

Chapter 3 Efforts to Broaden Opportunity for Victims to Participate in Criminal Procedures

1 Development of the System to Expand Opportunities to Participate in Criminal Procedures, etc.

(related to Article 18 of the Basic Act)

○ Major efforts

- Enhancement of the information concerning criminal procedures and related issues provided to crime victims, etc.

[Policy No. 128]

The Ministry of Justice has prepared pamphlets “For Victims of Crime,” which explain the victim participant system, juvenile adjudication hearing system, and other systems for support and protection of crime victims, and distributed to victims when Prosecutors’ Office interviews about their situations or various events are carried out. The contents of the pamphlet are on the websites of the Ministry of Justice and the Prosecutors’ Office.

Besides, the Ministry has prepared DVDs “Should you suffer damages from a crime...,” distributed to the Prosecutors’ Office for the use of explanation to crime victims, and delivered via the Ministry’s YouTube channel.

- Ministry of Justice website “For Victims of Crime”:
(http://www.moj.go.jp/keiji1/keiji_keiji11.html)
- Ministry of Justice YouTube channel “Should you suffer damages from a crime...”:
(<http://www.youtube.com/watch?V=IXmgyAoEM9E>)

Pamphlet for crime victims



Source: Ministry of Justice

- Appropriate provision of information concerning investigation

[Policy No. 134]

Based on “Implementation Guidelines on Liaison Support for Victims” (notice by Head of the Criminal Investigation Bureau dated May 20, 2014) and a model plan for “Brochure for Crime Victims,” the National Police Agency instructs prefectural police to provide the crime victims with proper information.

As for traffic accidents, the Agency has arranged a Liaison Support Coordinator for Victims in prefectural police headquarters as a supervisor. The coordinator guides and trains traffic accident investigators in each police department, so that they can respond properly to traffic accident victims by considering their feelings.

When information on crime victims’ situations and needs should be shared with private victim support organizations and administrative agencies, the Agency offers such information to those organizations upon obtaining victims’ consent.

Brochure for Crime Victims



Brochure for Traffic Accident Victims

