

Outline of Activities of Expert Committees

[Expert Committee on Finance and Securities]

1. Purpose(s)

In order to ensure quick and appropriate exercise of prosecution authorities in the financial and securities field, knowledge and insights on economics, fiscal administration, finance and securities are essential. This expert committee was established for the purpose of collecting and effectively utilizing the information necessary for supporting public prosecutors dealing with these cases and facilitating human resources development activities.

2. Outline of activities

In addition to holding external experts' lecture meetings or opinion exchange sessions with related organizations, the expert committee creates database of basic materials necessary for investigations and public trials on offences of Financial Instruments and Exchange Act, taking into account the opinions of public prosecutors. The expert committee also creates appropriate environment where necessary information is easily and promptly accessible by sharing among public prosecutors newly-created guidebooks on equity trading and other law amendments as a document material for learning basic knowledge on finance and securities.

[Expert Committee on Special Negligence]

1. Purpose(s)

The expert committee was established for the purpose of collecting and effectively utilizing the information in relation to take proper criminal justice response to wide variety of accidents involving human death or injury (excluding ordinary traffic accidents related to automobile driving).

2. Outline of activities

In order to collect expert opinions on appropriate criminal justice approaches for special negligence cases or on public prosecutor's appropriate investigations on special negligence cases, the expert committee aims to deepen knowledge on recent negligence theories by holding lecture sessions or opinion exchange sessions by criminal law experts with abundant research achievements on negligence theories, collects and sorts out special negligence-related judicial precedents and special negligence cases, and creates appropriate environment where necessary information is easily and promptly accessible.

[Expert Committee on Forensic Science]

1. Purpose(s)

The expert committee was established for the purpose of collecting and effectively utilizing information on forensic science.

2. Outline of activities

In addition to holding opinion exchange sessions with the police or other related organizations, the expert committee collects the specific cases where scientific knowledge has been utilized for investigation or public trial from prosecutors' offices and creates new materials on them and shares among public prosecutors such materials as well as information, knowledge and skills obtained from opinion exchange sessions with related organizations.

[Expert Committee on Intellectual Disorders]

1. Purpose(s)

The expert committee was established for the purpose of collecting and effectively utilizing information on intellectual disorders and to ensure due considerations are given to intellectually disabled persons from penal policy perspectives.

2. Outline of activities

After exchanging opinions with external experts and related organizations on appropriate investigation approaches for intellectually disabled persons and characteristics of a wide variety of disabilities, the expert committee collects, shares among public prosecutors, and utilizes related information and knowledge, and works with welfare facilities and Expert Committee on Criminal Policies to examine possible approaches for preventing subsequent offense by an intellectually disabled person that has committed a crime and for providing rehabilitation programs for such persons.

[Expert Committee on International Affairs]

1. Purpose(s)

The expert committee was established for the purpose of collecting and effectively utilizing information necessary for supporting public prosecutors and their assistant officers dealing with a wide variety of international affairs.

2. Outline of activities

After holding lecture meetings of external experts and exchanging opinions with related organizations on possible approaches for collecting or utilizing necessary information for engaging in a wide variety of international affairs, as well as on appropriate approaches for improving related human resources and physical infrastructures, the expert committee collects, shares among public prosecutors and utilizes related information and knowledge on appropriate actions

3. International Forum on Criminal Justice

International Forum on Criminal Justice consists of international human rights law experts and members of the Expert Committee on International Affairs. The forum is established under the Expert Committee on International Affairs to discuss and examine recent arguments on criminal justice at the United Nations Human Rights Committee, their recent trend and their possible impacts on Japan, to collect information on international trend of criminal justice from public prosecutor's perspectives, and to disseminate appropriate information on Japan's prosecution tasks to the international community. The forum also exchanges opinions with related organizations and international human rights law experts.

[Expert Committee on Organizational Management]

1. Purpose(s)

To effectively develop, foster and educate human resources and promote appropriate personnel policies at prosecutors' offices, the expert committee is established to collect necessary information for these purposes, to utilize them in an effective manner and to work on these tasks in the long run and on an ongoing basis.

2. Outline of activities

The expert committee examines and reviews training curricula for public prosecutors offices. The committee also aims to ensure that “The Principles of Prosecution” are properly shared, studied and implemented by members of the prosecution through practice. While exchanging opinions with special advisors, the committee also collects and utilizes necessary information in terms of possible approaches to improve and enhance prosecution organization based on analytic findings of organizational management research efforts.

[Expert Committee on Criminal Policies]

1. Purpose(s)

In addition to deepening understanding on criminal policies by extensively examining appropriate criminal policies and related matters, the expert committee is established to contribute to preventing criminal offences or rehabilitating criminal offenders by effectively utilizing the insights obtained through its activities.

2. Outline of activities

In addition to holding lecture session or symposia of external experts, the committee encourages hiring caseworkers at public prosecutors’ offices and creating alliance with welfare facilities or other organizations, examines related matters on the partially suspended sentence program, and makes examinations or takes other actions for preventing subsequent offenses of the suspect or the accused, analyzes and evaluates information on various efforts or new actions inside/outside public prosecutors’ offices in relation to the provision of assistance to crime victims, with a view to providing information on useful efforts and programs to public prosecutors’ offices and to sharing such information with these offices.