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*Dear readers,*

*Welcome to Volume 20 of the CTI News.*

*I'm KOJIMA Kazuo, the Managing Director of the CTI since July 1, 2021.*

*It is going to pass almost 2 years since the global pandemic of COVID-19. During this difficult time, the CTI has made various efforts in order to keep up its responsibility to enhance the capacity of Customs officers by providing quality training/workshops both domestically and internationally online on a wide range of Customs fields. In November-December 2021, we conducted online follow-up of recruitment training for those who joined Japan Customs in 2020 and 2021 during which face-to-face style new recruit training was not practical due to the COVID-19 and online training programs were conducted instead. Although the recent follow-up training programs were still online due to the given situations, they successfully provided the participants to enhance their sense of unity, commitment to Customs service, etc. In addition, the CTI is continuously conducting and involved in capacity building activities for overseas Customs officials through various schemes such as Japan Customs technical cooperation programs and WCO scholarship programs. As such, we will continue our journey and surely keep you on board.*

*Last but not least, I sincerely wish you and your loved ones well-being. Please stay safe.*

*Yours sincerely,  
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## Recent activities / events of the CTI since July 2021



### **Follow-up training for the officials who were recruited under the pandemic of COVID-19**

Japan Customs employs new recruits in April every year, and provides the induction training for them face-to-face with a wide range of themes and great dynamics. Due to the influence of the prolonged pandemic of COVID-19, however, the officials, who were employed in 2020 and 2021, went through the induction training only online. Bearing in mind that it was at some extent in short of what the face-to-face training had normally provided, the follow-up training was specially designed and conducted in November-December focusing on enhancing their sense of unity, commitment to Customs service, etc. with many elements of fun and communication among the participants in the program.

### **Training on Career Designing from 14 to 16 December online**

The CTI conducted the training on Career Designing from 14 to 16 December online for some selected deputy-director officials at regional Customs. The participants acquired knowledge and a way-of-thinking necessary to engage in managerial work in their future career.

### **Comprehensive Training (intermediate) from October to December online**

The CTI conducted the intermediate level of comprehensive training twice from 13 October to 12 November and from 22 November to 22 December respectively both online. This training is mandatory for all the officials at the before-chief level at regional Customs. The participants acquired general knowledge and skills with respect to Customs businesses.

### **Comprehensive Training (advanced level) from 26 July to 8 October online**

The CTI conducted the advanced level of comprehensive training from 26 July to 8 October online. This training is for some selected chief-level officials at regional Customs. The participants acquired a high level of knowledge and skills as well as broaden sights and an accurate judgement ability with respect to Customs businesses.

### **Management Leaders' Training from 11 to 14 October by online**

The CTI conducted the Management Leaders' Training from 11 to 14 October online for some selected director-level officials at regional Customs. The participants acquired a high level of management knowledge and wider views from the Customs perspective and beyond.

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### **Training on Technical Cooperation (introductory) from 27 September to 1 October online**

The CTI conducted the introductory level of training on technical cooperation from 27 September to 1 October online for some selected officials at regional Customs who are at the early stage of involvement with Japan Customs' technical cooperation activities.

### **Training on Technical Cooperation (intermediate) from 22 to 26 November online**

The CTI conducted the intermediate level of training on technical cooperation from 22 to 26 November online for some selected officials at regional Customs who have some extent of practical experience of Japan Customs' technical cooperation activities.

### **Invitation of Foreign Customs officials to the Virtual Workshops under the Bilateral Cooperation Scheme**

Japan Customs recently started virtual workshops for foreign Customs officials under the bilateral cooperation scheme. The CTI, in coordination with the Japan Customs HQs and the regional Customs as well as the recipient foreign Customs administrations, arranged those virtual workshops by accommodating the advantages of both on-site and virtual styles to the workshops. Japan Customs and the CTI will continue providing quality workshops in response to the needs from the recipient administrations regardless of its delivery styles.



(Workshop for Indonesia Customs held in November)



(Workshop for Philippine Customs held in November)

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### **The CTI Attended the Virtual Meeting of Heads of the RTC A/P**

On 27 and 28 October 2021, the CTI attended the 19th Meeting of Heads of the WCO Asia/Pacific Regional Training Center (RTC), which was held in a virtual manner. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Norikazu KURAMOTO, Head of the WCO Asia/Pacific Regional Office for Capacity Building (ROCB A/P). Around 50 participants attended online, including Mr. Taeil KANG, Director of the Capacity Building Directorate of the WCO Secretariat, Mr. Takashi SATO, Regional Development Manager for the A/P region of the same Directorate, as well as the representatives from the ROCB A/P, the WCO Asia/Pacific Vice-Chair Office (i.e. Indonesia), eight RTCs in China, Fiji, Hong Kong China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea and Malaysia, and the observers from RILO A/P, Iran Customs

and Thai Customs.

Among other things, the meeting focused on information sharing and discussion on the Members' experience and good practices, which had been accumulated in the course of their responding to years of the pandemic.

In this respect, Ms. Saori NOJIMA, Director of International Cooperation Division in the RTC Japan (i.e. Japan Customs Training Institute (CTI)), explained recent online training activities as well as their efforts and observations. With the other presentations by the participating Members, fruitful information sharing and discussion was made for new ideas and insights for more effective use of distance training.

In the way-forward session, the CTI expressed its intention to host the next RTC Heads Meeting.

