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Introduction

Child sexual damage, such as the production of child pornography and child prostitution, is an extremely vicious act that has a detrimental effect on the mind and body of the child and seriously violates its human rights. Efforts to prevent sexual damage to children are a common issue in the international community, and it is necessary to carry out sufficient efforts and carefully disseminate their appearance to the world.

Based on this recognition, the “Efforts on the (Basic Plan on Measures against Child Sexual Exploitation)” (decided by the Ministerial Meeting Concerning Measures Against Crime on April 18, 2017) is up to the Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games. This is a summary of measures that the government should take to prevent sexual damage to children on the premise of the current law.

Each ministry and agency have been promoting measures based on this plan in cooperation with the international community as well as all levels of the people, private businesses, and related organizations/organizations, and the status of such efforts is widely known to the public. At the same time, it has been compiled and announced every year in order to contribute to the implementation of measures for the next fiscal year.

As a result of summarizing the status of efforts in 2020 in the following paragraphs, it is necessary for each ministry and agency to further enhance the efforts in 2021 based on the status of each effort.

In addition, to take measures to prevent sexual damage to children more effectively, in addition to efforts through cooperation and cooperation of each ministry and agency, related organizations and organizations at the field level closer to children, etc. It is required to promote efforts through cooperation. Some local governments have already put together measures to prevent sexual damage to children at discussions where various related organizations participate, and cooperation of related organizations in each region. It is expected that these efforts will be further developed by the government, and it is important to consider this perspective when implementing the specific measures outlined in this plan in the future.

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1. Enhancement of public awareness for the eradication of child sexual exploitation, development of social awareness, and strengthening of collaboration with international society

(i) Convening of a public-private conference for the promotion of social awareness

A conference consisting of related ministries and agencies, educational bodies, medical bodies, business bodies, and NPOs, etc., shall be convened in order to promote social awareness regarding the eradication of child sexual exploitation under cooperation between the public and private sectors and, based on an appropriate division of roles between the public and private sectors through the active sharing of information and know-how, effective efforts shall be promoted. (National Police Agency, Cabinet Secretariat, Cabinet Office, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, and Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry)

- To the members of the "Conference for Promotion of Measures on Eradication of Child Sexual Exploitation", hearing their opinions on the "Efforts on the "Basic Plan on Measures against Child Sexual Exploitation" status of efforts in 2019". Opinions are exchanged by sending the responses of the relevant ministries and agencies to the members. (NPA)

(ii) Promotion of public relations and public awareness-raising activities toward the general public for the prevention of victimization through child prostitution and child pornography and for the prevention of the distribution of and access to images of child pornography on the internet

Based on the analysis results of the situation of child victimization through child prostitution and child pornography, public relations and public awareness-raising activities for the prevention of victimization through child prostitution and child pornography shall be promoted on the website or through government public relations and efforts shall be made to make it widely known that child prostitution and child pornography constitute a serious violation of the human rights of children. Also, in order to prevent "self-generated" crime (meaning a child pornography crime in which children are deceived or threatened to generate their own sexually explicit material and send the material by e-mail or other means; the same shall apply hereinafter), public relations and awareness-raising activities toward schools, local communities, and families shall be promoted on such occasions as parent briefing sessions,

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juvenile delinquency prevention classes, and lectures on cybersecurity, etc. In addition, as part of efforts to further facilitate the elimination of child pornography on the internet, the public and private sector shall jointly promote wide-ranging public relations and awareness-raising activities toward the general public regarding government efforts to prevent the distribution of and access to images of child sexual exploitation and shall encourage the reporting of illegal information relating to child pornography to relevant organizations on various occasions, such as during juvenile delinquency prevention classes and lectures on cybersecurity. (National Police Agency, Cabinet Office, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, and Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, and Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry)

- DHS (United States Department of Homeland Security) • investigation of ICE (immigration and Customs Enforcement) • Enforcement Agency, Japan UNICEF Association, and ECPAT, and posted on the NPA website together with the Japanese version for publicity and enlightenment. In addition, it will be posted in major international airport areas in Japan during the March 2021. (NPA)
- During the “Victimization Prevention Month for Forced Appearance in Pornographic Materials and ‘JK Business’” (April 2020) and other occasions, prefectural police departments implemented public relations and public awareness-rising activities, such as campaigns in commercial establishments and around train stations. (Between January and December 2020, 2,496 public relations and awareness-rising campaigns were conducted in commercial establishments and around train stations.) (NPA)
- In January 2021, the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) and NPA jointly produced a leaflet "I want to protect my dear self-Don't step into the pitfalls of the Internet", featuring specific criminal incidents and modus operandi and published on the MEXT and NPA websites. In addition, a notice was issued to request the distribution of the leaflets to children and their parents/guardians through the boards of education, etc. Leaflets were also distributed to children and students in juvenile delinquency prevention classes at prefectural police departments. (MEXT and NPA)
- Prefectural police departments implemented approximately 20,000 awareness-raising campaign activities in juvenile delinquency prevention classes, parent/guardian briefing sessions, and other occasions in order to prevent the criminal victimization of children through the use of the internet. (NPA)

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- July 2020, advocated "National Month for the Prevention of Juvenile Delinquency and Juvenile Damage" and set "prevention of sexual victimization of children related to SNS use" as the most important issue, participation of related ministries and agencies and local public organizations. With the cooperation and support of related organizations, we intensively carry out various activities to prevent misconduct and victimization to young people nationwide. During the month, we will hold a "remote panel discussion on youth misconduct and damage prevention measures" with the theme "To Protect Children from Sexual Exploitation in Connection with the Use of internet – To parents in the smartphone age ~" and use the Internet for children. Discussions were held by experts on the current situation and damage prevention measures, etc., and the recorded videos were posted on the Cabinet Office website. (CAO)
- In conjunction with PTAs, participatory study symposia ("Net Moral Caravan") were held for parents/guardians in three locations across Japan. The aim of the symposia was to widely inform the public about topics such as internet manners, sexual exploitation, and other troubles caused by the internet and the importance of family rules on internet use. (MEXT)

(iii) Awareness-raising of overseas travelers

Public awareness is promoted through the Overseas Security Answer Book, a pamphlet published by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and distributed to Japanese overseas travelers, addressing "prostitution is listed among the cases where Japanese nationals could become criminals. In the section "Case study: Trouble During Travel and Solutions," the Book supplements that prostitution is prohibited in many countries and constitutes a felony crime in some countries and that child prostitution or the possession of child pornography is a crime penalized under the laws of Japan even if committed abroad. (Ministry of Foreign Affairs)

- Edition of the Overseas Security Answer Book, the government warned Japanese travelers against involvement with child sexual exploitation. Public relations and awareness-raising on this issue was conducted through the distribution of the book via passport centers and travel agencies and the dissemination of information to overseas travelers at safety seminars for corporation, schools, and organizations. (MOFA)

(iv) Transmission of information about government efforts via the website

A section for measures against child sexual exploitation has been created on the website of

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National Police Agency through which information about government efforts for measures against child sexual exploitation shall be provided. (National Police Agency)

- In the section for measures against child sexual exploitation on the NPA website, information on the state of arrests and victimization related to child pornography, measures to prevent the exploitation, government efforts, the Conference for Promotion of Measures on Eradication of Child Sexual Exploitation, and other relevant topics was posted. (NPA)

(v) Implementation of domestic public relations regarding the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of Child on the sale of children, etc.

On the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, section for the following have been created: the Convention on the Rights of the Child, Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, etc., (which refers to the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography; the same shall apply hereinafter), the government's report to the Committee on the Rights of the Child, the concluding observations issued by the committee in response to said government's report, and the electronic version of the leaflet of the convention, thereby promoting domestic public relations. (Ministry of Foreign Affairs)

- As a public relation effort for Japanese citizens, a section on the Convention on the Rights of the child has been created on the MOFA website, with the posting of the electronic versions of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Right of the Child on the sale of children, etc., the government's reports to the Committee on the Rights of the child, the concluding observations issued by the committee in response to said government's report, as well as a leaflet on the Convention on the Rights of the Child. (MOFA)

(vi) Implementation of public relations and awareness-raising activities for the eradication of trafficking in persons

Creating posters and leaflets of measures against trafficking in persons with the aim to appeal to the demand-side of sexual exploitation and raise public awareness on this issue and distributing these to local governments, airports and marine ports, universities and technical colleges, the Japan Association of Travel Agents, the International Organization for Migration

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(IOM), and other related organizations and bodies. (Cabinet Office, Cabinet Secretariat, National Police Agency, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, and Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare)

- Posters and leaflets for raising-awareness of anti-trafficking measures were created with the aim to appeal to the offense (demand) side of sexual exploitation and to raise public awareness on the issue. These materials were distributed to local governments, airports and seaports, universities and technical colleges, the Japan Association of Travel Agents, IOM, and other organizations and groups. (CAO)
- In February 2021, leaflets for reporting human trafficking victimization were created, and approximately 290,000 copies were distributed to relevant ministries and agencies, embassies, NGOs, international airports, among others, and placed at locations where victims can easily find them. In addition, the leaflet was uploaded to the NPA website. (NPA)
- While exchanging opinions with NGOs, we created a document showing the actual situation of the damage in an easy-to-understand manner and posted it on the NPA website so that more reports of trafficking victimization will be made. We also carry out public relations and enlightenment using Twitter. (NPA)
A lecture is given at a seminar hosted by the aviation industry as part of transactions to prevent human trafficking in collaboration with the aviation industry. (NPA)

(vii) Implementation of training for those that are engaged in the education and awareness-raising of young people

Providing awareness-raising and prevention trainings on violence against women for people who have opportunities to educate young people with aim to enhance educational and learning activities for the youth. (Cabinet Office and Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology)

- In order to learn about the current situation of violence against women in young people and effective preventive enlightenment methods, online teaching materials was created and distributed for those who are in a leadership position with many opportunities for education and enlightenment for young people, administrative officers of local governments responsible for raising awareness and private organizations active in raising awareness and prevention of violence against women among young people. (CAO)

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- In the instructor training on health education, exercise lessons, etc. were provided concerning the basic idea of health consultation/health guidance, the method for identifying mental and physical health problems and their background, the content of health guidance, and a basic way to deal with children and their parents/guardians. (MEXT)
- Based on the “Actions for proceeding measures on the issues of so-called forced appearances in pornographic materials and ‘JK Business’” (decided on May 19, 2017, by the Relevant Government Authorities’ Strategic Planning Conference on the Issues of So-called Forced Appearances’ Strategic Materials and ‘JK Business’), in March 2020, in cooperation with relevant ministries such as CAO, an awareness-raising material containing information on the consultation counter, specific victimization cases and other relevant information was prepared and distributed to universities and the boards of education nationwide, it was distributed to the Board of Education at various meetings, among others.(MEXT)

(viii) Consideration for crime victims whose victimization tends to be hidden

To make people understand reality of victims of sexual crimes and victimized children whose victimization tends to be hidden by symposiums occasionally, and heighten awareness and motivation to support victims by the whole society. (National Police Agency, Cabinet Office, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, and Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare)

- Efforts were continued to prevent sexual crimes from being hidden by creating a leaflet providing information on the consultation counter for sexual exploitation and the kinds of support available, which is posted on the NPA website, so that prompt protection and appropriate support can be provided to child victims of sexual crimes. Prefectural police departments also promoted public relations and awareness-raising activities to encourage child victims and their parents/guardians to report victimization by posting information on the consultation counter on its website and by making use of various opportunities such as juvenile delinquency prevention classes held in cooperation with schools. (NPA)
- In conjunction with private victim support groups and institutions involved in crime victim support efforts, the “National Forum on Support for Crime Victims 2020” was held in October, as a public relations and awareness-raising effort to expand the breadth of support for victims by providing information such as the circumstances of victims, including sexual crime victims, and increasing the understanding of the need for support.

