D. Encouragement of Enhancement of the Quality and the Proper Performance of Community Safety Industry

The police are encouraging enhancement of the quality and the proper performance of the industry of community safety, especially private security businesses, as they play a major role in creating a society in which crimes hardly occur.

3. Countermeasures against Cases Threatening Personal Safety

Concerning cases such as stalking, spousal violence, missing persons, and child, elderly and disability abuse, where immediately securing personal safety is deemed necessary, the police need to recognize the risks and urgency accurately and take the most effective measures to secure the victim’s safety. To appropriately cope with such cases, the police have built a system in PPHs and police stations to systematically promote prompt and appropriate responses including arresting perpetrators, while giving top priority to the safety of victims.

4. Sound Growth of Amusement Business

A. Current State of the Amusement Business

Eating and drinking establishments (cabarets and bars) and amusement business (pachinko parlors and game centers) provide the general public with entertainment opportunities. However, there is a continuing concern that these establishments might corrupt public morals and hamper the sound development of youth, unless properly operated. The police provide guidance and assert necessary control over amusement business by aiding them to offer legitimate services.

B. Elimination of Boryokudan from the Amusement Business

In some cases, Boryokudan (organized crime groups) appear to be involved in amusement business, causing interference with the legitimate operation of the business. The police have been tackling Boryokudan by strictly cracking down on illegal activities of Boryokudan. Initiatives such as holding seminars for business operators on resisting the Boryokudan are also being carried out to eliminate Boryokudan.

5. Preventing Deterioration of Public Morals

A. Prostitution

Websites and advertisements in weekly magazines are often used by prostitution brokers to solicit prostitution. Some bar and restaurant operators also exploit women by forcing them into prostitution.

B. Illegitimate Sales of Obscene Pictures

There are a number of sales of DVDs containing obscene images. In addition, the distribution of obscene pictures through the Internet has also become an issue.