3-1, Katahira, Aoba-ku, Sendai
Sendai District Prosecutors Office	022-222-6151	1-3-1, Katahira, Aoba-ku, Sendai
Fukushima District Prosecutors Office	024-534-5131	17, Kitsunozuka, Fukushima
Yamagata District Prosecutors Office	023-622-5196	1-32, Ote-machi, Yamagata
Morioka District Prosecutors Office	019-622-6195	8-20, Uchimarui, Morioka
Akita District Prosecutors Office	018-862-5581	7-1-2, Sannou, Akita
Aomori District Prosecutors Office	017-722-5211	1-3-25, Naqashima, Aomori
Tokyo High Prosecutors Office	03-3592-5611	1-1-1, Kasumigaseki, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo
Tokyo District Prosecutors Office	03-3592-5611	1-1-1, Kasumigaseki, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo
Yokohama District Prosecutors Office	045-211-7600	9, Nihon-odori, Naka-ku, Yokohama
Saitama District Prosecutors Office	048-863-2221	3-16-58, Takasago, Urawa-ku, Saitama
Chiba District Prosecutors Office	043-221-2071	4-11-1, Chuo, Chuo-ku, Chiba
Mito District Prosecutors Office	029-221-2196	1-1, Kitami-cho, Mito
Utsunomiya District Prosecutors Office	028-621-2525	2-1-11, Obata, Utsunomiya
Maebashi District Prosecutors Office	027-235-7800	3-2-1, Ote-machi, Maebashi
Shizuoka District Prosecutors Office	054-252-5135	9-45, Oute-machi, Aoi-ku, Shizuoka
Kofu District Prosecutors Office	055-235-7231	1-11-8, Chuo, Kofu
Nagano District Prosecutors Office	026-232-8191	1108, Asahi-machi, Nagano, Oaza, Nagano
Niigata District Prosecutors Office	025-222-1521	5191, Nishi-ohata-cho, Chuo-ku, Niigata
Nagoya High Prosecutors Office	052-951-1581	4-3-1, Sannomaru, Naka-ku, Nagoya
Nagoya District Prosecutors Office	052-951-1481	4-3-1, Sannomaru, Naka-ku, Nagoya
Tsu District Prosecutors Office	059-228-4121	3-12, Chuo, Tsu
Gifu District Prosecutors Office	058-262-5111	2-8, Mieji-cho, Gifu
Fukui District Prosecutors Office	0776-28-8721	1-1-54, Haruyama, Fukui
Kanazawa District Prosecutors Office	076-221-3161	6-15, Ote-machi, Kanazawa
Toyama District Prosecutors Office	076-421-4106	2-9-16, Nishidenjigata-machi, Toyama
Osaka High Prosecutors Office	06-4796-2100	1-1-60, Fukushima, Fukushima-ku, Osaka
Osaka District Prosecutors Office	06-4796-2200	1-1-60, Fukushima, Fukushima-ku, Osaka
Kyoto District Prosecutors Office	075-441-9131	82, Ryogoro-cho, Shimachidori-shimochojamachisagaru, Kamigyo-ku, Kyoto
Kobe District Prosecutors Office	078-367-6100	1-4-1, Tachibanadori, Chuo-ku, Kobe
Nara District Prosecutors Office	0742-27-6821	1-1, Noborioji-cho, Nara
Otsu District Prosecutors Office	077-527-5120	3-1-1, Kyo-mati, Otsu
Wakayama District Prosecutors Office	073-422-4161	3, Niban-cho, Wakayama
Hiroshima High Prosecutors Office	082-221-2451	2-31, Kamihacchobori, Naka-ku, Hiroshima
Hiroshima District Prosecutors Office	082-221-2453	2-31, Kamihacchobori, Naka-ku, Hiroshima
Yamaguchi District Prosecutors Office	083-922-1440	1-1-2, Ekidori, Yamaguchi
Okayama District Prosecutors Office	086-224-5651	1-8-1, Minamigata, Kita-ku, Okayama
Tottori District Prosecutors Office	0857-22-4171	3-201, Nishi-machi, Tottori
Matsue District Prosecutors Office	0852-32-6700	50, Horo-machi, Matsue
Takamatsu High Prosecutors Office	087-821-5631	1-1, Marunouchi, Takamatsu
Takamatsu District Prosecutors Office	087-822-5155	1-1, Marunouchi, Takamatsu
Tokushima District Prosecutors Office	088-652-5191	2-17, Tokushima-cho, Tokushima
Kochi District Prosecutors Office	088-872-9191	1-4-1, Marunouchi, Kochi
Matsuyama District Prosecutors Office	089-935-6111	4-4-1, Ichiban-cho, Matsuyama
Fukuoka High Prosecutors Office	092-734-9000	2-5-30, Maizuru, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka
Fukuoka District Prosecutors Office	092-734-9090	2-5-30, Maizuru, Chuo-ku, Fukuoka
Saga District Prosecutors Office	0952-22-4185	5-25, Nakanokoji, Saga
Nagasaki District Prosecutors Office	095-822-4267	9-33, Manzai-machi, Nagasaki
Oita District Prosecutors Office	097-534-4100	7-5, Niage-machi, Oita
Kumamoto District Prosecutors Office	096-323-9030	1-12-11, Kyo-machi, Chuo-ku, Kumamoto
Kagoshima District Prosecutors Office	099-226-0611	13-10, Yamashita-cho, Kagoshima
Miyazaki District Prosecutors Office	0985-29-2131	1-1, Beppu-cho, Miyazaki
Naha District Prosecutors Office	098-835-9200	1-15-15, Higawa, Naha