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The theme for the forum in FY2020 was “Support for victim young people”. the forum was attended by approximately 150 persons. Live distribution is carried out on the video distribution site. (NPA)

- In cooperation with local governments, awareness-raising activities were conducted during the “Crime Victims Week” (from November 25 to December 1 every year) so that support and consideration are provided to crime victims, etc. including sexual crime victims. In FY2020, the Central Meeting for the “Crime Victims Week” was held in Tokyo, and regional meetings were held in cooperation with local governments in Nagasaki and Gifu prefectures. (NPA)
- Repeat mention 1 – (ii): Holding of “Remote Panel Discussion for Preventing Youth Crime and Victimization” (CAO)

(ix) Improvement of access to activity subsidies by private organizations

Efforts shall be made to improve access by researchers, volunteer groups, etc., (engaging in research studies related to measures against child sexual exploitation or support activities for victims) to information regarding activity subsidy projects by summarizing information about the subsidy projects of private organizations and setting up links to the websites that provide such information in the section of measures against child sexual exploitation on the website of the National Police Agency. (National Police Agency)

- Access to information on activity subsidy projects was further improved for researchers and volunteer groups, etc. (engaging in research studies related to measures against child sexual exploitation or support activities for victims) by posting a link to the Japan Foundation Center website in the section for measures against child sexual exploitation on the NPA website. The Foundation’s website summarizes the information on the subsidy projects of private organizations. (NPA)

(x) Assistance for the awareness-raising activities of private organizations for the protection of children

In order to prevent children from being involved in crimes through the internet, the government will provide assistance for the continuous implementation of awareness-raising activities to prevent the victimization of children by participating in awareness-raising activities conducted by private organizations, such as the Japan Internet Safety Promotion Association, for the purpose of encouraging the use of filtering services, on occasions to consider such activities, and providing necessary information and advice. (Ministry of Internal

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- We contributed to the development of internet usage environments for young people by participating in the awareness-raising activities and evaluation meetings organized by the Japan Internet Safety Promotion Association. Regarding the High School Student ICT Conference we provided full support; the Regional Bureaus of Telecommunications provided support for meetings and the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications (MIC) organized the final report meeting at the ministry (December 10 2020). Furthermore, we participated the Japan Internet Safety Promotion Association's "Review Meeting on Internet Environment Development" and contributed to the discussions on improving the internet usage environment for young people. (MIC)
- Aiming to raise awareness on the safe children's internet usage, MIC and MEXT cooperated with communications-related corporations and organizations and others to organize the "e-Net Caravan", which holds seminars mainly at schools nationwide for students, the student's guardians, and teachers. In FY2020, 1,208 seminars were organized, attended by approximately 140,000 people. From FY2020, the options for taking courses have been expanded by incorporating online courses. In addition, since FY2016, seminars on filtering services for smartphone have been newly organized for guardians and educators in order to enhance their understanding of filtering services. MIC contributed to the expansion of these seminars through the participation of Regional Bureaus of Telecommunications staffs as lecturers. (MIC and MEXT)

(xi) Promotion of comprehensive measures to prevent victimization based on the Act on Establishment of Enhanced Environment for Youth's Safe and Secure Internet Use, etc.

In light of the ongoing occurrence of cases where children are victimized by sexual exploitation such as child pornography crimes or are involved in trouble via the use of the internet, measures shall be taken pursuant to the Act on Establishment of Enhanced Environment for Youth's Safe and Secure Internet Use (Act No. 79 of 2008) and (Fourth) Basic Plan on Measures for Providing Safe and Secure Internet Use for Young People (July 27, 2018 Decision of the Headquarters for the Promotion of Development and Support for Children and Young People) so as to reduce opportunities where children access illegal/harmful information as much as possible. In addition, related ministries/agencies and related business operators shall be united to promote publicity and awareness-raising activities on proper internet use by children toward children and their parents/guardians, etc., along with research studies, and other measures, comprehensively. (Cabinet Office, National Police Agency, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, Ministry of Justice, Ministry

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- Study Group on Development of Youth Internet Environment was held five times in total to conduct a study on the establishment of an environment for safe and secure internet use by young people. (CAO)
- Publicized the 2021 updated version of the “Case Study of the Internet Trouble”, which summarizes troubles arising from the internet and methods to prevent them, for home and school usage. (MIC)
- In order to minimize the chance of children browsing illegal/harmful contents as much as possible, prefectural police departments confirmed the use of internet filters with child victims of sexual exploitation and their parents/guardians. In cases where filters are not used, use of filters is promoted by explaining its effectiveness and importance, and how to set up filters. (NPA)
- In order to disseminate and enlighten information morals and information security when using the Internet, "Internet Safety Classes" was held all over the country in collaboration with educational institutions, private organizations, and prefectural police. In FY2020, remote events were held to deal with the new coronavirus. In addition to "general" classrooms, which to think themselves and where students learn basic information security knowledge and the Internet literacy for Internet users such as high school, junior high school, elementary school students, and parents, classrooms for "educators" were held. The purpose was to utilize it in activities of implementation of information ethics and security education for those who wish to be instructors such as educators, and education in schools and communities, and to promote secondary enlightenment centered on schools, local governments, local related companies, etc. (METI)
- Repeat mention 1 - (ii): Holding of lectures on juvenile delinquency prevention classes, etc. (NPA)
- Repeat mention 1 - (ii): Implementation of “Net Moral Caravan” (MEXT)
- Repeat mention 1 - (ii): Joint production of a leaflet by NPA and MEXT (NPA and MEXT)
- Repeat mention 1 - (x): Implementation of “e-Net Caravan” (MIC and MEXT)

(xii) Efforts in “Campaign for Eliminating Violence against Women”

During the annual Campaign for Eliminating Violence against Women (from November 12 to 25, which is the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women), public relations and awareness-raising activities are developed toward eliminating violence against

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women including child sexual exploitation in collaboration with local governments, women's groups and other relevant organizations. (Cabinet Office and other related bodies)

- During the “Campaign for Eliminating Violence against Women” from November 12 to 25, we worked to raise social consciousness regarding violence against women and enhance the awareness-raising educational efforts on the importance of women's human rights. This was conducted in cooperation and conjunction with local governments, women's organizations, and other groups. In FY2020, posters, leaflets, enlightenment cards, etc. were created under the theme of "Let's eliminate sexual violence", and was sent to local governments, women's organizations and other related organizations. (CAO)

(xiii) Efforts during “National Month for the Prevention of Juvenile Delinquency and Juvenile Victimization”

During the “National Month for the Prevention of Juvenile Delinquency and Juvenile Victimization” observed every July and the “Children and Young People's Development Support Month” observed every November, the prevention of crime victimization detrimental to the well-being of young people shall be given high priority, and public relations and awareness-raising activities shall be promoted in collaboration and cooperation with related organizations and bodies and local residents to enhance people's understanding about measures against child sexual exploitation. (Cabinet Office, National Police Agency, and other related bodies)

- During the “Children and Young People's Development Support Month” in November 2020, promotion of the efforts to protect children from crime and harmful environments was made a priority item, and various activities and projects were implemented by relevant ministries, local governments, and other relevant organizations. In addition, at the training conference organized by the CAO for people involved in child and youth development support in local communities, “Sexual violence against young people, thinking from TIC (Trauma-Informed Care) perspective” was set as one of the themes of the lecture meeting, and lectures were given by experts. (CAO)
- Repeat mention 1 - (ii): Holding of "Remote Panel Discussion for Preventing Youth Crime and Victimization” (CAO)

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(xiv) Efforts during “Child Abuse Prevention Month”

During “Child Abuse Prevention Month” every November, which is designated based on the idea that the life, rights, and future of children should be protected by all of society, public relations and awareness-raising activities shall be promoted jointly with local governments and related bodies, so as to raise social awareness toward the issue of child abuse, including sexual abuse. (Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, and other related bodies)

- In order to raise social interest in the problem of child abuse, including sexual abuse, the “National Forum for Promoting the Prevention of Child Abuse” was held by Kochi Prefecture and Kochi City on November 29, in conjunction with the November 2020 “Child Abuse Prevention Month.” In coordination and cooperation with local governments, relevant organizations, and others, we developed public relations and awareness-raising activities; through creating and distributing posters (120,000 posters in B2-format and 300,000 in A3-format) and 2 million leaflets. (MHLW)

(xv) Strengthening collaboration with foreign investigative authorities and international mutual legal assistance

For crimes of child sexual exploitation such as child prostitution and child pornography crimes committed outside Japan by Japanese nationals or such crimes committed in Japan that were detected based on reports from abroad, concerted efforts should be made with overseas investigative authorities to actively clear such cases. (National Police Agency)

- Strive to strengthen the relationships with overseas investigative authorities, and built an efficient system which facilitates mutual legal assistance. Taking advantage of the information thereby provided by overseas investigative authorities , police have actively conducted investigations . (NPA)

- In carrying out investigations and trials of child sexual exploitation cases such as child prostitution and child pornography, when necessary, a mutual legal assistance request shall be made to foreign countries in accordance with international comity or relevant international agreements such as mutual legal assistance treaties, so as to realize proper punishment. When a mutual legal assistance request is made to Japan by foreign authorities, Japan earnestly provides assistance in accordance with the relevant domestic laws, including the Act on International Assistance in Investigation and Other Related Matters (Act No. 69 of 1980), thereby strengthening international cooperation on a

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global scale. (Ministry of Justice and Ministry of Foreign Affairs)

- In criminal cases of child sexual exploitation, such as child prostitution and child pornography, we have actively undertaken mutual legal assistance upon requests by foreign authorities. (MOJ)

(xvi) International dissemination of information on the Basic Plan on Measures against Child Sexual Exploitation

By translating the Basic Plan on Measures against Child Sexual Exploitation into English and utilizing it for the reports submitted to international organizations and for various international meetings, efforts shall be made to gain better understanding from international society on detailed measures against child sexual exploitation taken in Japan and the government's commitment. (National Police Agency and Ministry of Foreign Affairs)

- The implementation status of the Basic Plan on Measures against Child Sexual Exploitation was translated into English, posted on the NPA website (in Japanese and English). (NPA)

(xvii) Strengthening of international collaboration and the promotion of information dissemination to international society through participation in international efforts

Through active participation in the activities of G7 Rome/Lyon Group and the ICPO, international collaboration shall be strengthened by facilitating information exchange with countries around the world, and thus the dissemination of information on our efforts shall be promoted. (National Police Agency, Ministry of Justice, and Ministry of Foreign Affairs)

- Regarding the ICPO International Child Sexual Exploitation Database terminal instituted in March 2011, NPA advanced information sharing among the participating countries. (NPA)

(xviii) Participation in "WePROTECT Global Alliance to End Child Sexual Exploitation Online"

Through participation in "WePROTECT Global Alliance to End Child Sexual Exploitation Online," which is a new framework for international collaboration under which governments and private businesses around the world cooperate to take measures against child sexual exploitation on the internet, international collaboration shall be strengthened by facilitating information exchange with countries around the world, and information dissemination shall

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be actively promoted concerning public-private joint efforts implemented in Japan so as to gain better understanding from international society. (National Police Agency, Cabinet Secretariat, Cabinet Office, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, and Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry)

- As an active member of the WePROTECT Global Alliance to End Child Sexual Exploitation Online, with the chairman of the National Public Safety Commission as the cabinet minister in charge, Japan strengthened international cooperation and furthered the sharing of information with other countries. (NPA)

(xix) Holding of seminars concerning measures against child sexual exploitation

Seminars shall be held to disseminate information on measures against child sexual exploitation taken in Japan under which the public and private sectors collaborate for the eradication of child sexual exploitation and the protection of child victims, in order to gain better understanding of Japan's efforts from the general public and international society. (National Police Agency)

- NPA organized the 5th Specialist Group Meeting on Child Sexual Exploitation online in February 2021 to introduce the activities of private groups and the efforts of prefectural police departments for the prevention of child sexual exploitation. About 180 representatives from relevant ministries and agencies, foreign institutions, private groups, and other attended the meeting. (NPA)

(xx) Building of the platform for promoting international collaboration for the eradication of human trafficking cases

In order to promote the arrest of brokers of trafficking in persons in Japan and abroad and to prompt the protection of victims, Contact Point Meeting with related administrative bodies, foreign embassies in Tokyo, international organizations, NGO, etc., shall be held to share information and have talks aimed at facilitating the smooth handling of such crimes. (National Police Agency)

- The contact point liaison meeting held every year was canceled from the viewpoint of preventing the spread of the new coronavirus infection. However, the leaflet for reporting

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damage to human trafficking, the outline of human trafficking offenses, and materials related to police efforts were mailed to related organizations, and information about human trafficking offenders was shared. (NPA)

(xxi) Implementation of the Optional Protocol to the Convention on the Rights of the Child on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography (hereinafter referred to as “the Protocol”) and release of the information on domestic actions

Japan will endeavor to ensure the implementation of the Protocol in line with the purport of the concluding observations which were issued by the Committee on the Rights of the Child (“CRC”) in response to Japan’s national report submitted in accordance with the provisions of the Protocol and, as necessary, taking into consideration the recommendations in the report of the Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography. Japan will also proactively release the information on Japan’s actions through the above-mentioned national report to the CRC as well as other channels. (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Cabinet Secretariat, Cabinet Office, National Police Agency, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, and Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare)

