

## Chapter 6 Maintaining Public Safety and Disaster Countermeasures

### Section 1 Foreign Affairs and Countermeasures

#### 1 Harmful Activities against Japan and Countermeasures

##### (1) North Korea

North Korea launched ballistic missiles in 2014 followed by another launch in March 2015. It also announced that it succeeded in the experiment of submarine-launched ballistic missiles in May 2015, which was considered as development to display its military strength toward the U.S. and South Korea. Furthermore, in May 2016, the 7th Congress of the Workers' Party of Korea was held for the first time in 36 years. Mr. Kim Jong-un, the assumed highest-ranking position of the Chairman of the Workers' Party of Korea, proposed to enhance his authority as the supreme leader.

In April 2015, in association with the compulsory search of the house and other locations of the Chairman of the General Association of Korean Residents, the General Association of Korean Residents carried out protests and containing/containment activities by holding gatherings in Tokyo. It also claimed it unfair that the Korean School was excluded from approval of high school tuition exemption and that more municipalities were cutting off subsidies. It conducted various promotional activities and requests to local governments/autonomy and other bodies.

##### (2) China and Russia

China and Russia conduct various kinds of information gathering activities in sophisticated and diverse ways in Japan, and also conduct operations against Japan through actively approaching political, bureaucratic and business circles and concerned persons of other field. The police intend to carry out (strict) crackdowns so that the national interests of Japan will not be damaged due to illegal information gathering activities by China and Russia.

**[Case] The former Japan Ground Self-Defense Force (JGSDF) senior official (64) was seduced by the former military officer attached to the Embassy of the Russian Federation in Japan, considered to be an intelligence agent (50), into delivering internal documents of the JGSDF to the said person in May 2013. In December 2015, the police arrested both persons on charges of violating the Self-Defense Forces Law (incitement for breach of confidentiality) (Metropolitan Police Department (MPD)).**

#### 2 Cracking Down on Illegal Exports of Materials Related to Weapons of Mass Destruction

The police have been tightening their crackdowns on illegal activities relating to the sanctions imposed on North Korea. By March 2016, the police had exposed a total of 36 illegal activities.

**[Case] Despite the ban on import of cargo from North Korea as the country of origin or shipping area since October 14, 2006, a trading company executive and others imported raw matsutake mushrooms from North Korea via Chilin and Shanghai, China without permission of the Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry, making false declaration of their origins as China. In March 2015, the said executive and others were arrested for violation of the Foreign Exchange Act (unauthorized import) (Kyoto, Yamaguchi, Shimane, Kanagawa).**

### Section 2 Public Safety and Countermeasures

#### 1 Trends in Aum Shinrikyo and Countermeasures

To prevent a recurrence of Aum Shinrikyo's indiscriminate mass murder, the police are continuously working with related agencies to reveal its actual state and are

strengthening the crackdown on its coordinated illegal activities.

**[Case] In July 2015, the police arrested a live-in communal members of the Joyu group for violating the Travel Agency Act by running a travel agency business without obtaining registration of the Commissioner of the Japan Tourism Agency and other bodies (unregistered business operation). (MPD)**

Moreover, in order to protect the peaceful life of the community residents, the police are conducting vigilance and security activities such as patrol around the Aum Shinrikyo's facilities, taking into consideration requests from local residents and local public bodies. Also, to prevent the memory of the series of heinous crimes perpetrated by Aum Shinrikyo from fading, the police are conducting public relations activities on the current status of the religious community through various opportunities in order to have local residents obtain a proper understanding about the present conditions of the religious community.

## 2 Trends in Extreme Leftist Groups and Countermeasures

In 2015, extreme leftist groups attempted to maintain and expand their organizations, and engaged in popular movements and labor movements such as anti-nuclear power demonstrations while concealing their violence and political leanings.

The police are pressing ahead with criminal investigations related to extreme leftist groups, utilizing sweeping searches on apartments and other places to uncover underground strongholds, and conducting public relations campaigns with posters and other materials.

## 3 Trends in Rightist Groups and Countermeasures

In 2015, rightist groups conducted protest activities including propaganda activities on the streets, seizing on such issues as the

registering of documents relating to the so-called Nanjin Incidents as UNESCO Memorial Heritage, Chinese government vessels repeatedly invading the territorial seas around the Senkaku Islands, the abduction issue, the Takeshima island dispute and Northern Territories issue.

The police are working to thoroughly clear illegal acts by applying various laws and ordinances, mainly on crimes related to firearms and fund acquisition in order to prevent serious cases such as terrorism acts by the right wing.

Also, right-wing citizens' groups including Zaitoku-kai worked on demonstrations and street propaganda activities in various places while forces protesting against the activities of the right wing citizens' group criticized the behavior of some participants as being "hate speech". Under such circumstances, in June 2016, the law on the promotion of efforts to eliminate unfair discriminatory behavior against foreign nationals from outside Japan was enforced.

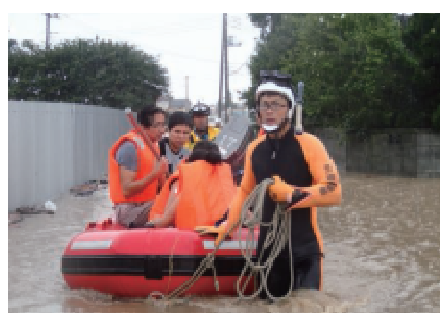
The police will continue to take necessary security measures in a fair and equitable position in the activities of right-wing citizens' groups and strictly deal with it based on the law and evidence when recognizing illegal acts.

## Section 3 Dealing with Disasters and Security Measures

### 1 Dealing with Natural Disasters

In 2015, earthquakes, heavy rains, typhoons and gales resulted in 14 fatalities/missing persons and 467 injuries.

From September 9 to September 11, 2015, due to the effects from the typhoons and fronts, there was record heavy rain in the



Rescue activities by boat (Ibaraki Prefecture)

Kanto and Tohoku regions (September 2015 Kanto-Tohoku heavy rain). Especially, an emergency warning on heavy rain was issued in Tochigi, Ibaraki and Miyagi Prefectures. The Kinugawa River bank burst in Ibaraki Prefecture and other damages resulted in 8 fatalities and 77 persons injured. The police dispatched the police disaster dispatch unit comprised mainly of the Inter-Prefectural Emergency Rescue Units totaling approximately 3,000 police officers from 13 prefectural police to Ibaraki Prefectural Police as well as dispatching a total of 36 police aircrafts to the Ibaraki and Miyagi Prefectural Police, rescuing more than 600 people in Ibaraki, Miyagi and Tochigi Prefectures.

Also in May 2015, Kuchinoerabujima erupted in Kagoshima Prefecture, and evacuation instructions were issued to all the islanders. One person suffered injuries.

## 2 Imperial/Dignitary Protection

With due consideration to the affinity between the Imperial Family and the citizenry, the police have implemented security measures to ensure the safety of the Imperial Family, as well as to manage crowds and prevent accidents among well-wishers.

In addition, under the current climate of heightened tension surrounding important officials, with concerns of possible terrorist and other illegal attacks, the police are implementing appropriate security measures to ensure their safety.



Escorting and security services associated with attendance of the Emperor at the 35th National Convention for the Development of an Abundantly Productive Sea (October, Toyama Prefecture)