

Japanese Prisons through Photography

: Conversation with ex-Ministry of Justice Staff

Date: Friday 29 July 2022 Time: 18:00 - 19:30 (JST)

Venue: Online (via Zoom) Simultaneous translation (JPN→ENG) available

This is a free event. Please register your attendance in advance.

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In early spring 2018, in cooperation with the Correction Bureau of the Ministry of Justice, six students of the Department of Photography, Faculty of Arts, Tokyo Polytechnic University visited 6 Japanese penal institutions, capturing images expressing their individual sensibilities.

At this event, using these photos as a guide, former Ministry of Justice staff Reiko Nakamura and Hiroyuki Shinkai will share their thoughts on Japanese prisons and the relationship between prisons and society.

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Reiko Nakamura

After graduating from the Faculty of Law, Hiroshima University, Reiko joined the Ministry of Justice in 1993. She worked at the Correction Bureau, Minister's Secretariat Personnel Division, the United Nations Asian Far East Crime Prevention Training Institute, Iwakuni Prison, and Tochigi Prison. During this time, she completed a Masters in Civil Law and Criminal Policy at the Graduate School of Law and Political Science, University of Tokyo.

Reiko left the Ministry of Justice in 2000. After working as a judicial scrivener, she completed law school at Hiroshima University, and registered as an attorney at lawyer in 2018 (a member of the Hiroshima Bar Association). In recent years, she has been working toward the operationalisation of Yoriso Lawyers System within the Hiroshima Bar Association—an initiative by lawyers to provide ongoing support for the reintegration of persons accused of crime. The program commenced operation in July 2022. Reiko is also a volunteer probation officer.



Hiroyuki Shinkai

After being hired by Tokyo Detention Center in 1986, Hiroyuki worked at the Correction Bureau of the Ministry of Justice, Fuchu Prison, Osaka Prison, and other criminal facilities and juvenile classification homes, before retiring from his position as Director of the Fuchu Prison Education Division in 2022. During that time, he also completed a Masters of Criminology

in the United States and served as a researcher at the United Nations Interregional Crime and Judiciary Institution (UNICRI) in Italy, an instructor at the United Nations Asia Far East Crime Prevention Training Institute, and a senior researcher at the Research and Training Institute of Legal Affairs, amongst a wealth of other experience as a researcher. During his time at the Ministry of Justice, he obtained a PhD (law) from Hitotsubashi University and became a certified public psychologist. After leaving the Ministry of Justice, Hiroyuki is now in charge of policy support and data analysis for regional suicide countermeasures at the Suicide Countermeasures Promotion Centre, a corporation established by the Japanese Minister of Health, Labor and Welfare. He is also involved in research on drug addiction and crime.