- The second meeting of the Round table to End Violence Against Children was held in February 2021 with the attendance of relevant participants including from civil society, experts, enterprises, organizations, relevant ministries and agencies to discuss the basic idea for the formulation of a national action plan to end violence against children as a Pathfinding Country of the Global Partnership to End Violence Against Children (GPeVAC) (a country committed to end violence against children in its own country). (MOFA)
- Information regarding Japan’s efforts was actively disseminated to the international community, for example, by posting the English versions of the Basic Plan on Measures Against Child Sexual Exploitation and its implementation status, and other efforts in English to the NPA website. (NPA)

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2. Support for children and families to ensure the sound growth of children without victimization by sexual exploitation

(i) Promotion of “Spring Safety Net / New Term Action” under collaboration between the public and private sectors

In collaboration and cooperation with local governments, related business operators, schools, and community groups, etc., promotions and awareness-raising activities targeting children and their parents shall be conducted to encourage the use of filtering and rulemaking at home and to enhance the internet literacy, so that young people can use internet connection devices such as smartphones safely and securely, particularly intensively at the beginning of the new school year in spring (in Japan) when many children may carry smartphones, etc., for the first time. (Cabinet Office, Cabinet Secretariat, National Police Agency, Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, and Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry)

- Promotion of parental control (management by parents) including filtering, active use of filtering customization function, utilization of time management function and billing restriction function, etc., and enlightenment with an emphasis on promoting rulemaking in the home through discussions have been conducted since February 2021. (CAO)
- “Spring Safety Net / New Term Action ” was implemented starting from February 2021 in cooperation with relevant ministries and agencies and private operators. Various efforts were carried out intensively to promote the use of internet filters and to raise internet literacy. (MIC)
- As a part of the “Spring Safety Net/New Term Action” initiative, which promotes efforts such as awareness-raising activities focusing on promoting the use of internet filters and raising internet literacy, notices were sent out on January 25 to the boards of education and others, asking to carry out educational and awareness-raising activities on safe and secure use of smartphones and the likes at schools and in local areas during the initiative from February to May. (MEXT)
- In January 2021, in order to prevent juvenile delinquency and crime victimization at the beginning of the new school year, NPA distributed awareness-raising leaflets to prefectural police departments and promoted implementation of various measures for juveniles at the beginning of the new school year. The leaflet is under the joint names of related ministries and agencies and are intended for parents/guardians. (NPA)

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- From February 2021, as part of the “Spring Safety Net Campaign with Chain of Moves in New Semester”, we requested cooperation from related businesses and related industry groups and disseminated information on filtering, parental control, etc. (METI)
- Repeat mention 1 - (ii): Creation of a joint leaflet by the NPA and MEXT (MEXT and NPA)

(ii) Implementation of awareness-raising activities for safe and secure internet use by children

- In order to ensure safe and secure internet use by young people, an awareness-raising course called “e-Net Caravan” is provided to children as well as their parents/guardians and teachers, who are supposed to protect, educate, and guide children, in collaboration with telecommunication-related organizations, and, starting from September 2016, an advanced course for parents/guardians and teachers, called “e-Net Caravan plus,” is also being provided with a view toward raising awareness for the importance of filtering and ensuring that everyone knows how to use filtering services. (Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, and Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology)

- Repeat mention 1 - (x): Implementation of “e-Net Caravan” (MIC and MEXT)

- With the cooperation of the police and in collaboration with NPOs nationwide, the Internet Safety Class for young people, their parents/guardians, and teachers shall be held so as to raise awareness on information security and countermeasures against illegal/harmful information, including filtering services. The awareness-raising materials used in the class and the contents of the class shall be updated from time to time to reflect changes in the internet use environment and the situation surrounding child pornography. (Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, and Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry)

- Repeat mention 1-(xi): Holding of Internet Safety Class (METI)

- Awareness-raising activities using the booklet covering the issue of revenge pornography victimization and child pornography victimization through community sites and SNS shall be promoted. (Ministry of Justice)

- With the goal to stop violations of children’s human rights on the internet, we gave out

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an awareness-raising booklet for junior high and high school students and their parents/guardians and distributed an awareness-raising video via the internet. (MOJ)

- At the general meeting or national convention of the National Congress of Parents and Teachers Associations of Japan and the National Federation of High School Parent-Teacher Associations, materials for raising awareness regarding the importance of filtering services, etc., shall be distributed to disseminate knowledge about the appropriate use of the internet and how to avoid victimization by sexual exploitation due to use of the internet. (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology)

- During the general meeting of the Japan PTA National Conference, an enlightenment material for the prevention of sexual damage (sexual exploitation, etc.) of children caused by the proper use of smartphones and the use of the Internet “Protect myself and my loved ones – Don't step into the pitfalls of” is distributed and well known. (MEXT)

- In order to make parents/guardians aware of potential risks associated with the use of the internet by children and of measures to prevent the criminal victimization of children, a leaflet for the prevention of the criminal victimization of children through the use of internet, titled “STOP! Internet Crimes,” shall be produced, thereby promoting raising-awareness activities. (National Police Agency)

- In order to inform parents/guardians regarding the inherent dangers of children’s internet use and measures to prevent criminal victimization of children, the educational leaflet “STOP! Internet Crimes” on preventing criminal victimization of children related to internet use was posted on the NPA website and requested the prefectural police to utilize it in various public relations and enlightenment activities. (NPA)

- As part of efforts to facilitate the safe and secure use of the internet by young people, awareness-raising and educational materials for parents/guardians shall be produced and made publicly available in collaboration with related ministries and agencies, thereby promoting awareness-raising activities. (Cabinet Office)

- In January 2021, we created and released a leaflet for parents of adolescents entitled "Four important points that parents should know correctly about child-rearing parents in the age of online smartphones (children/students)". (CAO)

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(iii) Assistance for the establishment of a cooperative structure at the local level for the safe and secure use of the internet by young people

By holding the “Forum for the Creation of the Internet Use Environment for the Youth” in several places nationwide in cooperation with local governments and related organizations, the government shall assist in the establishment of cooperative structures at the local level to facilitate the safe and secure use of the internet by young people. (Cabinet Office)

- In FY 2020, the “Forum for the Creation of the Internet Use Environment for the Youth” was organized as project to support local cooperation regarding young people’s internet use in three locations nationwide (Shiga Prefecture in October, Fukuoka Prefecture in November and Wakayama Prefecture in December), with total attendance of approximately 300 persons. (CAO)

(iv) Assistance in publicity and awareness-raising activities at the local and family level for the proper use of the internet by children

With the aim of encouraging the proper use of the internet by children, in addition to assistance for “School Internet Patrols” conducted by the governments of each prefecture and designated cities via the use of internet patrols and private specialized bodies, assistance shall be provided through the Comprehensive Project for Promoting Support for Education at home in Local Communities so that classes on the risks and proper use of mobile phones and the internet will be provided to parents/guardians on such occasions as the medical checkups of children before they begin school, parents’ meetings, parents’ days, etc. Also, in order to adapt to the rapidly evolving and expanding internet environment, advanced measures against harmful environments at the local level shall be promoted through the “Community Support Project for Internet-related Measures,” including the training of internet literacy instructors and the establishment of a system to deal with problems involving the internet. (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology)

- Support was provided to “School Internet Patrol for Early Detection and Response to Internet Bullying,” an initiative implemented by prefectures and government ordinance cities (total of 20 local governments). The aim of the initiative is to build support structures for responding to and solving bullying and other problems. (MEXT)
- Promote efforts related to home education support provided by home education support teams that utilize diverse local human resources according to the actual conditions of the region through “Development of Support Infrastructure for Education at home in Local

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Communities” such as providing learning opportunities for parents to educate them about the dangers of mobile phones and the Internet and their proper use. (MEXT)

- Via the Community Startup Project for Internet-related Measures, support was given for efforts, such as the training of internet literacy instructors and the holding of a workshop on how to respond to internet-related problems, carried out by local governments and private organizations in eight locations nationwide. The project supports progressive efforts regarding education and awareness-raising activities about safe and secure internet use in local areas. (MEXT)

(v) Enhancement of information morals education at schools

Using the instruction manual, etc., concerning information morals education, seminars and forums for information morals education for school teachers shall be held in an effort to disseminate information morals education throughout the nation, and awareness-raising materials for children and students shall be produced and distributed so as to address new issues associated with computerization. (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology)

- Seminars on information morals education for educators and the like were held in four locations. In addition, awareness-raising materials for children and students were created and distributed, and teacher’s reference materials (guidance manual for teachers) were improved and enhanced. (MEXT)

(vi) Development and publication of Internet Literacy Assessment indicator for Students (ILAS) for the safe use of the internet by young people

A test to visualize the ability of young people to deal with dangers and threats on the internet and the current status shall be conducted along with a questionnaire survey on the use of information communication devices (smartphones, etc.) by young people, and the results shall be analyzed, compiled, and made public every year as the “Internet Literacy Assessment indicator for Students (ILAS).” (Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications)

- Developed a test to visualize young people’s ability and its current situation to being able to respond to dangers and threats. The test is conducted alongside a survey on young people’s usage of information communication devices (such as smartphones), and aggregated and analyzed results are published annually since FY 2012 as an indicator for safe and secure usage of the internet by young people (ILAS: Internet Literacy

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Assessment indicator for Students). In FY 2020, approximately 74 schools, 12,499 first-year high school students nationwide participated the test, and the aggregated and analyzed results were published in April 2021. (MIC)

(vii) Surveys for cleaning up harmful environments surrounding juveniles

- In order to promptly and appropriately deal with the situation where businesses in which high school girls serve customers via sexual behavior emerge one after another in different methods such as the “girls izakaya (Japanese style restaurant bar)” and the “high school girls rifure (reflexology),” a survey on the actual state of new types of business focused on children as sexual objects shall be conducted. (National Police Agency)

- In order to accurately grasp the actual state of “JK business,” a fact-finding survey was carried out in December 2020. (NPA)

- In order to correctly grasp the situation of crime victimization caused by the use of community sites and to take various measures to prevent the victimization of children, a survey on the actual state of crimes resulting from the use of community sites, etc., shall be conducted. (National Police Agency)

- Prefectural police departments were instructed to report the items that are necessary for properly understanding the criminal victimization of children arising from SNS and for taking various measures to prevent the victimization of children. (NPA)

(viii) Promotion of street guidance activities

Efforts shall be made in collaboration with related organizations and volunteers to find delinquent juveniles by actively talking to young people focusing on the time and place where gatherings of delinquent juveniles or delinquency are likely to take place and, when a delinquent juvenile is found or taken into custody, necessary warnings and guidance shall be provided to such juvenile or his/her parent/guardian taking into consideration the characteristics of such juvenile. By promoting these street guidance activities, efforts shall be made to prevent such juvenile from becoming a victim of sexual exploitation and to early detect and protect child victims. (National Police Agency)

- Prefectural police departments promoted street guidance activities in cooperation with juvenile police volunteers and others. (NPA)

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(ix) Promotion of the activities of juvenile guidance commissioners for the sound development of juveniles

Juvenile guidance commissioners commissioned by Prefectural Public Safety Commissions based on the Act on Control and Improvement of Amusement Business, etc. (Act No.122 of 1948) shall be provided with assistance such as the provision of information on the situation of juvenile delinquency, and the commissioner's activity to ensure the sound development of juveniles shall be promoted, including street juvenile guidance, advice to the operators of amusement businesses, and assistance to juvenile victims, etc. (National Police Agency)

- Prefectural police departments improved the knowledge and skills of juvenile guidance commissioners through conducting government-mandated training for the commissioners and offering assistance such as providing information on the state of juvenile delinquency and amusement businesses, and promoted their activities for the sound development of juveniles. (NPA)

(x) Support for delinquent juveniles, etc., at Juvenile Assessment Centers

As part of the community support service of Juvenile Assessment Centers support for delinquent juveniles and their families, etc., shall be promoted in collaboration with related organizations to prevent juvenile delinquency and to rehabilitate delinquent juveniles. (Ministry of Justice)

- As part of the support for the prevention of juvenile delinquency and crimes by Juvenile Assessment Centers (community support service), support was provided to delinquent juveniles and their families, etc., in collaboration with related organizations to prevent juvenile delinquency and to rehabilitate delinquent juveniles. (MOJ)

