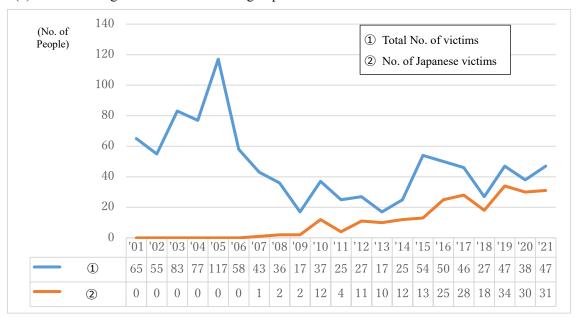
Overview of the Measures to Combat Trafficking in Persons (Annual Report)

- Status of Measures Based on the "2014 Action Plan to Combat Trafficking in Persons" -

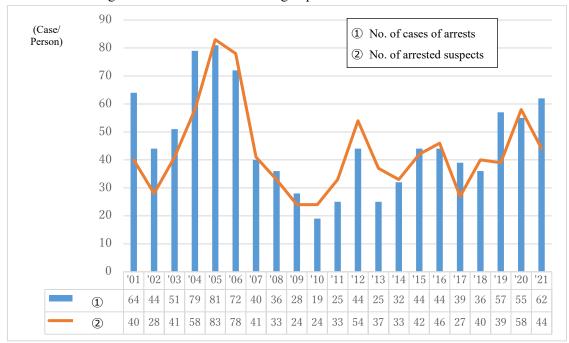
1 Gaining a thorough understanding of trafficking in persons

(1) Data relating to victims of trafficking in persons



- O In 2021, the number of victims of trafficking in persons who were put under protection was 47 (increased by nine Year-on-Year)
- O Gender: All were female
- O Nationality: 31 were Japanese, 16 were foreign nationals
- O Age: 18 were minors (decreased by two Year-on-Year)

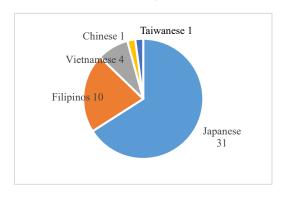
(2) Data relating to those accused of trafficking in persons

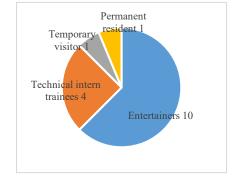


- O In 2021, 44 suspects were arrested for 62 cases of trafficking in persons
- O Gender: 36 were male, eight were female
- O Nationality: All were Japanese
- 39 suspects were prosecuted (31 were found guilty, the cases of six are still pending, and the remaining two were sent to the family court)

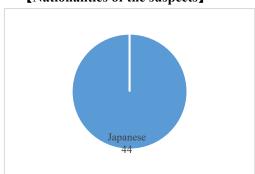
[Nationalities and regions of the victims]

[Status of residence of the foreign victims]

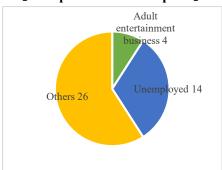




[Nationalities of the suspects]



[Occupations of the suspects]



2 Prevention of trafficking in persons

- In April 2021, the OTIT established "Technical Intern Trainee's SOS and Dedicated Consultation Desk" as a dedicated consultation desk for urgent cases, including violence and threats, to provide consultation for technical intern trainees.
- As part of measures to enhance improvements for the reduction of missing technical intern trainees, we suspended acceptance of new technical intern trainees from five Vietnamese dispatching organizations that were at fault for disappearance of a significant number of technical intern trainees. [New]
- In addition to awareness videos for victims and the general public, we have prepared awareness videos focusing on users of sexual exploitation and disseminated them through advertising on trains and social media. 【Expansion】

3 Promotion of identification of trafficked victims

- The National Police Agency prepared and distributed a leaflet in 10 languages, which was revised from the standpoint of victims in a significantly compact form and an understandable design, reflecting feedback from NGOs and foreign embassies in Tokyo, and calling for people to report cases of trafficking in persons to the police or the Immigration Services Agency. [Continued]
- With regard to the consultation counters and telephone consultation services for foreign nationals set up in the Immigration Services Agency, Legal Affairs Bureaus and District Legal Affairs Bureaus, and Labor Bureau, efforts have been made to expand the number of languages to support, and to develop an environment that facilitates consultations. [Continued]

4 Eradication of trafficking in persons

- "Handbook on Measures against Trafficking in Persons," which summarizes information such as the laws applicable to trafficking in persons and specific examples of the application of these laws, was revised by updating to the latest application and is actively utilized by the police, the Immigration Services Agency, the Public Prosecutors Office, the Labour Standards Inspection Offices, and the Japan Coast Guard in conducting investigation and other activities. [Expansion]
- In order for the government to collectively and strongly tackle the problems associated with performing in porn videos, in March 2022, the government adopted a package of urgent measures against the harm associated with performing in porn videos. In addition, on June 15, 2022, as a legislation proposed by lawmakers, Act on Prevention and Remedy of Harm Associated with Performing in Porn Videos was enacted. The Act stipulates the special provisions on the rescission or cancellation of performance contracts to perform in porn videos, and right to demand an injunction to stop the publication of such videos, regardless of age and gender. [New]

5 Protection and support of trafficking victims

- The Immigration Services Agency implements measures for foreign victims of trafficking in persons who are under protection, such as changing their status of residence or granting them special permission to stay, while giving full consideration to their standpoints. [Continued]
- At Women's Consulting Offices, victims are offered temporary protection as well as shelters, food and clothing, interpretation support, and medical services where necessary. [Continued]
- Funded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA), the International Organization for Migration (IOM), in cooperation with the Immigration Services Agency, provides support to help foreign victims of trafficking in persons who have been put under protection in Japan return to their home countries and reintegrate to society. [Continued]

6 Development of foundations for promotion of measures against trafficking in persons

- In February 2021, each Prefectural Labour Bureau appointed officials in charge of trafficking in persons at the Bureau, strengthening measures against suspected cases of trafficking in technical intern trainees.

 [New]
- Exchanges of opinions and provision of information are conducted with the relevant organizations and NGOs. [Continued]

[Poster (in Japanese) (Cabinet Office)]

