



Dear readers,

A Happy New Year from Japan and welcome to Volume 23 of CTI News. I am AOYAMA Shigetoshi, Managing Director of the Customs Training Institute (CTI). I assumed the position in July last year.

I am very happy to work with my professional colleagues at the CTI in Japan and to have this opportunity to contribute to the global Customs community.

Our CTI in Japan conducts cooperation programs for numerous personnel from various countries every year, serving as a platform for international perspectives and knowledge exchange. Overseas colleagues who join our programs are valued as essential companions, and we wholeheartedly welcome them as fellow learners and contributors. Through collaboration with them, we look forward to sharing new ideas and solutions for mutual development, to work together towards a better future.

The CTI Japan has played and continues to play an important role in this commitment through the development of our key assets, “Customs Officials” both inside and outside of Japan.

With best regards,

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## *The 21st WCO A/P ROCB/ RTC Heads' Meeting in Japan*

From 14 to 16 November, the 21st Meeting of Heads of WCO Asia/Pacific Regional Training Centres was held in Japan for the first time in 11 years.

The representatives from the WCO Secretariat, Asia/Pacific Regional Office for Capacity Building (ROCB A/P), Asia/Pacific Regional Intelligence Liaison Office (RILO A/P) and Asia/Pacific Vice-Chair Office and the heads of the RTCs\* in the region participated in the meeting.



\*Regional Training Centre: The RTCs host Workshop for WCO member Administrations. There are 10 RTCs in Asia/Pacific Regional (China; Fiji; Hong Kong, China; India; Indonesia; Iran; Japan; Korea; Malaysia; Thailand)



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To nurture the next generation and implement more effective training leveraging the recent technologies, participants made presentations and exchanged opinions on the effective use of online methods and other methods.

On the last day of the meeting, Japan Customs arranged site visit tours to the Kawasaki Overseas Mail Sub-branch Customs and the headquarters of Yokohama Customs.

Next year, the 22<sup>nd</sup> WCO A/P ROCB/ RTC Heads' Meeting is to be held in India.



## Recent CTI Japan activities/events since July 2023

### (International)

The CTI Japan is conducting 33 international technical cooperation programs within the year from July 2023 to June 2024. We will introduce some that were already conducted below.

### **The Specialized Training Course on Customs Human Resource Development for ASEAN**

From 13 to 17 November, the Workshop: Specialised Training Course on Customs Human Resource Development for ASEAN was held within the framework of Customs technical cooperation activities.

Aiming to further effective human resource development, 19 Customs officials from the ASEAN Secretariat and ASEAN member states deepened their understanding on the practices of Japan Customs and discussed possible ways forward to address challenges faced by ASEAN and their respective Customs administrations.



### **JICA Customs Administration (French)**

From 27 September to 19 October 2023, the Workshop on Customs Administration (French) was held within the framework of Customs technical cooperation activities.

Aiming toward the modernization of their respective Customs administrations, eight participants from the Customs authorities of Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Djibouti, Gabonese, Guinea and Senegal attended the Workshop to deepen their understanding on the practices of Japan Customs through lectures and observation, and then developed action plans to address the challenges faced by their respective Customs administrations.



## Recent activities/events of the CTI Japan since July 2023

### **WCO Fellowship Program(French)**

Japan Customs has been supporting the WCO Fellowship Program since 1990 under the sponsorship of CCF/Japan.

From 23 October to 2 November 2023, Japan Customs welcomed four French-speaking fellows from Republic of the Congo, Madagascar, Mauritania and Moldova.

During each of their study trips to Japan, aiming toward the modernization of their respective Customs administrations, the participants deepened their understanding on the policies and practices of Japan Customs and discussed possible ways to address the challenges faced by Their respective Customs Administrations going forward.



### **Japan Customs International Technical Cooperation Plan**

Course	Date
Workshop on Risk Management and Enforcement for Philippines Bureau of Customs	22 - 26 Jan
JICA Customs Administration (ASEAN)	5 - 16 Feb
Workshop on Enforcement for Malaysia Customs	26 Feb - 1 Mar
Workshop on Training Management for Thai Customs	4 - 8 Mar
Workshop on Risk Management and Customs Procedure for Lao Customs	13 - 19 Mar
WCO Fellowship Program (English Language Course)	18 - 29 Mar
Workshop on Risk Management and Enforcement for Uzbekistan Customs	8 - 12 Apr
Workshop on Customs Laboratory for Kenya Customs	15 - 19 Apr

## *Recent activities/events of the CTI Japan since July 2023*

### **(National Training - Customs Technical Cooperation Course )**

The CTI Japan conducts training for Japan customs officials involved in the Japan Customs technical cooperation program.

Participants learn necessary knowledge about how to make a presentation in English and facilitation. This training is expected to contribute to further improving the quality of Japan Customs' technical cooperation programs.

The CTI Japan will continue to support Japan Customs technical cooperation programs.

### **Customs Technical Cooperation Course <Basic class>**

From 4 to 6 and 21 to 22 September 2023, the CTI held the Customs Technical Cooperation Course <Basic class>.

This Course was held online to allow more people to take the course.

The course was designed to allow Japan Customs officials to acquire necessary knowledge and skills as a lecturer for Customs Technical Cooperation.



### **Customs Technical Cooperation Course <Practical class>**

From 20 to 22 November and 4 to 8 December 2023, the CTI held the Customs Technical Cooperation Course <Practical class>.

This course was conducted both online for knowledge acquisition and in-person for practice.

The course was designed to allow Japan Customs officials to acquire necessary knowledge and further enhance their teaching and communication skills as a dispatched expert for Customs Technical Cooperation.