(xi) Strengthening of assistance in cybercrime prevention volunteer activities

The establishment of cybercrime prevention volunteer organization groups, which engage in educational activities for the prevention of crimes in cyber space, public relations, and awareness-raising activities for the enhancement of awareness regarding social norms, online environment cleanups through cyber patrols, and other activities, shall be encouraged, and assistance in cybercrime prevention volunteer activities including activities to prevent child sexual exploitation shall be strengthened through the distribution of the Manual for Cybercrime Prevention Volunteer Activities (Model), "Cybercrime Prevention Volunteer

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Training Curriculum (Model),” etc. (National Police Agency)

- To support cybercrime prevention volunteer activities nationwide, “Manual for Cybercrime Prevention Volunteer Activities (Model)”, among others, was published on the NPA website. Also, on the website, cybercrime prevention volunteer groups that have been conducting excellent efforts are listed, and thus NPA is promoting support for cybercrime prevention volunteer activities. (NPA)

(xii) Support for single-parent families

In order to help single-parent families facing financial difficulties achieve self-reliance, comprehensive support shall be provided under the Project to Assist in the Self-reliance of Families Including Single-parent Families and Families with Multiple Children approved in December 2015 (at the meeting of the Council for Combating Childhood Poverty), such as in: i) doubling the additional amount of the child rearing allowance for the second- and later-born children (starting from the allowance for August 2016), ii) extending the duration of grants from the subsidies for the promotion of advanced vocational training, which is aimed at facilitating the acquisition of qualifications advantageous in securing a job, from two years to three years (starting from FY2016), iii) promoting the provision of one-stop services at local government consultation counters to handle issues peculiar to single-parent families, and iv) creating places where support for the acquisition of good lifestyle habits and learning support can be provided after the hours of after-school children’s clubs. (Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare)

- From March 2021, we reviewed the method of adjusting the combined payment so that the recipients of the basic disability pension can receive the difference between the amount of the child-rearing allowance and the amount of the additional portion of the child of the disability basic pension. (MHLW)
- To obtain a qualification that is advantageous for employment, the subsidies for the promotion of advanced vocational training was extended to single parents, who train at training institutions pertaining the above qualifications for a year or more, for the period equivalent to the enrollment period in the training institution (maximum of four years) in order to reduce their burden of living expenses. (MHLW)
- We promoted the development of one-stop services that provide support for matters ranging from child-rearing and daily life to finding work by adding vocational support specialists, in addition to the mother- and father-child self-sufficiency support workers,

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to the consultation counters for single-parent families. Furthermore, during times such as the submission period for the child-rearing allowance status notification (August each year), we promoted the development of a system that allows single parents to discuss at once the various issues that they face. (MHLW)

- A project to support children's daily life and study was implemented for children of single-parent families. The project assisted children to acquire basic life skills and provided learning support and meals while also offering counseling at children's welfare facilities and the likes, after the hours of after-school clubs. (MHLW)

(xiii) Employment support for parents in single-parent families

Employment support shall be provided to parents in single-parent families through the following measures.

- With respect to employment support at Hello Work (a public employment security office), one-stop-type employment support systems shall be established throughout the nation by setting up Hello Work consultation counters at municipal welfare offices for needy persons including welfare recipients and the recipient of child rearing allowances, and team support shall be provided under agreements between Hello Work and local governments.
- At Mothers' Hello Work, comprehensive and consistent support for the jobseekers with small children shall be continued so as to assist them in re-entering labor market. For parents in single-parent families, in particular, employment support shall be strengthened by staffing specialized counselors.
- Subsidies for the employment development of designated job seekers shall be granted to employers that have employed parents in single-parent families. In addition, employers that have employed parents in single-parent families shall be entitled to receive an additional amount of Career Enhancement Subsidy for employers that have employed fixed-term contract workers as regular employees and trial employment incentive payments for employers that have provided a certain period of trial employment opportunities to job seekers that have difficulties in obtaining employment. Thus, support shall be provided through employment-related subsidies. (Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare)

- For welfare recipients, needy persons, recipients of childrearing allowance, etc., we provide employment support through team support with local governments based on the cooperation based on the agreement between Hello Work and local governments. For

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example, we have set up a consultation desk for Hello Work at regional government welfare offices, etc. (MHLW)

- The payment of subsidies for employment development of designated job seekers to employers hiring parents in single-parent families was continued. In addition, support via employment-related subsidies was provided. For example, when parents in single-parent families were hired, the amount of subsidies was increased in cases of the Career Enhancement Subsidy, which is granted to employers that have employed fixed-term employed workers as regular employees, and Trial Employment Subsidy, which is granted to employers hiring job seekers, who have difficulties finding stable employment, on a trial basis for a certain period. (MHLW)
- At Mothers' Hello Work, comprehensive and consistent support has been provided to job seekers with small children to assist them in re-entering labor market. For parents in single-parent families, in particular, employment support was provided by staffing specialized counselors. (MHLW)

(xiv) Employment support for youths

In addition to employment support for new graduates and young non-regular workers ("freeters") who are seeking employment provided at Hello Work, specialized consultation support for inactive NEET to help achieve vocational independence and consultation services concerning job retention, career enhancement, etc., for those that are employed shall be provided at Regional Youth Support Stations. (Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare)

- Detailed employment support was provided at Hello Work New Graduate Support and Youth Hello Work for new graduates and young non-regular workers ("freeters") who are seeking employment. (MHLW)
- Consultation support and the like were provided at Regional Youth Support Stations to help achieve vocational independence. (MHLW)

(xv) Support for people in need

Under the Act on Support for Self-reliance of Needy Persons (Act No. 105 of 2013), support for children from families in need and their parents/guardians shall be implemented through the "Consultation Service for Self-reliance," which provides comprehensive support, and the "Learning and livelihood assistance Service for Children from Households in need ," etc. (Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare)

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- In the previous fiscal year, we continued to implement the "Learning and Living Support Project for Children Living in Poverty" which was strengthened by adding living habits and nurturing environments for children, and provided advice on improving lifestyle and training environments. (MHLW)

3. Promotion of measures to prevent the occurrence and spread of victimization that focuses on tools used for child sexual exploitation

(i) Assistance in measures against such tools as taken by private organizations to protect children

In order to prevent children from being involved in crimes via the internet, the government shall (by participating in the discussion of measures by private organizations including the Content Evaluation and Monitoring Association (EMA) and Japan Internet Safety Promotion Association, and by providing advice) provide assistance in the promotion of continuous efforts by content operators to protect children, such as in the introduction of effective “Internet zoning” (which refers to a tool to control the transmission and receipt of short messages between adults and children or ID searches on websites using the age information owned by mobile carriers so as not to allow ill-intentioned adults to approach children; the same shall apply hereinafter) utilizing the age verification function of mobile phone users or their age information, or the strengthening of the system to monitor websites such as the checking of short-message content in message exchange services. (Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, and National Police Agency)

- We contributed to the discussions of Japan Internet Safety Promotion Association on improving the internet usage environment for young people through participating in the “Review Meeting on Internet Environment Development” (the meeting for FY2020 was held in September), among others. (MIC)
- We promote voluntary child damage prevention measures such as information sharing, research, and public relations enlightenment among participating businesses in the Youth Protection Working Group of the “SMAJ (Social Media Association of Japan)” consisting of 24 businesses that operate SNS. The National Police Agency also actively participates in monthly meetings hosted by the National Police Agency to provide information on cases of child damage and trends in damage. (NPA)

(ii) Assistance in voluntary efforts by mobile carriers, third-party organizations, etc., to promote the use of filtering services

Under the ICT Service Safety and Security Study Group, the “Task Force on the Development of Secure and Safe Internet Use Environment for the Youth” has been set up and participated in by experts, mobile carriers, etc. and shall make recommendations concerning the publicity of filtering services for mobile phones and the improvement of the

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utilization rate in light of the issues to be tackled, thereby promoting voluntary efforts by mobile carriers and third-party organizations concerned with filtering approval. (Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications)

- Held “The Task Force on the Development of Secure and Safe Internet Use Environment for the Youth” and discussed on the efforts of related bodies after the enforcement of the Revised Act on Establishment of Enhanced Environment for Youth’s Safe and Secure Internet Use (February 2018) and other subjects. Compiled the “Issues and Measures to Promote Youth’s Use of Filtering” on August 9, 2019. Based on this report, the efforts of related business operators and bodies were promoted. In January 2020, "Examination based on the supplementary provisions of the Youth Internet Environment Improvement Law-Opinions on the status of efforts by telecommunications carriers, etc.," was compiled, and the Cabinet Office's "Examination of Youth Internet Environment Improvement, etc." was report on the status of efforts of related businesses at the meeting. (MIC)
- Repeat mention 1 - (x): Implementation of “e-Net Caravan” (MIC)

(iii) Assistance for the operation of the Guidelines on Measures for Illegal Information on the Internet and Model Terms and Conditions for internet services

By participating in the liaison conference on measures for illegal information held by trade associations (Telecommunications Carriers Association, Telecom Services Association, Japan Internet Providers Association, and Japan Cable and Telecommunications Association) as an observer and otherwise, the government will provide assistance in the proper operation of the Guidelines on Measures for Illegal Information on the Internet, including the criteria for child pornography that should be deleted and the criteria for the violation of the Act on Regulation on Soliciting Children by Using Opposite Sex Introducing Service on Internet (Act No. 83 of 2003; hereinafter referred to as the “Online Dating Sites Regulation Act”), and “the Model Terms and Conditions for internet services,” including the provisions regarding the blocking of child pornography and the provisions prohibiting child prostitution, which have been established by said trade associations. (Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications)

- We participated as an observer in the liaison conference on measures for illegal information and assisted the appropriate operation of the Guidelines on Measures for Illegal Information on the Internet and the Model Terms and Conditions for internet services. (MIC)

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(iv) Assistance in consultation services concerning illegal/harmful information on the internet

In order to strengthen measures taken by internet service providers (hereinafter referred to as “ISPs”) for illegal/harmful information on the internet based on relevant guidelines, the government will provide assistance for the operation of the Illegal Harmful Hotline, which conducts consultation for general internet users concerning illegal/harmful information on the internet, consultation for school officials concerning cyberbullying, etc., and consultation for ISPs, etc., concerning requests for deletion from general internet users, organizations dealing with human rights violations, the Internet Hotline Center, and police, etc. (Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications)

- The Illegal Harmful Hotline was established and responded to consultations from individuals and ISPs on how to address individual cases involving illegal/harmful information on the internet. (MIC)
- Among the concerns and inquiries that the Illegal Harmful Hotline received, we provided information to the cooperating business operators regarding certain cases, such as those with clear infringement of the rights of young people. (MIC)

(v) Promotion of various measures toward improvement in the effectiveness of blocking

Images of child sexual exploitation on the internet significantly infringes on the rights of children. In an effort to protect the rights of children, ISPs and other business operators have been implementing blocking on a voluntary basis since April 2011. For the purpose of encouraging the voluntary introduction of effective blocking by ISPs and other business operators, while paying attention not to cause any unreasonable effects on the secrecy of communications and the freedom of expression of internet users, continuous efforts shall be made so as to have ISPs and other related parties understand the significance and effectiveness of blocking in preventing the distribution of child pornography on the internet. Furthermore, assistance shall be provided so that, after any images of child pornography are detected, irrespective of the nationality of the servers, information will be provided from the National Police Agency and the Internet Hotline Center to the body to prepare and manage the address lists of websites containing child pornography, and so that the preparation of an address list of websites containing child pornography and the provision of relevant address lists to ISPs and other related parties by the body to prepare and manage the address lists of websites containing child pornography will be implemented rapidly and effectively. In

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addition, assistance shall be continuously provided so that ISPs can implement blocking in a stable manner. (Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications, National Police Agency, and Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry)

- As it is important to operate the blocking of child pornography websites with consideration to avoiding any unreasonable effects on the secrecy of communications and the freedom of expression of internet users, we provided assistance for the voluntary introduction and operation of blocks by ISPs and other business operators (MIC)
- We provided support for private voluntary efforts through sharing necessary information with and offering advice to private associations, such as Japan Internet Safety Promotion Association and the Internet Content Safety Association. (MIC)
- The Internet Content Safety Association, an organization that prepares and manages the address lists of websites containing child pornography, was established in March 2011, and some ISPs have voluntarily introduced blocking since April 2011. As of January 30, 2021, 73 ISPs, four telecommunication organizations, three search engine operators, and two internet filter operators have joined the association. The child pornography address lists have been provided by the association, and we supported such efforts so that the measures to stop the distribution of child pornography can be undertaken. (MIC)
- The Internet Hotline Center, which is operated by a private operator commissioned by the NPA, received 1,488 reports of public display of child pornography images from general internet users in the first half of 2020. The center provides information to the Internet Content Safety Association, which is the child pornography posting address list creation management organization and supports the implementation of blocking by private business operators. (NPA)

(vi) Measures for the business operators of online dating sites and community sites

The National Police Agency shall provide information about the actual state of child sexual exploitation to major online dating site business operators and shall request them to take measures to prevent the sexual victimization of children. For the elimination of prostitution organizations, in particular, the exchange of information with online dating site business operators and a study of measures will be implemented.

