

Topic V: Harmful Activities against Japan and Police Countermeasures

(1) Status of Harmful Activities against Japan

North Korea has been active in information-gathering in Japan by using clandestine agents. The People's Republic of China (PRC) has been active in foreign information-gathering by using diverse and sophisticated means including dispatch of researchers, engineers and students to companies possessing advanced technologies, defense contractors and research institutions of other countries including Japan, while apparently making proactive approaches to persons in political, financial, bureaucratic and academic communities. The Russian Federation's intelligence agencies have been actively gathering information on a global scale including on Japan.

(2) Police Countermeasures

① Crackdown on Illegal Intelligence Activities

The police regularly observe, gather information on and analyze harmful activities exercised in diverse forms against Japan, while strictly cracking down on illegal activities in order to protect the national interests.

② Crackdown on Illegal Activities Related to Anti-North Korea Sanction

In order to secure the effect of measures against North Korea, the police have been intensively cracking down on related illegal activities, clearing 38 cases by January 2018.

③ Crackdown on Illicit Materials Export Related to Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD)

The police have been taking proactive measures through public-private cooperation to prevent leaks of technical information, while clearing 36 illicit export cases of materials related to WMDs by December 2017.