

Chapter 6 Police Activity Support

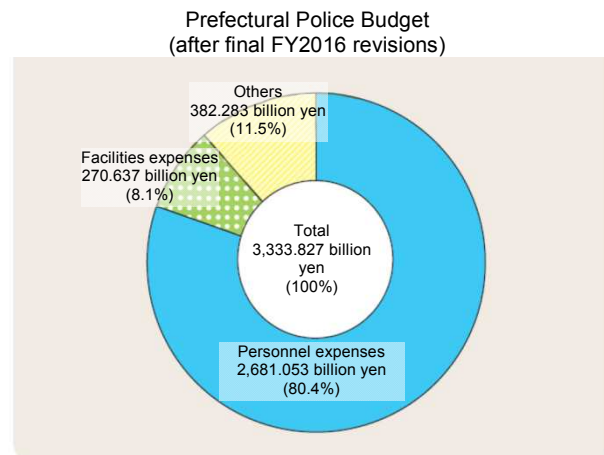
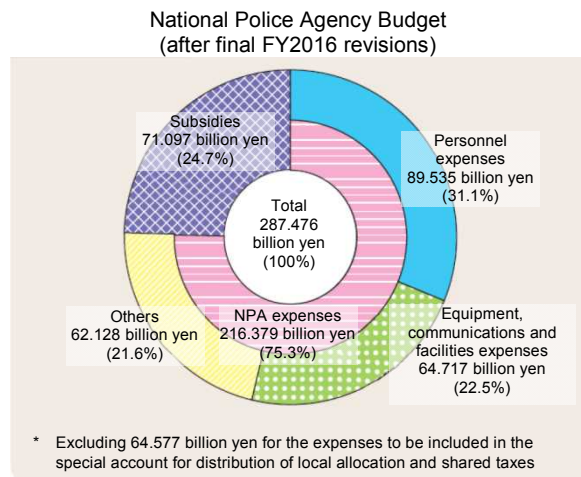
Section 1: Foundation of Police Activities

1. Structure

The total number of police personnel in FY2017 was 296,667, of which 7,848 were National Police Agency (NPA) personnel, and 288,819 were prefectural police personnel.

2. Budget

The police budget consists of the NPA budget and prefectural police budgets. Among these budgets, the NPA budget includes expenses and subsidies from National Treasury required for prefectural police.



3. Police Info-communications

The police are developing various info-communications systems that enable them to immediately respond to incidents, accidents and disasters in any situation. The police are working to provide these systems nationwide and to increase the level of sophistication of the systems.

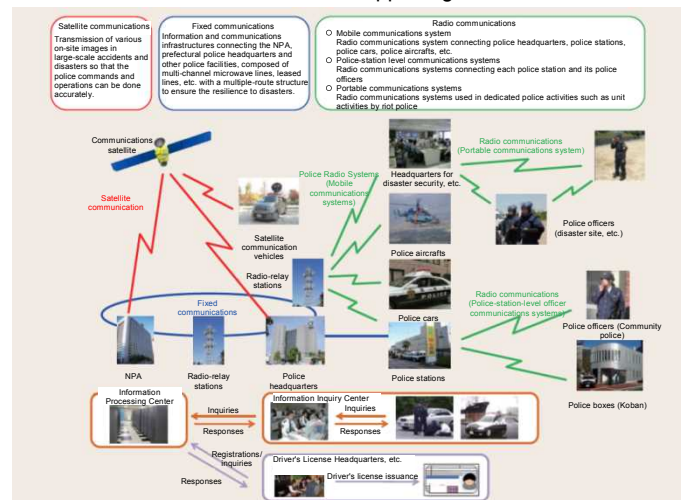
4. Management and Operation of Detention Facilities

As of April 1, 2017, there are 1,150 detention facilities nationwide. In accordance with the Act on Penal Detention Facilities and Treatment of Inmates and Detainees, the police have fully separated investigations and detention while ensuring appropriate operations in detention management through treatment that pays due regard to the human rights of detainees and pressing ahead with facility improvements.

5. Support for Crime Victims

The victims of crime and their bereaved families or families not only suffer physical, emotional and financial harm directly as a result of the crime, but also incur a varying range of secondary victimization. Therefore, the police are working to enhance a variety of aspects of their support for victims of crime and their families.

Police Info-communications Supporting Police Activities



Section 2: Strong Police Worthy of People's Expectations and Trust

1. Measures to Establish Strong Police Worthy of People's Expectations and Trust

(1) Active and Rational Organizational Management

In September 2013, the police set forth policies to strengthen efforts for the establishment of “a strong police force that can prove worthy of people’s expectations and trust” and are advancing active and rational organizational management.

Specifically, while police duties are becoming more diverse and wide-ranging, in order to fulfill the responsibilities the people charge them with, the police are moving ahead with bold streamlining/optimization centering on police stations duties, and tackling the utilization of enhanced capabilities by young police officers at an early stage, given the advent of a period of mass hiring and retirement.

Also, together with punishing misconducts and undisciplined behaviors by police officers, the police are working systematically on mitigating similar risks, based on the analysis of causes and context behind individual misconducts.

(2) Carrying out Inspections

In FY2016, the NPA and the Regional Police Bureau conducted 2,018 inspections on prefectural police and gave necessary advices for strengthening inter-departmental collaboration to fight against the threats of cyberspace.

2. Police Activity Transparency

When undertaking activities to prevent local crimes and traffic accidents, it is necessary to understand the views of the residents and their demands, and to obtain the understanding and cooperation of local residents.

Consequently, all police stations nationwide have, in principle, set up Police Station Councils. These councils allow the chiefs of police stations to hear the views of local residents regarding police station affairs, and also provide an opportunity to seek their understanding and cooperation.

3. Efforts of Ministerial Meeting Concerning Measures against Crime

Presently, while indicators of public security in Japan such as the number of confirmed criminal offenses are improving, the nation is facing serious threats that include cybercrimes, cyber-attacks, international terrorism and organized crime. In addition, good public security ensures the safety of people’s lives while also contributing to social and economic development. Given that, in December 2013, the Strategy to Make Japan “the Safest Country in the World” was drawn up at the 21st Ministerial Meeting Concerning Measures Against Crime and was approved by the Cabinet.

Section 3: Collaboration with Foreign Public Security Organizations

The NPA is strengthening cooperative relations with public security organizations of foreign countries including the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) member states in the fields of countering international terrorism and improving cyber security.

In addition, the NPA is working to enhance bilateral relationships through such measures as holding consultations with public security organizations of countries including the Republic of Korea, the People’s Republic of China and Vietnam, with which Japan has had close relationships in crime control.



Group Discussion by Young Police Officers



A Meeting between the Chairman of the National Public Safety Commission and the Minister of Home Affairs of Myanmar