

SUMMARY OF THE 8TH SPECIALIST GROUP MEETING ON CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION

1. Aim

Our goal is to promote awareness of the issue by introducing -to a domestic and international audience- Japan's initiatives to prevent child sexual exploitation, and also to facilitate collaboration among related agencies by learning about the activities of private entities and the efforts by international organizations.

2. Overview

(1) Date and place

November 14, 2023 (Tuesday)

In-person/online meeting (Venue: Tokyo)

(2) Participants

Foreign investigative agencies, Embassies in Tokyo, Private entities, Relevant government agencies, Prefectural police departments, etc.



3. Program & Contents

(1) Opening address [Director General, Community Safety Bureau, National Police Agency]

(2) Presentation

a. INTERPOL mechanisms; enabling international Police Co-operation on Child Sexual Exploitation [INTERPOL]

INTERPOL explained its efforts to deepen international and regional cooperation to prevent child sexual exploitation.

b. The Current State of Social Media in Japan and Countermeasures

[Mr. ISHIHAMA Takahiro, CEO nanameue, Inc.]

Mr. ISHIHAMA shared examples of measures to protect children against sexual exploitation, such as implementing age restrictions for account creation and chats within the services his company operates.

c. Tackling CSEA cases in Japan [Osaka Prefectural Police]

Osaka prefectural police presented the outline of investigations of sexual crimes and the production of child pornography, etc., and the modus operandi used by suspects in those cases to lure children.

d. Activities as a survivor in the International Community [Ret. Det. Robert A. Shilling Jr, Brave Movement Co-Founder/Former Head of Crimes Against Children - INTERPOL]

Mr. Shilling, as a co-founder of Brave Movement which is a global movement with a focus on survivors, presented activities to end childhood sexual violence.

e. Current Situation of Sexual Violence Victims (Survivors) and Support Efforts

[Ms. YAMAMOTO Jun, Assistant Professor, Department of Nursing, Ibaraki Prefectural University of Health Sciences/Secretary, General Incorporated Association Spring]

Ms. YAMAMOTO explained how her activities as victim (survivor) of sexual violence, including lobbying the Diet and the government, led to the amendment of the Penal Code; she also explained the current situation of sexual violence victims in Japan, etc.

(3) Closing address [Director of Personal Safety and Juvenile Division, Community Safety Bureau, National Police Agency]