Information about the actual state of child sexual exploitation will also be provided individually to major community site business operators and, according to the size of the business and the type of services provided, efforts shall be made to have them strengthen voluntary measures to prevent the sexual victimization of children, such as the cleanup of the

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community site environment or the introduction of stricter age verification systems, with a view toward introducing effective Internet zoning. (National Police Agency)

- Measures to prevent the sexual victimization of children are promoted by, among others, providing information regarding the actual state of child victimization to major online dating site business operators. (NPA)
- For SNS businesses, in addition to supporting the activities of the Youth Protection Working Group of the "SMAJ", which is composed of major businesses, we individually provide information on the actual situation of child damage and work to strengthen voluntary damage prevention measures according to the scale and service mode of the business operator even if there are businesses that do not participate in the organization. (NPA)

(vii) Promotion of measures to prevent the distribution of and access to images of child pornography

Efforts shall be made to detect illegal information related to child pornography through cyber patrols and reports to the Internet Hotline Center or the anonymous reporting program and, if such information is detected, a request for deletion shall be issued to the site administrator by the police or the Internet Hotline Center. (National Police Agency)

- With respect to child pornography images that have been found through cyber patrols and reports from the Internet Hotline Center, either the police or the Internet Hotline Center reported requests for deletion to website administrators. During the first half of 2020, there were 170 cases were reported to the police regarding information on public display of child pornography by the Internet Hotline Center, and 125 cases where requests for the deletion of public display of child pornography images were issued by the Internet Hotline Center. (NPA)

(viii) Operation of the Internet Hotline Center

The operation of the Internet Hotline Center shall continue via outsourcing to the private sector. The role of the Internet Hotline Center includes receiving reports on illegal information including information on the public display of child pornography prohibited under the Act Against Child Prostitution and Child Pornography or information on soliciting prohibited under the Online Dating Sites Regulation Act, reporting to the police, and issuing a request to the site administrator for deletion. The Internet Hotline Center shall report to

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the police about child pornography, provide information to the Internet Content Safety Association, which prepares and manages address lists of websites containing child pornography in order to contribute to the blocking of images of child pornography, and provide reports on the images of child pornography stored on overseas web servers to INHOPE, which is a collaborative network of counterpart organizations around the world. (National Police Agency)

- The Internet Hotline Center analyzes each of the accepted reports and, (if it determines that the report has been concerning public display of child pornography, it reports to the police or issues a request for deletion to website administrators. Of the reports of public display of child pornography that is received, 170 cases were reported to police and deletion request to site administrator etc. were issued in 125 cases (in the first half of 2020). The center also reports information of public display of child pornography to INHOPE. (NPA)

(ix) Elimination of criminal organizations and illegal adult entertainment establishments in entertainment/amusement areas by nurturing an atmosphere encouraging crime prevention volunteer activities

The elimination of criminal organizations and illegal adult entertainment establishments in entertainment/amusement areas and destruction of “criminal infrastructure” shall be facilitated through the enhancement of the activities of crime prevention volunteer groups including residents’ associations and firefighting services under collaboration with local shopping districts and municipal governments. (National Police Agency)

- Through prefectural police departments, in addition to driving forward the crime prevention patrols by volunteer groups and other initiatives, police conducted the below efforts and others in collaboration with local shopping districts and municipal governments. Police worked to understand the actual state of criminal organization, illegal adult entertainment establishments, and criminal infrastructure in entertainment/amusement areas. In addition, after explaining to and gaining understanding from local shopping districts and municipal governments about the importance of resolving the situation where empty buildings and stores are repeatedly used by illegal adult entertainment establishments as criminal infrastructure, police moved forward with the elimination of criminal organizations and illegal adult entertainment establishments and the destruction of crime infrastructure, among others,

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with the intention of maintaining the effects of the crackdown. In order to prevent organized crime groups from establishing their offices and illegal adult entertainment establishments from moving in the buildings and stores, which became vacant as a result of the crackdown, and in apartments in entertainment/amusement areas and their vicinity and to make such groups leave after they have moved in, guidance was given to real-estate transaction businesses, owners of buildings and apartments, management companies, local shopping districts, and others on the measures such as how to exclude organized criminal groups and illegal adult entertainment establishments at the time of real-estate lease contracts. (NPA)

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4. Prompt protection of child victims and the promotion of appropriate support

(i) Creation of a comfortable environment for children and their parents/guardians for consultations

- At the Juvenile Support Center established in the prefectural police department and at the juvenile section of police stations, police officers and juvenile guidance officials shall meet and talk with children or their parents/guardians and provide necessary advice and guidance according to the contents of the consultation. Also, telephone consultations shall be provided under the name of the “Young Telephone Corner” or as another name in an effort to detect child victims at an early date. As a means of consultation, the introduction of a toll-free telephone number and consultation services at night or on holidays via e-mail, etc., shall be promoted. In addition, it should be actively announced that anonymous consultation is available. (National Police Agency)
- Prefectural police departments received 74,695 concerns and inquiries from children and their parents/guardians in 2020 and provided necessary advice and guidance in person or by phone. In addition, NPA used media, such as its website and leaflets, to publicize the “Young Telephone Corner,” a telephone consultation service of prefectural police departments, as well as Email and other consultation services. (NPA)
- As a system to provide appropriate consultation services based on the needs of victims and the content of consultations, “Information Website on Consultation Services on Child Victimization by Sexual Crime” was introduced on the NPA website. (NPA)
- In addition to the counseling services concerning human rights issues including sexual exploitation, as provided by Legal Affairs Bureaus and District Legal Affairs Bureaus throughout Japan, the Ministry of Justice is taking various measures including the operation of a toll-free telephone counseling services called “Children’s Rights Hotline” and human rights counseling services on the internet called “SOS e-mail,” along with the distribution of “Children’s Rights SOS Mini-Letters” (pre-stamped and addressed sealable postcards, for human rights counseling) to elementary and junior high school students. Information on these counseling services shall be further disseminated through posting on the website of the Ministry of Justice as well as distributing awareness-raising booklets and leaflets containing such information to the general public. (Ministry of Justice)

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- The Legal Affairs Bureaus and the District Legal Affairs Bureaus provide human rights counseling in all matters of human rights issues, including sexual exploitation of children. In addition, the MOJ has taken various measures, including the operation of a toll-free telephone counseling service “Children’s Rights Hotline” and the human-rights counseling service on the Internet “Children’s Rights SOS e-mail,” along with the distribution of the “Children’s Rights SOS Mini- Letters” (letters with a stamped envelope for human rights counseling) to elementary and junior high school students throughout the country. (MOJ)
- In order to facilitate access to human rights counseling for young people, in addition to starting "human rights counseling via SNS (LINE)" at the Nagoya Legal Affairs Bureau in 2019, it will be started at the Legal Affairs Bureau in Tokyo from July 1st 2020. (MOJ)
- The week from August 28th 2020 to September 3rd 2020 was designated as “Nationwide Children’s Rights Hotline Promotion Week,” during which counseling service structure was expanded by extending counseling hours on weekdays and opening counseling hours on Saturday and Sunday. Furthermore, the MOJ advertised these counseling services to the general public on its website, along with displaying posters and distributing awareness-raising booklets and leaflets with information about the counseling services. (MOJ)

(ii) Responses considering convenience for the person undergoing a consultation

When a consultation is requested by a victim of child sexual exploitation via various consultation services including general telephone consultation services such as #9110 (police consultation telephone number) and #189 (nationwide hotline connected to Child Guidance Centers), appropriate advice and information shall be provided and, if it is appropriate that the matter be handled at another administrative body or another organization, smooth handover shall be ensured with consideration given to privacy protection. (National Police Agency, Ministry of Justice, and Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare)

- When consultations regarding child sexual exploitation were requested at the juvenile consultation counter, the police provided appropriate advice and information and responded with consideration to the convenience of the persons undergoing the consultations through various ways, including handing over the case to other appropriate administrative agencies as necessary. (NPA)
- With respect to #189, which is a system to enable anyone that has spotted a child suspected of being abused to report to or consult with a Child Guidance Center without

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hesitation, improvements have been made to shorten the wait time before connecting to a Child Guidance Center, including a reduction in the length of the pre-recorded guidance in April 2016, with the introduction of a call center-based operator system for calls from mobile phones and other types of phones in February 2018. In December 2019, the name “Nationwide Hotline Connected to Child Guidance Centers” was changed to “Child Abuse Hotline Connected to Child Guidance Centers,” and a hotline dedicated to consultation, “Child Guidance Center Consultation Hotline” was set up. The Child Abuse Hotline Connected to Child Guidance Centers was made toll-free for the convenience of the callers. (MHLW)

- From the budget for 2019, a new "Child Guidance Center System Development Project (SNS, etc. Consultation Project)" was established as a comprehensive support project for child abuse and domestic violence measures, to support the efforts of each local government. For consultations from children and homes, we have opened a nationwide common account on SNS that allows consultations from anywhere in the country, and built a new system for each child guidance center to handle consultations via SNS. (MHLW)
- Repeat mention 4–(i) Posting of consultation counters regarding child sexual exploitation (NPA)

(iii) Appropriate handling of children’s rights issues

When a suspected human rights violation is recognized through a human rights counseling etc., such a case shall be investigated as a human rights violation case, and appropriate measures shall be taken depending on a case, including the protection of the child victim, in collaboration with the police, Child Guidance Centers, and other related organizations. (Ministry of Justice)

- In cases where alleged human rights violations were recognized during counseling, investigations were undertaken and measures appropriate to the human rights violation cases were implemented, for example, providing protection to child victims in cooperation among police, Child Guidance Centers and relevant agencies. (MOJ)

(iv) Dissemination of the anonymous reporting program for the creation of a secure society

The anonymous reporting program under which anonymous reports of human trafficking crimes or suspected human trafficking crimes, crimes related to people’s welfare, child abuse, etc., are received and information fees are paid according to the degree of contribution to the

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arrest or the protection of the victim shall be publicized as part of efforts for the early detection of these crimes, which tend to be hidden. (National Police Agency)

- The internet-based public relations efforts regarding the anonymous reporting program were continued by putting up link banners, etc., not only on the websites of the NPA and prefectural police headquarters but also on the websites of relevant administrative agencies. (NPA)

(v) Promotion of guidance for children involved in businesses focused on children as sexual objects

If a child is engaged in a businesses focused on children as sexual objects, the morality of the child will be adversely affected and their moral character may decline. Moreover, engaging in such business could lead to sexual victimization via rape, indecent assault, child prostitution, or other sexual offenses.