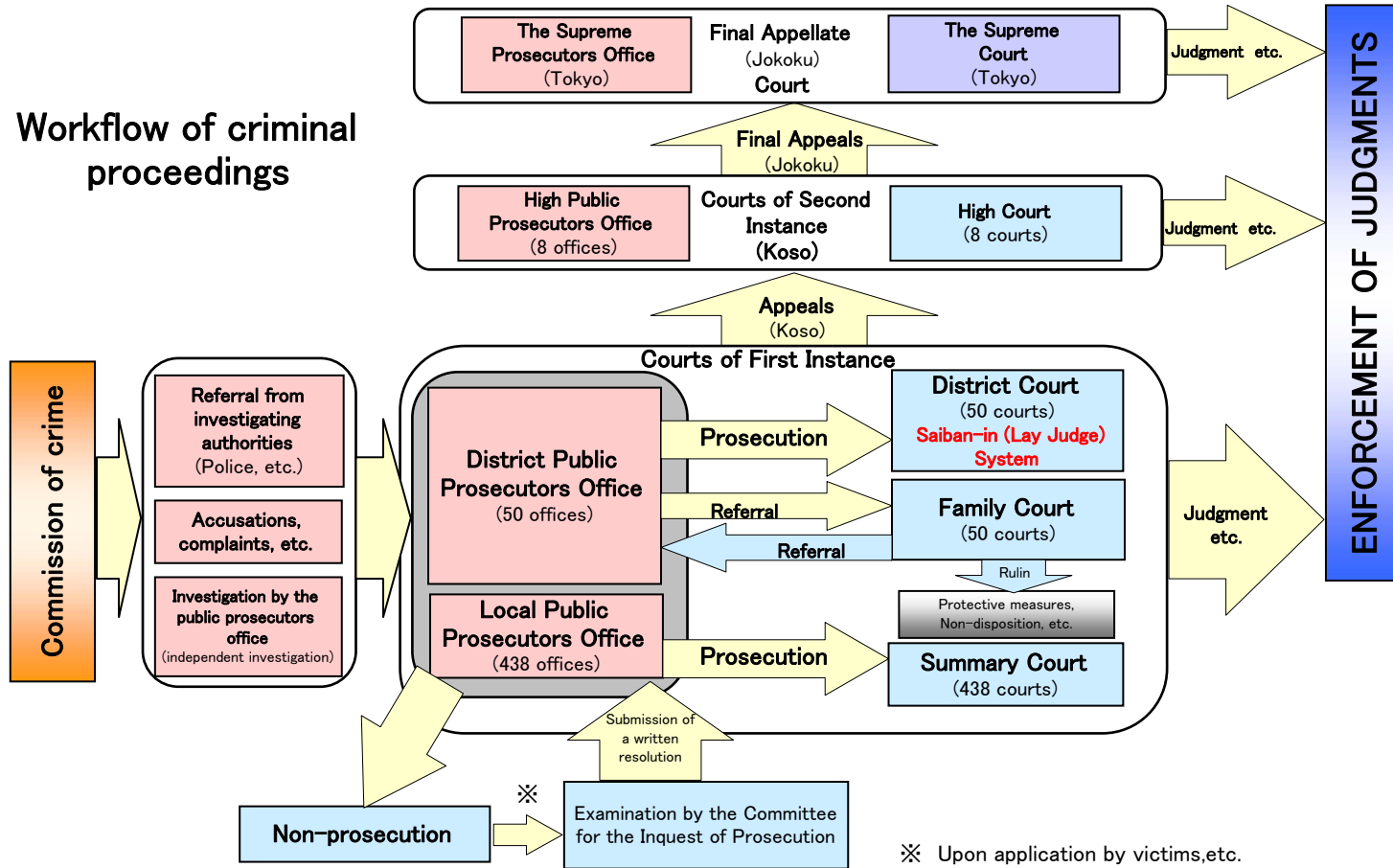
Guide to the Public Prosecutors Office



Building of the Ministry of Justice and the Public Prosecutors Office

The Supreme Public Prosecutors Office

Workflow of criminal proceedings



Information about the Public Prosecutors Office

Q. What is the difference between the investigation carried out by the public prosecutor and the investigation carried out by the police?

