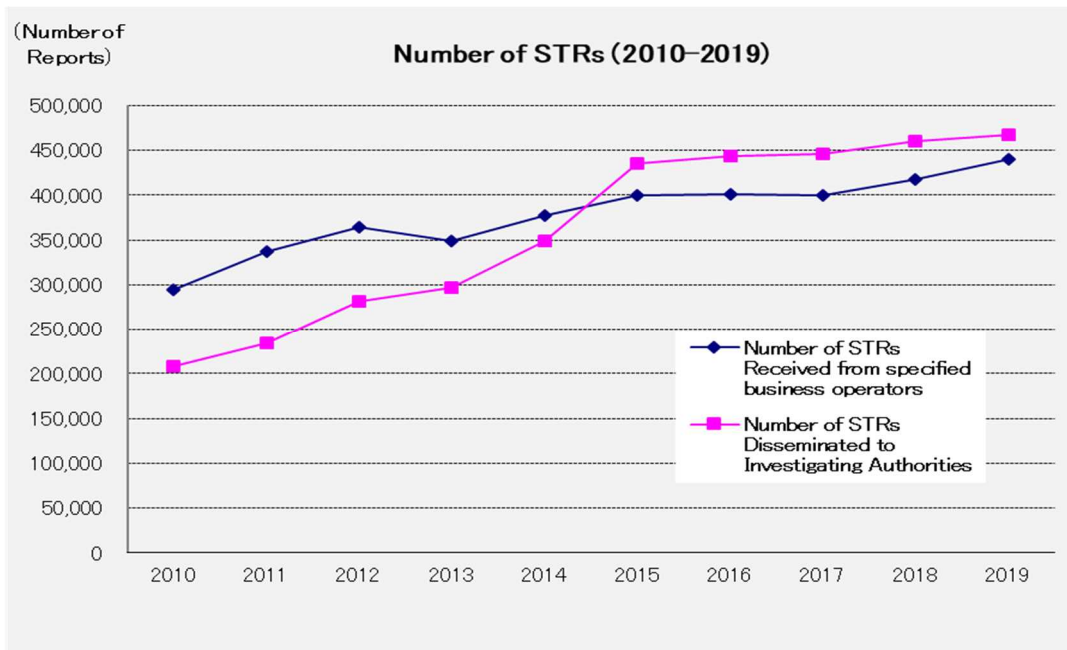
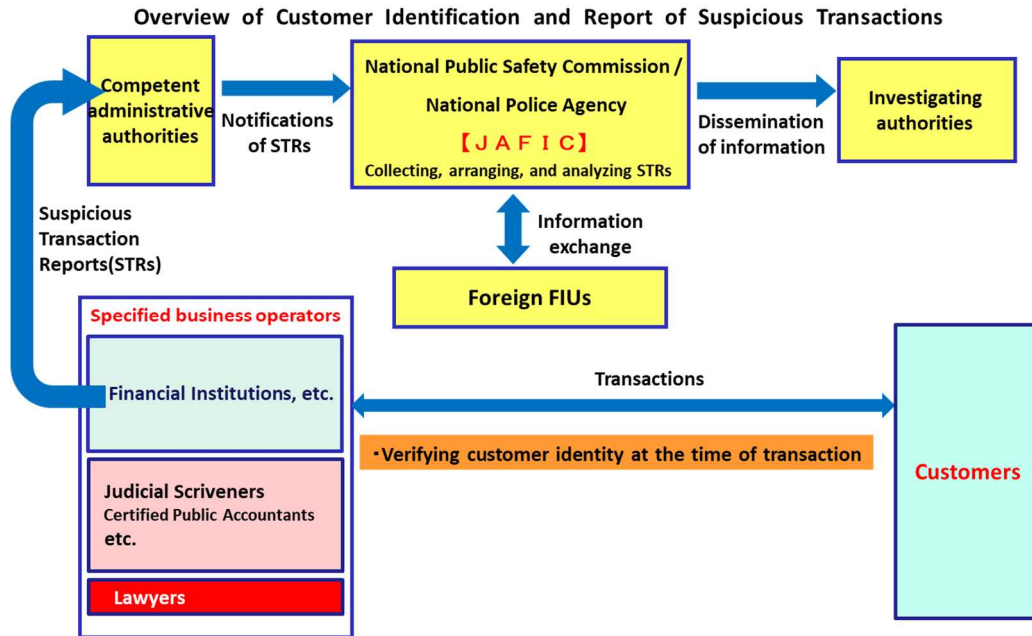


5. Prevention of Money Laundering and Terrorist Financing

A. Function of JAFIC

In April 2007, the Japan Financial Intelligence Center (JAFIC) was established as Japan’s Financial Intelligence Unit (FIU) in the NPSC/NPA. JAFIC is responsible for collecting and analyzing suspicious transaction reports (STRs).

The number of STRs remains at a high level. STRs afford a clue to detect the criminal proceeds and financial sources of organized crime groups.



B. International Cooperation

JAFIC cooperates with its international partners in anti-money laundering and countering the financing of terrorism (AML/CFT) through frameworks such as the Financial Action Task Force (FATF), the Asia/Pacific Group on Money Laundering (APG) and the Egmont group.

6. Fight against Crime Infrastructures

The term "crime infrastructures" refers to the bases upon which crimes are nurtured or facilitated. For example, making contracts for mobile phones or credit cards by using forged personal identification documents is illegal itself. Meanwhile, there are also various systems and services which are legal by themselves but that can be abused for the commission of crimes such as special fraud.

"Crime infrastructures" which are steadily being developed in a wide range of criminal fields have been a serious threat to public safety because they are abused by the organized crime groups to commit various types of crimes more efficiently.

The police are currently applying their full organizational force in pressing ahead with countermeasures against "crime infrastructures" and making efforts in broad collection and analysis of intelligence related to "crime infrastructures" in order to dismantle them.