Therefore, i) an act of handing out flyers for a business serving customers using children as feature of the services or a business of entertaining customers by playing to sexual gratification, or an act of orally soliciting customers for such a business, ii) an act of hanging out a place where such business is operated, iii) an act of working for such a business (excluding those described in i)), and iv) an act of inducing other children to work for such a business are designated as subject to correction guidance The police shall take those children that have been involved any of the above into custody and shall contact their parents/guardians and school officials to urge them to admonish or punish the children in question. (National Police Agency)

- In the prefectures where “JK business” is known to be practiced, the police departments carried out on-site inspection under relevant laws and regulations in order to protect children from “JK business.” (NPA)

(vi) Promotion of cyber guidance

In order to protect children from crimes involving personal welfare caused by the use of the internet and to promote the sound development of children, the police shall promote cyber guidance in which, if an inappropriate message on the internet by a child such as an offer of “patronage dating” is detected during a cyber patrol, the police shall contact the child that wrote such message and directly provide warning and guidance. (National Police Agency)

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- Prefectural police departments promoted efforts to call public attention to inappropriate messages on SNS that could lead to child sexual exploitation, while taking child victims into protective custody. (NPA)

(vii) Support, etc., for children at Child Guidance Centers and local governments

When a Child Guidance Center receives a consultation concerning a child that has been harmed mentally and physically due to sexual abuse or child pornography crime, support shall be provided such as temporary custody when his/her safety needs to be secured, assistance concerning a visit to a medical institution to receive specialized medical care, counseling by child psychologists, and admission to a child welfare facility for the child for whom it is difficult to return home, and the case shall be reported to the police after confirming the damage caused by the situation. Also, municipal governments shall fully collaborate and share information with Child Guidance Centers and other related organizations through the Regional Council for Children in Need of Protection to provide consultation for child victims of sexual abuse or child pornography crimes in a more familiar environment and to provide necessary support. In addition, information about the nationwide hotline number to Child Guidance Centers (189), including the fact that anonymous reporting is acceptable, shall be widely disseminated so that anyone that has spotted a child that seems to be abused can call the Child Guidance Center without hesitation. (Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare)

- Child Guidance Centers and local governments provided consultation and support to children who had been subjected to child abuse, including sexual abuse. In addition, a new plan “Comprehensive Reinforcement Plan for Child Abuse Prevention Measures System” was developed in December 2018, in response to the “Emergency Comprehensive Measures,” decided by the Meeting of Relevant Ministers on Child Abuse Prevention Measures (Meeting of Relevant Ministers) in July 2018. The systems and expertise of the Child Guidance Centers and local governments are planned to be strengthened in four years from FY 2019 through measures such as staffing approximately 2,020 more child welfare officers at the Child Guidance Centers, in addition to 3,240 specialists in FY 2017, and setting up “Child and Family General Support Bases” in all municipalities. Based on the increasing number of child abuse counseling cases at child guidance centers, the new plan has been set a year ahead of schedule for increasing the number of staff such as child welfare officers, etc., and secure the staff organization which has been set as a target in the new plan by 2021. (MHLW)
- At the Meeting of Relevant Ministers, “Regarding further thoroughness and

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reinforcement of the ‘Emergency Comprehensive Measures to Enhance Child Abuse Prevention Measures’” was passed in February 2019, and "Drastic Child Abuse Prevention Measures " in March 2019. In addition to adopting those plans, we submitted to the Diet a bill to partially revise the Child Welfare Law, which includes the protection of children's rights, enhancement of the child guidance center system, and reinforcement of cooperation between related organizations. The bill was passed and passed in June of the same year, and with some exceptions, it came into effect in April of 2020. (MHLW)

- During the “Child Abuse Prevention Month” (November), public relations and awareness-raising materials including posters were produced with messages such as it is possible to report anonymously via the Nationwide Hotline Connected to Child Guidance Centers (#189). Approximately 120,000 B2-format posters, 300,000 A3-format posters, and 2 million leaflets were produced. The materials were distributed to municipalities, relevant ministries and agencies, and relevant organizations, among others. (MHLW)

(viii) Improvement of convenience for victims of sexual crimes in obtaining information

In addition to the current measures, including the establishment of the “Sexual Crime Emergency Call” telephone consultation service and consultation offices, public announcements regarding these consultation service, and the distribution of “Guidance for Victims of Crime” to victims of sexual crimes, the police shall make efforts to improve convenience for victims of sexual crimes in obtaining information based on requests from the victims of sexual crimes. As for victims that do not want to take legal action, further efforts shall be made to help them receive early support from crime victim support groups more easily by, with the consent of the victim, providing the contact information of the victim and the content of the consultation to a group that provides early-stage assistance to victims of crime. (National Police Agency)

- The nationwide speed dial (#8103), which connects to the sexual crime victim hotlines of prefectural police departments, was made available 24 hours/day toll-free, and public relations efforts were promoted to make it widely known to the public. The speed dial was introduced in August 2017 in order to make it easier for sexual crime victims to seek help from the police. We also worked to help victims who do not wish to take legal action to receive early support more easily from crime victim support groups through efforts, such as providing the contact information of the victims and the summary of the consultations to the groups that offer early-stage assistance to crime victims, after carefully explaining to the victims about the kinds of supports that the groups can provide

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and that the victims' secret will be protected, and obtaining the victims' consent. (NPA)

(ix) Enhancement of support for victims of sexual crimes and sexual violence

Based on the Fourth Basic Plan for Gender Equality (approved by the Cabinet on December 25, 2015), a support system, including establishing the one-stop support center for victims of sexual crimes and sexual violence and other supports for the victim shall be enhanced. (Cabinet Office, National Police Agency, and Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare)

- Develop and distribute online training materials for civil servants in charge of support for victims of sexual crimes and sexual violence at local governments, medical personal involved with such support, and counselors that work at support organizations (e.g., Centers for Gender Equality and one-stop support centers for victims of sexual crimes and sexual violence) in order to establish a system that enables victims of sexual crimes and sexual violence to comfortably receive necessary counseling and support. (CAO)
- Through working to stabilize the operation of one-stop support centers and strengthening victim support function by utilizing the "Support Grant for Victims of Sexual Crimes and Sexual Violence", we promoted the efforts of prefectures to support victims of sexual crimes and sexual violence. (CAO)

(x) Promotion of the protection of trafficking victims

Considering the fact that many trafficking victims are women and children and based on the Japan's 2014 Action Plan to Combat Trafficking in Persons (approved at Ministerial Meeting Concerning Measures Against Crime on December 16, 2014), the accurate identification of victims and proper protection shall be promoted in collaboration with related organizations. (National Police Agency, Cabinet Secretariat, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare)

- The police worked to identify victims accurately and provide proper protection in collaboration with related organizations and NGOs. Police consultation hotlines and anonymous reporting hotlines are responding to consultations and reports carefully so that trafficking crimes are not overlooked. (NPA)

(xi) Implementation of continuous support for child victims

Juvenile guidance officials and specialized juvenile consultation officials shall provide continuous support through systematic counseling according to the character of each child

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victim and the coordination of the environment in collaboration with family, schools, and Child Guidance Centers. (National Police Agency, Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, and Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare)

- Prefectural police departments provided continuous support for child victims through efforts such as providing child victims with counseling from juvenile guidance officials that have counseling skills and knowledge of the character and psychology of children and from in-house counselors and coordinating the victim's family environments in collaboration with relevant institutions such as schools and Child Guidance Centers, along with volunteer workers such as university students that are commissioned to work as support providers. (NPA)
- In FY2020, in order to appropriately address the concerns voiced by children, including victims of child sexual exploitation, we made efforts to enhance the counseling system at schools through the appropriate placement of school counselors, who provide psychological care to students, and school social workers, who provide support by working on the various circumstances surrounding the students. (MEXT)

(xii) Protection and support for women in need of protection under the women's protection project

For women facing various difficulties, consultation by officials of the Women's Consulting Office or women's consultants shall be provided along with other support in collaboration with related organizations such as the provision of information and services to accompany the victim. In addition, temporary protection, medium- to long-term support for children accompanying the women staying at women's protection facilities such as allowances for entering school, aftercare, and a model project to assist a life of self-reliance for victims of domestic violence shall be implemented. With respect to the women's protection project, after grasping the current situation, the improvement of the project based on the actual state shall be considered. (Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, Cabinet Office, National Police Agency, and Ministry of Justice)

- We will expand the independence support project for those who have left the Women's Protection Facilities, and newly provide support for gathering places where those who have left the Women's Protection Facilities can easily drop in and report their worries and current conditions and review the operation to enable outsourcing which utilized private organizations. (MHLW)

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- In order to enhance support for smooth transition to community life after leaving the Women’s Protection Facilities, we will expand the community life transition support project, enhance training related to self-management of living funds, and assign newly life support staff to provide monitoring support. (MHLW)
- We have expanded the independent living support project for domestic violence victims, started the project as a model project in earnest, and moved to implementation and promoted independence support to enhance support for women victims of domestic violence, etc. after being temporarily protected and settled in the area. (MHLW)
- Established subsidies for preparation costs and operating costs for opening a consultation desk using SNS so that women with difficulties, especially for young generations, can smoothly connect to support. (MHLW)

(xiii) Provision of support at child welfare facilities

Foster homes, infant homes, child psychotherapeutic institutions, children’s self-reliance support facilities, maternal and child support facilities, and Child and Family Support Centers shall, in collaboration with related organizations including Child Guidance Centers and municipal governments, provide consultation and assistance to children that have been harmed mentally and physically due to sexual abuse or victimization by a child pornography crime, and officials in charge shall be deployed to provide psychotherapy. With the enactment of the Act on Partial Amendment of the Child Welfare Act (Act No.63 of 2016; hereinafter referred to as the “Amended Child Welfare Act of 2016”) in May 2016, provisions concerning the following matters have been incorporated for the purpose of providing flexible self-reliance support tailored to the situation of each child and for implementing continuous support at a place familiar to the child.

- Assignment to prefectural governments (Child Guidance Centers) of the provision of consistent support for foster parents, from the recruitment of foster parents to self-reliance support for children
- Continuation of support for persons 18 years of age or over including admission into support facilities and entrustment to foster parents
- Creation of an obligation of municipal governments to make sincere efforts to establish a support base to provide integrated support including grasping the actual situation of children and the provision of information

The steady enforcement of these provisions shall be ensured. (Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare)

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- In the child and family support center management business, foster homes, infant homes, child psychotherapeutic institutions, children’s self-reliance support facilities, maternal and child support facilities, and Child and Family Support Centers, in collaboration with related organizations including Child Guidance Centers and municipal governments, provided consultation and assistance to children who have been harmed mentally and physically due to sexual abuse or victimization by a child pornography crime. (139 Child and Family Support Centers have been established, as of October 2019.) (MHLW)
- Officials in charge of psychotherapy were placed to provide psychotherapy to children with trauma from abuse, etc. (MHLW)
- The existing “Foster Parents Support Project” was renewed as the “Comprehensive Support Project for Foster Parents Care (Fostering),” and a consistent form of support for foster parents was implemented, including: the recruitment and assessment of foster parents; training for foster parents before and after registration and after the entrustment of children; matching of foster parents and children; support for foster parent care during the entrustment of children; and support after entrustment to foster parents is terminated. (In FY2019, 70 local governments implemented the Foster Parents Support Project.) (MHLW)
- For those who had previously been entrusted to foster parents or admitted to foster homes, but were released from such care when they reached age 18 (or 20 in case of extension), a project was implemented to allow them to continue receiving the necessary support until the end of the fiscal year that they turn 22 years old, in principle. (In FY2019, 61 local governments implemented the project to support independence from social care.) (MHLW)

(xiv) Support provided by the Japan Legal Support Center

Regardless of the length of time that has elapsed from the damage, to inquiries from the victims of crime by telephone or at its office, the Japan Legal Support Center (hereinafter referred to as the “JLSC”) provides information on the legal systems and consultation centers, and referral to lawyers who are well versed in supporting the victims of crime, by its staff dedicated to supporting victims of crime. Also, as aid services entrusted by the Japan Federation of Bar Associations, for victims who are not financially capable, the JLSC provides assistance in paying for attorneys’ fees for legal services such as claims for damage against the offenders. In addition, the JLSC provides victims of child abuse with legal consultation necessary for the prevention of victimization, regardless of their financial capacities. (Ministry of Justice)

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- To inquiries from the victims of crime by telephone or at its office, the JLSC provides information on legal systems and consultation services. In addition, the JLSC provides victims of child abuse with legal consultation necessary for the prevention of victimization, regardless of their financial capacities. Also, in order to promote the use of legal counseling, the JLSC will carry out public relations activities such as creating pocket cards with the contact information of the JLSC and distributing them to elementary and junior high schools. (MOJ)
- In cases where parental consent can be obtained, such as where the offender is a third person, by using the Civil Legal Aid Services, the JLSC provides child abuse victims that are not financially capable with free legal consultation and assistance in paying for attorneys' fees for legal proceedings, such as in claims for damage against offenders. (MOJ)
- In cases where the Civil Legal Aid Services cannot be used due to the lack of cooperation of the child victim's relatives, such as when the offender is their parent, as part of aid services entrusted by the Japan Federation of Bar Associations, the JLSC provides assistance in paying for attorneys' fees for agent services in administrative procedures (acting as the agent of the child in negotiation with administrative bodies such as the Child Guidance Center) and for agent services in legal proceedings (acting as the agent of the child in the petition of the loss of parental authority, the litigation for the dissolution of the adoptive relationship with the abusive adoptive parent, and the adjudication/conciliation case regarding the fulfillment of the obligation of support, etc.). (MOJ)

(xv) Verification of measures relating to the protection of children who have suffered physical or mental damage

Regular verification and assessment of the implementation status of measures relating to the protection of children who have suffered physical or mental damage as a result of having been a party to child prostitution or having been depicted in child pornography shall be conducted so as to promote child protection measures. (National Police Agency and Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare)

- Based on Article 16-2(1) of the Act on Regulation and Punishment of Acts Relating to Child Prostitution and Child Pornography and the Protection of Children, on March 30 2021, the Council for the Promotion of Policies for Crime Victims verified and assessed

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the implementation status of measures relating to protection of children victimized by child prostitution and child pornography crimes from 2016 to 2020. (NPA)

- Based on Article 16-2 of the Act Against Child Prostitution and Child Pornography, the Special Committee on Evaluating Protective Measures for Victims of Child Prostitution and Child Pornography was established as a part of the Social Security Council's Children Section Meeting. (MHLW)
- In FY2020 Research Project for the Promotion of Child and Child Rearing Support, to grasp the actual situation of sexual abuse that is not statistically known and to contribute to early detection and response in the future, we are conducting "Survey on grasping the actual situation of latent sexual abuse," analyzing the survey results, and considering how to utilize them for future responses. (MHLW)

(xvi) Implementation of research study on child victims

A research study on the psychological characteristics of children that have become victims of "self-generated" crime shall be conducted, and the result shall be utilized in measures to prevent victimization. (National Police Agency)

- An awareness-raising DVD for parents/guardians on how to prevent children from getting involved in incidents, intended to be utilized for measures to prevent child victimization, was produced in collaboration with the public relations and awareness-raising project of the Japan Police Support Association and used in public relations and enlightenment activities by prefectural police. (NPA)

(xvii) Implementation of surveys on the actual situations of violent victimization, etc.

