

In addition, the police are supporting Boryokudan office removal campaigns carried out by local residents, for example, by closely cooperating with the competent Prefectural Centers for Elimination of Boryokudan which are able to file lawsuits on behalf of local residents demanding removal of Boryokudan offices from the community. The police also provide support for people's actions to recover damages caused in relation to Boryokudan crime.

3. Firearms Control

A. Current Situation of Firearms-related Crime

(1) Crimes Involving Firearms

In 2016, there were 112 firearms-related crimes, an increase of 2 cases or 1.8% from the previous year. Handguns were used in 12 murders and 24 robberies.

(2) Seizure of Handguns

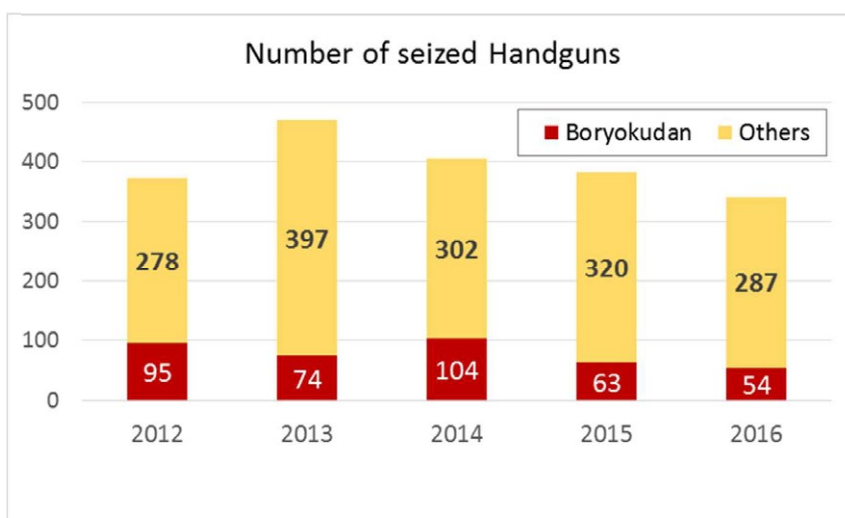
In 2016, the police seized 341 handguns, 15.8% of which were seized from Boryokudan.

B. Cooperation in the Fight against Firearms

In order to identify trafficking routes and to detect smuggling, the police cooperate with relevant domestic and foreign authorities to carry out crackdown operations, exchange information, and other activities.

Firearms-related Crimes

	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Number of Incidents	153	127	147	110	112
Handgun-related incidents	91	73	82	58	71
Homicide	17	13	15	5	13
Handgun-related incidents	15	11	12	5	12
Robbery	44	16	26	17	25
Handgun-related incidents	40	14	26	16	24
Others	92	98	106	88	74
Handgun-related incidents	36	48	44	37	35



4. Drug Control

A. Current Situation of Drug Offenses

(1) Amphetamine-Type Stimulant Offenses

The most widely abused types of drugs in Japan are stimulants, majority of which is crystallized methamphetamine.

Methamphetamine offenders accounted for 78.0% of all drug offenders arrested by the police in 2016.

Methamphetamine abused in Japan is mostly smuggled by transnational drug trafficking organ-

izations. In recent years, methamphetamine has been smuggled not only from neighboring Asian countries but also from all over the world such as Mexico. The ratio of smuggling cases by air passengers, known as "couriers", accounted for 50.0% of all smuggling cases in 2016.

The Boryokudan are recognized as being deeply involved in the trafficking of methamphetamine smuggled into Japan.



Seized Methamphetamine