A. The police are the ones who initially investigate the case.

The public prosecutor then investigates to decide whether or not to initiate prosecution.

In Japan, prosecutorial authority is given only to public prosecutors, and the police do not have the power to prosecute.

Public prosecutors not only review the records of police investigations but also conduct their own investigation and uncover the truth by interviewing witnesses and others.

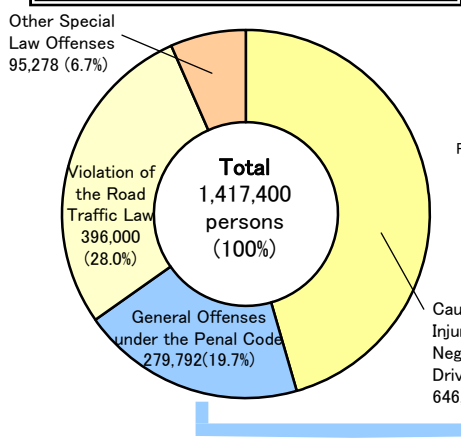


Q. What does the badge of the public prosecutor symbolize?

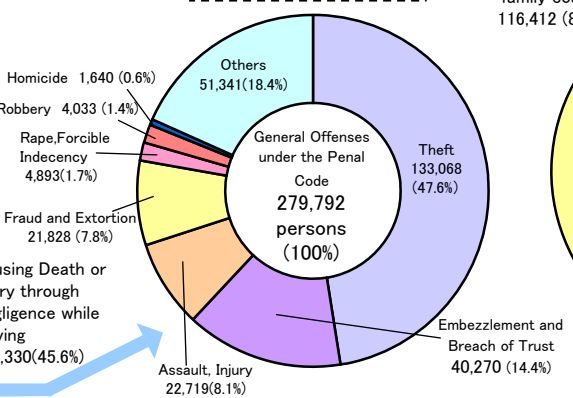
A. The badge of the public prosecutor was designed in 1950, and depicts the crimson rising sun, white chrysanthemum petals and golden leaves.

This badge is called "shuso retsujitsu" in Japanese, which means the autumn frost and harsh rays of the summer sun. This symbolizes the balance between punishment and unflinching constancy.

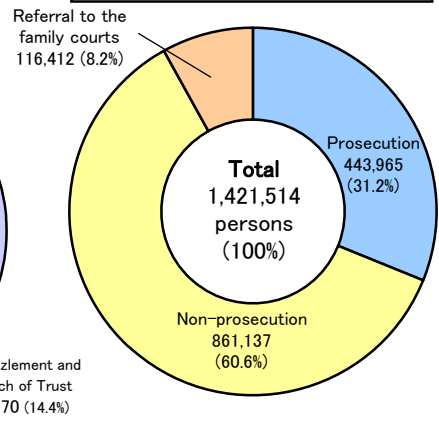
Categories of Cases Handled



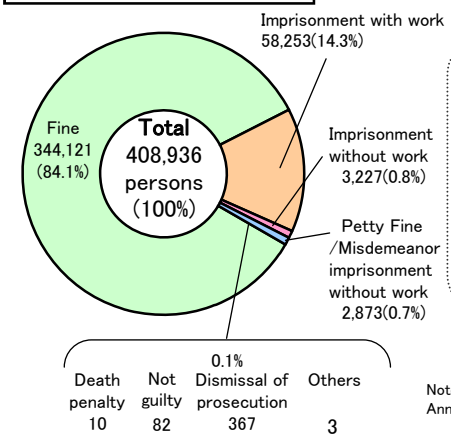
Breakdown of General Offenses under the Penal Code



Types of Dispositions



Judgments



Of the 61,480 persons sentenced to imprisonment with or without work, 25,503 persons (41.5%) were required to serve their sentence while 35,977 persons (58.5%) were granted suspension of execution of the sentence.

Note: Figures are based on the 2012 Annual Prosecution Statistics Report.