

On the publication of the White Paper on Police 2010

The White Paper on Police 2010 has been created to further the understanding among the people of the current status of the activities of the police in Japan.

This year's White Paper contains a special feature which focuses on the theme of "Globalization of Crimes and Police Efforts."

Looking at the current state of crime involving foreigners in Japan, it is apparent that criminal organizations working on a global scale are invading Japan and that those already operating in this country are internationalizing their ranks. We are seeing a situation which can only be described as "globalized crime," in which criminal acts develop on a global scale, posing grave threats to public order.

The special feature analyzes each global criminal organization by their worldwide areas of operation and explains how organizations subject to investigation become opaque and fluid, dispersing their bases of operation all over the world through the division of roles and systematic support within the network of these bases. It also explains what the police are doing to fight this immense threat.

Aside from the special feature, this White Paper contains a number of topics which the police would like to share with the people, including explanations on five special subjects, including "Toward the success of APEC 2010."

Finally, this White Paper discusses the current state of public order and police actions to reassure it. The section entitled "The Frontlines of Police Activity" contains articles featuring the honest feelings of the police men and women who are actually working on the street to protect Japan.

In order to have this White Paper read by as many people as possible, we have endeavored to give easy-to-understand explanations using many diagrams and photographs. We sincerely hope that this White Paper will prove useful in deepening further the understanding of the police administration among the people. We hope for everyone's support and cooperation for police activities in the future.

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