Conducting a survey to grasp the actual situation of victims including the victims of sexual crimes. (Cabinet Office)

- A survey on the accrual state of the violence between men and women, such as experiences of spousal violence in conducted every three years in order to appropriately address the changing trend of victimization, which is linked to changes in the environment surrounding men and women. The survey findings were released via the CAO website in March 2021. (CAO)

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(xviii) Consideration of a model of counseling and support system

Considering a sort of model of counseling and support for the victims of sexual exploitation among young people though grasping the current situation of counseling and support for them. (Cabinet Office)

- With the aim of enhancing the capacity to provide counseling concerning violence, a counseling service utilizing SNS, that is provided on a trial basis to facilitate the building and sharing of the know-how of effective counseling and support for victims. (CAO)

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5. Strengthening of crackdowns in line with the situation of victimization and rehabilitation of offenders

(i) Assistance in the establishment of ordinances prohibiting businesses focused on children as sexual objects

In light of the current situation where businesses focused on children as sexual objects are concentrated in regions where metropolitan areas are located, local governments that are planning to enact an ordinance prohibiting such businesses in line with the local situation shall be provided with appropriate advice from the related organizations that have specialized knowledge, including the effectiveness of related ordinances. (National Police Agency, Cabinet Office, and Ministry of Justice)

- The police provided the necessary and appropriate advice and information, such as the kinds of previously enacted or amended ordinances regulating and their effectiveness, to local governments that are planning to amend the ordinances to regulate the “JK business.” As a result, as of March 2021, seven prefectures (Tokyo, Saitama, Kanagawa, Aichi, Kyoto, Osaka, and Hyogo) have enacted or amended the ordinances regulating the “JK business.” (NPA)
- Local government regulated or revised the ordinance that regulates “JK business” is posted and published on the website of the CAO’s measures against environments harmful to young people. In this way, we worked to enhance the efforts of relevant agencies to fight juvenile delinquency and victimization and to facilitate awareness raising among the public regarding the elimination of harmful environments for young people. (CAO)

(ii) Surveys contributing to consideration of the regulations regarding child pornography

Surveys on actual child pornography crimes in Japan shall continue to be carried out in order to contribute to the consideration of regulations regarding child pornography. While surveys have been carried out through diplomatic missions abroad concerning legislation on child pornography in G7 countries and other foreign countries, such surveys shall be continued with regard to trends concerning legislation, and the survey results will be compiled regularly. (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, National Police Agency, and Ministry of Justice)

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- Information was collected regarding developments in the formulation of laws, regulations, and standards on child sexual exploitation in foreign countries and multinational frameworks, such as the UN. (MOFA)
- An analysis of the state of victimization related to child pornography was conducted, and a summary regarding the state of child sexual exploitation in 2020 was compiled and released in March 2021. (NPA)

(iii) Strengthening of crackdowns on and strict punishment for crimes involving child sexual exploitation

- Crackdown on crimes of child sexual exploitation as offenses against the Act Against Child Prostitution and Child Pornography, Child Welfare Act, juvenile protection ordinances, etc., shall be strengthened. Regarding child pornography crimes, in particular, the National Police Agency shall encourage joint investigation among multiple prefectural police headquarters so as to strictly apprehend heinous child pornography offenders such as groups of younger child pornography lovers, child pornography sales groups, and groups involving the use of file-sharing software. The agency shall, by gathering and analyzing information on child pornography offenders, identify and protect child victims, and arrest suspected producers to eliminate the source of supply of child pornography. In addition, as for “offences involving the possession, etc. of child pornography for the purpose of satisfying one’s own sexual curiosity” with respect to which penal provisions became effective in July 2015, the agency shall continue to ensure appropriate application. Also, based on the Japan’s 2014 Action Plan to Combat Trafficking in Persons strict control for the eradication of trafficking in persons shall be promoted under collaboration among related organizations. (National Police Agency, Ministry of Justice, Cabinet Secretariat, Cabinet Office, and Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare)

- Crackdowns were advanced on crimes of child sexual exploitation, such as violations of the Act Against Child Prostitution and Child Pornography, Child Welfare Act, and juvenile protection ordinances, etc. In 2020, 1,965 persons were arrested in 2757 child pornography cases, and 1818 persons were arrested* in 2409 cases of child prostitution, etc. (i.e., child prostitution, and causing a child to commit an obscene act [Child Welfare Act], and lewd sexual acts, etc. [juvenile protection ordinances]). Prefectural police actively promote joint investigations and arrest offenses by young child pornography enthusiasts, offenses by child pornography sales site operators and sellers, offenses by

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using file-sharing software, and other malicious child pornography offenses. In addition, protection of the victims is promoted by many child pornography will be seized through a thorough search to prevent further the distribution of child pornography and by thoroughly analyzing and scrutinizing the seized evidence to reveal the latent crimes of the victims. (NPA)

* The word “arrest” includes the meaning of “referring cases to the Public Prosecutor’s Offices etc. without restraining suspects.”

● Efforts shall be made to realize strict punishment for crimes of child sexual exploitation through the aggressive application of the Act Against Child Prostitution and Child Pornography and other relevant laws. (Ministry of Justice)

● Based on the law and evidence, the prosecution has worked to realize strict punishment for crimes of child exploitation through aggressively using the Act Against Child Prostitution and Child Pornography and other relevant laws and regulations, including that on the crime of “the possession, etc. of child pornography for the purpose of satisfying one’s own sexual curiosity,” effective from July 2015. (MOJ)

(iv) Grasping of the actual state of adult entertainment businesses and the promotion of crackdowns on adult entertainment-related crimes

Considering vicious and illegal adult entertainment establishments that can become a hotbed of child sexual exploitation, efforts shall be made to grasp the actual state of illegal adult entertainment establishments through on-the-spot inspection, etc., of mainly those located in entertainment/amusement areas, and crackdowns on adult entertainment-related crimes shall be promoted. (National Police Agency)

● Efforts were made to grasp the actual state of illegal adult entertainment establishments through on-the-spot inspection, etc., of mainly those located in entertainment/amusement areas, while crackdowns on adult entertainment-related crimes were also promoted. During 2020, 3,904 persons in 4,154 cases nationwide were arrested * in relation to adult entertainment-related crimes. (NPA)

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(v) Pursuit of criminal charges against vicious business operators

In the investigation of child pornography crimes using the internet, the police shall strengthen guidance and warnings to website operators or server administrators whose services are used to provide child pornography, and shall actively investigate related negligent business operators that engage in illegal practices such as encouraging the posting of images of child pornography on the bulletin boards that they operate, all to pursue criminal charges against them. (National Police Agency)

- In child pornography crimes using the internet, the police gave guidance and warnings to website operators and the like whose services are used to provide child pornography and actively investigated related negligent business operators and others that engage in illegal practices such as encouraging the posting of images of child pornography to the bulletin boards that they operate, all to pursue criminal charges against them. (NPA)

(vi) Promotion of the activities of the Juvenile and Woman Aegis Team

As for the act of accosting or following a child or woman, which is considered as a harbinger of sexual crimes, the Juvenile and Woman Aegis Team (JWAT) established at the Metropolitan Police Department and each prefectural police headquarters has been taking measures such as arrests, guidance, and warnings to offenders identified through information-gathering and analysis. By actively promoting these pre-emptive and preventive measures, the JWAT shall make efforts to prevent sexual crimes against children and women. (National Police Agency)

- In order to prevent sexual crimes against children and women, the JWAT established at each prefectural police headquarters has been taking measures such as arrests, providing guidance, or providing warnings to offenders identified through information-gathering and analysis regarding acts of accosting or following a child or woman, which is considered as a harbinger of sexual crimes, and has been actively promoting these pre-emptive measures. (NPA)

(vii) Strengthening of collaboration among related organizations in efforts to implement interviews with consideration of children's psychological stress

In order to reduce the burden on children for cases involving children as victims, the organizations concerned such as prosecutors, the police, and child guidance centers will establish a contact point for day-to-day and close information exchange and will promote the

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use of the contact point in discussing appropriate approach such as interview by one representative of the organizations concerned based on the discussion among those in charge from each organization held prior to the interview. (Ministry of Justice, National Police Agency, and Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare)

- In MOJ, NPA, and MHLW, in order to prevent secondary victimization caused by repeatedly interviewing victims to mitigate victims' burden, and to prevent contamination of victims' memory to ensure the credibility of their statements, the Public Prosecutor's Office, the police, and the Child Guidance Centers conduct a joint meeting prior to interviewing child victims, and the representatives of the relevant organizations conduct the interview. Consideration was given to the places, times, and methods of interview with child victims, and other initiatives were promoted upon interviewing child victims. (MOJ, NPA, MHLW)

(viii) Protection of child victims of crimes in the process of investigations/public trials

Efforts shall be made to make widely known the system that requires that the residence or other information of the witness not be known to persons concerned during the discovery of evidence proceedings and the system that requires that, regarding child victims of certain crimes, the name, address, or other information that could lead to the identification of the victim not be disclosed at the public trial, along with enhancing awareness of public prosecutors regarding these systems. Also, measures to protect crime victims in court, such as permission for the witness to be accompanied by someone of trust, the screening of the witness, use of video links, etc., shall be widely known and operated more properly. (Ministry of Justice)

- MOJ and the Public Prosecutor's Office have been working on the smooth operation of systems, such as the system to withhold the names, addresses, and other information of victims in the public trial that could lead to the identification of the victims, if a decision to do so is made by the court, and the system under which prosecutors may take measures such as requiring defense lawyers during the discovery not to reveal the victim's name and other information to the accused. Furthermore, in training for prosecutors and others, lectures were given on the protection and support for crime victims. (MOJ)
- Between January and December 2020, measures were taken to protect victims during the examination of witnesses, including in cases where children serve as witnesses. A total of 107 witnesses had someone accompanying them, 1,237 witnesses were screened from view, and a total of 302 witnesses testified via video links (including 38 witnesses that gave their testimonies

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via a video link from the premises of other courts). (MOJ)

(ix) Implementation of guidance on prevention of repeat sexual offenses in penal institutions

At penal institutions, inmates that have cognitive distortion or lack of self-control that may result in forcible indecency, rape, or a similar crime, or a crime involving harming the life or body of another person for the purpose of satisfying their own sexual urges, shall be provided with guidance on prevention of repeat sexual offenses, consisting of group work based on the method of cognitive behavioral therapy, etc. In order to ensure the effective implementation of such guidance, the system for providing guidance and the method of selecting the inmates to receive guidance shall be improved based on the verification of the effects of past treatment. (Ministry of Justice)

- The system for providing guidance on the prevention of repeat sexual offenses has been maintained, as it was expanded in FY2018 so that appropriate guidance can be provided to inmates in need, and the guidance is conducted at 21 penal institutions. In addition, based on reviews of the treatment effect of the guidance (published in March 2020) and the report of the study group consisting of outside experts (published in October 2020), the study for more effective guidance to be implemented is conducted. (MOJ)

(x) Implementation of guidance to prevent sexual delinquency at juvenile training schools

