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.

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Note 1. A business which runs coffee shops, bars, or other facilities, and serves its customers food and drink, and the lighting in these facilities is not brighter than ten lux (excluding the businesses defined in Category No. 1).

Note 2. A business which runs coffee shops, bars, or other facilities, and serves its customers food and drink, and the inside of these facilities cannot be easily seen from outside and is not more than five square meters in size.

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.
C. Illegal Gambling

Illegal gambling offenses are committed in so-called "casino bars" where card and roulette games are played. Many illegal horse and bicycle race bookmaking offenses have also been cleared.

D. Trafficking in Persons

Trafficking in persons refers to a crime committed by organized criminal groups aimed at bringing foreign women or others to be forced into sexual exploitation or labor. The police have strictly cracked down on traffickers in cooperation with relevant ministries and agencies. Additionally, the police are exchanging information and working with foreign authorities, foreign embassies in Japan, counseling centers for women, and NGO in order to prevent trafficking attempts and protect foreign women suffering in trafficking cases. Since October 2007, the police have operated the "Anonymous-report Hot Line," which receives information of crimes such as trafficking under anonymity from the public.

In 2017, a total of 46 trafficking cases were cleared, which involved sexual exploitation, forced labor and other offenses. The police arrested 30 people such as brokers and protected 42 people including 28 Japanese through these cases.

E. Control of Offenses related to Employment of Foreign Workers

The number of foreign nationals overstaying the authorized period of stay has been on the rise, and it is found that the way they disguise overstays has become increasingly vicious and sophisticated.

Brokers who act as recruiting agents for foreign workers and employers contribute to this problem. Therefore, the police have been tightening controls not only on illegal foreign workers but also on brokers and employers through strictly relevant laws and regulations.

6. Countermeasures against Economic Crimes

A. Investment Fraud and Commercial Transaction Scam

Every year, a large number of consumers and investors fall prey to sly fraud schemes such as Ponzi scheme. Illicit door-to-door sales are also an example of illicit commercial practice attempting to benefit from consumers. The police are cracking down on such illegal commercial practice by requesting financial institutions to freeze bank accounts used for receiving proceeds from illegal transactions. In an effort to enhance the awareness of consumers and to protect them from such illicit commercial practices, the police promote public awareness through posters, leaflets and the Internet.

B. Illegitimate Medicines

There are a number of illegitimate medicines sold on the Internet that may have health risks. Quite a few foreign-based websites also advertise such illegitimate medicines. The police are cracking down on illegal transaction advertisements and manufacturing of such products. Furthermore, the police request Internet service providers and foreign authorities to shut down the websites advertising illegitimate medicines.