Among the juveniles that have been committed to a juvenile training school due to a delinquent act that constitutes sexual delinquency (e.g. gang rape, rape at the scene of a robbery, rape, forcible indecency, public indecency, kidnapping for the purpose of indecency, etc.) or that does not constitute the same but that has been triggered by a sexual motive (e.g. sexually motivated theft or injury, or a violation of the nuisance prevention ordinance, i.e., groping or camera voyeurism), those that have cognitive distortion or lack of self-control that may result in sexual delinquency shall be provided at each juvenile training school with comprehensive guidance to prevent sexual delinquency, which consists of group work or individual guidance using a workbook at the core, combined with guidance on personal relationships, guidance on understanding the victim's feelings, and sexual education, for the purpose of helping them acquire correct knowledge about sex, enhance their recognition of their own delinquency, and learn how to live an adaptive life without taking to sexual delinquency. Also, as those inmates that require concentrated and intensive guidance shall be transferred to intensive guidance facilities, efforts shall be made to properly conduct a verification of the effects of such guidance and to improve the program based on the PDCA

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cycle. (Ministry of Justice)

- At juvenile training schools, guidance for prevent sexual delinquency, a form of designated life guidance defined in the Juvenile Training School Act, was provided for inmates who are recognized to have cognitive distortion or lack of self-control that may result in sexual delinquency, among the juveniles that have been committed to a juvenile training school due to a delinquent act that constitutes sexual delinquency (e.g., forcible intercourse and forcible indecency) or that had been triggered by a sexual motive. The same guidance was implemented in all male juvenile training schools. In addition, those inmates that require concentrated and intensive guidance were transferred to intensive guidance facilities (there are two such facilities nationwide) to receive the guidance. Furthermore, experts from external institutions such as university faculties were invited to provide supervision or give lectures during the training session at each juvenile delinquency school as part of efforts to further improve and enhance the content and skill in guidance. (MOJ)

(xi) Implementation of a sex offender treatment program at probation offices

At probation offices, parolees or persons under probation, with the suspension of the execution of their sentence, that have been sentenced for:

- a crime of forcible indecency, rape, quasi-forcible indecency, quasi-rape, gang rape, etc., (including attempts at such), or
- any crime caused or motivated by sexual desire

shall be provided with a sex offender treatment program aimed at helping them learn not to repeat offending such sexual crimes and to improve their criminal inclinations. The implementation status shall be verified, and effective ways of implementation shall be considered. (Ministry of Justice)

- At the probation offices, a sex offender treatment program is implemented for those who tend to repeat acts that commit crimes aimed at satisfying their sexual desires, and for 2020, parolees or persons under probation with the suspension of the execution of their sentence 791 out of probationers with observation are obliged to comply with special condition. In addition, based on the verification results of the treatment effect of the program (published on March 2020) and the report of the study group consisting of outside experts (published in October2020), we conducted a study to implement a more effective program. (MOJ)

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(xii) Operation of a system for measures to prevent repeat violent sexual crimes against children by released prisoners

The National Police Agency shall obtain information on the released prisoners that have served a sentence for a violent sexual crime such as forcible indecency against a child less than 13 years of age from the Ministry of Justice and to confirm their whereabouts. In addition, the National Police Agency shall actively conduct interviews with those released prisoners as necessary with their consent and thus strengthen measures to prevent repeat crimes.

(National Police Agency)

- Information was provided by the MOJ regarding persons who were released from prison for indecent intercourse such as forcible indecency against children under the age of 13 as victims, and each prefectural police department confirmed their whereabouts. Interviews conducted with the consent of the person were promoted further and measures to prevent recidivism were strengthened. (NPA)

6. Strengthening of the foundation for realizing a society where children will never become victims of sexual exploitation

(i) Awareness-raising of the child welfare-related officials that are likely to have contact with latent child victims of sexual exploitation

In collaboration with local governments, awareness-raising activities shall be carried out for the child welfare-related officials that are likely to have contact with latent child victims of sexual exploitation, so as to detect child victims of sexual exploitation at an early stage. (Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare)

- A curriculum on how to address sexual abuse was included in the “preparatory lecture for appointment as a child welfare officers” and the “child welfare officer supervisor training” conducted at the Children’s Rainbow Center, Western Japanese Children's Training Center Akashi, and prefectures, among others. The training was implemented for officials of Child Guidance Centers, local governments, children’s welfare facilities and those who work on child abuse cases, including sexual abuse. (MHLW)

(ii) Enhancement of the response capacity of school officials for the early detection of child victims and the promotion of support activities

Through notices to the board of education and to the meetings of teachers in charge of student guidance held by prefectural governments, efforts shall be made to ensure that measures for early detection and early response to child abuse including sexual abuse are widely known and taken at schools. Also, in the training program for health education teachers, exercise lessons, etc., are provided concerning the basic idea of health consultation/health guidance, the method for identifying mental and physical health problems and their background, the content of health guidance, and a basic way to deal with children and their parents/guardians. (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology)

- On January 29, 2021, meetings for the student guidance officials of prefectural boards of education (Liaison Conference of Student Guidance Officials) were convened to ensure that measures for the early detection and early response to child abuse, including sexual abuse, are widely known and taken in schools, etc. (MEXT)

(iii) Implementation of training concerning care for sexually victimized children

The Children’s Rainbow Center and other training institutes shall provide officials of Child

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Guidance Centers with training on how to deal with sexual abuse cases. (Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare)

- Repeat mention 6-(i) Awareness-raising of the child welfare-related officials that are likely to have contact with latent child victims of sexual exploitation (MHLW)

(iv) Strengthening of the support systems of the Japan Legal Support Center

In cooperation with bar associations and crime victim support groups, the Japan Legal Support Center (hereinafter referred to as the “JLSC”) shall make efforts to improve the quality of the services provided by lawyers engaged in support for crime victims, through providing training and preparing a manual. Also, for the JLSC’s staff engaged in information provision to crime victims, functioning as the JLSC’s contact point for crime victim support, the JLSC provides the training concerning measures to prevent the secondary victimization of victims and vicarious traumatization of their supporters. (Ministry of Justice)

- Training sessions, etc. concerning the measures to prevent secondary victimization were provided six times for the JLSC’s officials in charge of information provision to crime victims. (MOJ)

(v) Implementation of training for the promotion of information education

In order to enrich information education including information morals, the National Institute for School Teachers and Staff Development shall conduct training for teachers’ consultants and teachers that should bear a central role in the promotion of information education in each region. (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology)

- In order to enrich information education including information morals, the National Institute for School Teachers and Staff Development conducted training for teachers’ consultants and teachers that should bear a central role in the promotion of information education in each region (Number of certificate issuer 851 people) (NPA)

(vi) Enhancement of investigative capacity for dealing with child sexual exploitation crimes

The National Police Agency shall continue to provide training specialized in the investigation of child sexual exploitation crimes so as to properly respond to changes in the situation and enhance investigative capacity for dealing with child sexual exploitation crimes. (National Police Agency)

- In response to changes in the situation and improve the ability to investigate children’s

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sexual exploitation and other crimes, we provided guidance by sending educational materials regarding recent trends in crimes such as sexual exploitation and points to note in the investigation to a senior police officer who engaged in the investigation of child prostitution, child pornography, and other child sexual victims at the prefectural police. (NPA)

(vii) Dissemination of questioning techniques with consideration of the psychological effect on child victims

Questioning techniques designed to understand victim psychologies and characteristics and to ensure admissibility of evidence and the probative value of child victim statements, while paying attention to the prevention of secondary victimization, shall be disseminated among prefectural police headquarters. (National Police Agency)

- Through the Child Abuse Prevention Measures Practice School, etc., we provided guidance on specialized measures related to child abuse, such as interviewing the situation based on the psychology of the victim child, for child abuse countermeasure officers set up in the department in charge of child abuse. (NPA)

(viii) Enrichment of the contents of training for officials in charge of supporting child victims

The National Police Agency will improve education concerning support for child victims based on the characteristics of crimes involving child sexual exploitation, including how to carry out counseling, how to deal with cases properly upon occurrence, and how to provide support to victims for their recovery, in order to enhance the capacity of the prefectural police officials that provide support for child victims. (National Police Agency)

- For Juvenile guidance staff who have specialized knowledge and information about the psychology and characteristics of children, we provided guidance by sending educational materials related to the importance of juvenile police activities with early detection of juveniles requiring protection and the investigation of the cause of juvenile behavior problems taken into consideration. (NPA)

(ix) Implementation of training, etc., for public prosecutors

Public prosecutors shall be provided with lectures concerning relevant laws and regulations regarding child pornography on the occasions of various training programs that are conducted according to their service years, so as to further increase their awareness toward child sexual exploitation crimes.

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(Ministry of Justice)

- Public prosecutors were provided with lectures concerning relevant laws and regulations regarding child pornography on the occasions of training programs that are conducted according to their service years. (MOJ)

(x) Promotion of the deployment of school counselors, etc., for the early detection of child victims and for support activities at school

The Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology will develop a system where child pornography crime victims can feel comfortable in consulting and contributing to the early detection of such victims, by deploying school counselors that have highly specialized knowledge and experience concerning child/minor clinical psychology and social workers that not only have knowledge concerning educational fields but also specialized knowledge and experience regarding social welfare based on the Japan's Plan for the Dynamic Engagement of All Citizens (approved by the Cabinet on June 6, 2016), along with assisting the establishment of the consultation system. Furthermore, as measures for children in need of mental care due to disasters or incidents and accidents including child pornography crimes, the ministry will provide assistance (financial) for the emergency dispatch of school counselors. (Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology)

- In FY2020, in order to appropriately address the concerns voiced by children, including victims of child sexual exploitation, we made efforts to enhance the counseling systems at schools through supporting the appropriate placement of school counselors, who provide psychological care to students, and school social workers, who provide support by working on the various circumstances surrounding the students, and the emergency dispatch of school counselors. (MEXT)

(xi) Establishment of a counselling system for continuous support for child victims

As continuous support for child victims, so as to help alleviate psychological damage, often requires specialized knowledge, a system needs to be established, under which external specialists such as clinical psychologists and psychiatrists, who are commissioned in advance, will provide, as needed, advice to the police officials that provide support for child victims. (National Police Agency)

- At prefectural police departments nationwide, in order for juvenile guidance officials to provide juvenile victims with continuous support including counseling and coordination of victims' family environments, specialists such as psychiatrists are commissioned to work as juvenile victim counseling advisors that can give advice and guidance on such support. Juvenile guidance officials

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are encouraged to obtain certification as a public psychiatrist as part of efforts to enhance the support of in-house counselors and to strengthen collaboration with relevant institutions. (NPA)

(xii) Strengthening of the structure and specialization of Child Guidance Centers

In order to systematically strengthen the structure and specialization of Child Guidance Centers, the number of specialist personnel including child welfare officers shall be increased by FY2019 based on the “Enhancement Plan for Child Guidance Centers” (developed by the Headquarters for Promotion of Child Abuse Prevention Measures, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare on April 25, 2016), and assistance shall be provided for the implementation of training by prefectural governments including training for child welfare officers, which is compulsory under the Amended Child Welfare Act of 2016. (Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare)

- Through efforts such as providing assistance for child welfare officer supervisor training, which is required by the Child Welfare Act, in the comprehensive support project for measures against child abuse and domestic violence, we worked to enhance our assistance so that prefectures and others will be able to conduct training smoothly. (MHLW)
- Repeat mention 4 - (vii): Development of the “Comprehensive Reinforcement Plan for Child Abuse Prevention Measures System” (MHLW)

(xiii) Strengthening of the system to support women in need of protection under the women’s protection project

In order to properly protect and support women in need of protection, a specialized training project for the officials of the Women’s Consulting Office, the deployment of officials in charge of psychotherapy, the deployment of guidance counselors that can take care of children accompanying such women, and the enhancement of nighttime security systems shall be implemented. (Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare)

- Travel expenses for dispatching women’s counselor’s training and expenses required for allocating substitute staff during dispatch to actively participate in various training conducted were expanded by the national and local governments. (MHLW)
- At the women’s consultation office, a new placement, “Child Abuse Prevention Response Coordinator,” was set to cooperate with related organizations such as the Child Guidance Center to enhance support for children accompanied by DV victims. (MHLW)
- In order to encourage the staffing of temporary shelters at the women’s consultation office and Women’s Protection Facilities and strengthen the psychological care system,

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additional requirements were mitigated. It was assumed that there were ten or more people in need of psychological care at the beginning of the year but reduced to one or more people always. (MHLW)

- In order to enhance the system to receive appropriate education for children accompanied by DV victims who have entered a temporary shelter at the women's consultation office and Women's Protection Facilities, we provided necessary assistance for the placement of learning instructors and the maintenance of teaching materials. (MHLW)
- Subsidies such as travel expenses required were established for children accompanied by DV victims to accompany them to school by life support staff in order to safely and securely commute to elementary and junior high schools from temporary protection contractors and Women's Protection Facilities. (MHLW)

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