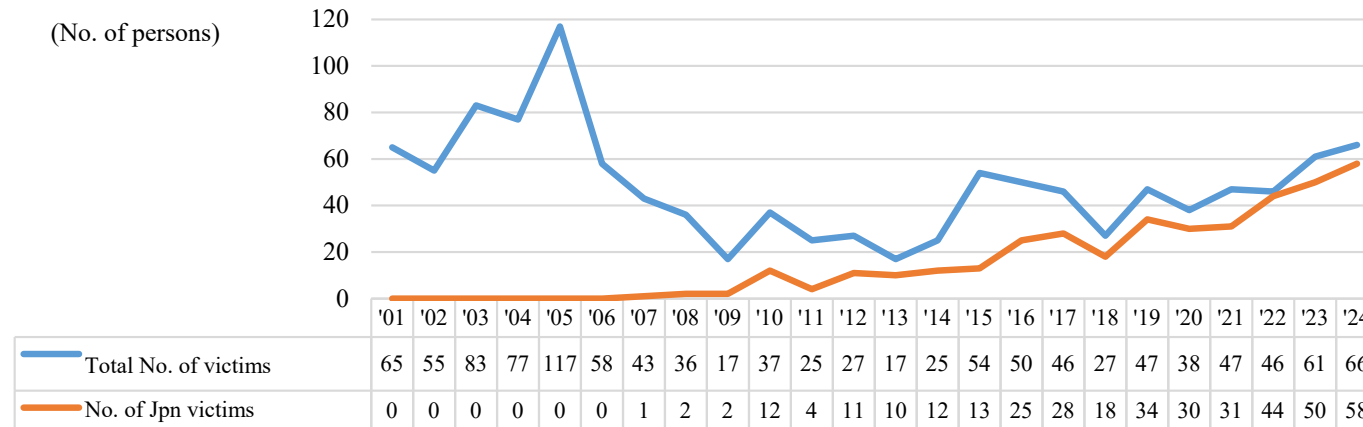


Overview of the Measures to Combat Trafficking in Persons (Annual Report)

--Status of Measures Based on the 2022 Action Plan to Combat Trafficking in Persons--

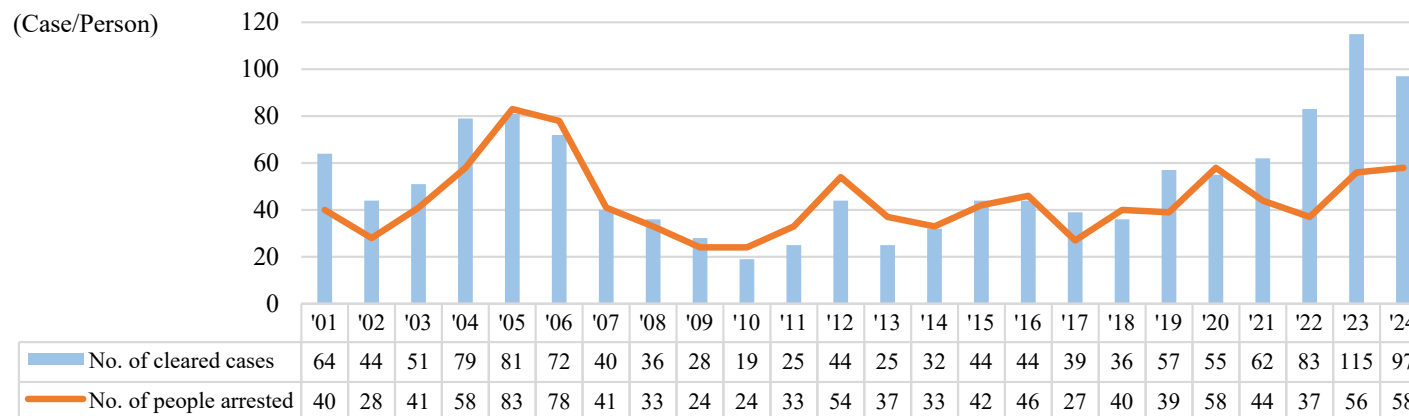
1 Gaining a thorough understanding of trafficking in persons

(1) Data relating to victims of trafficking in persons



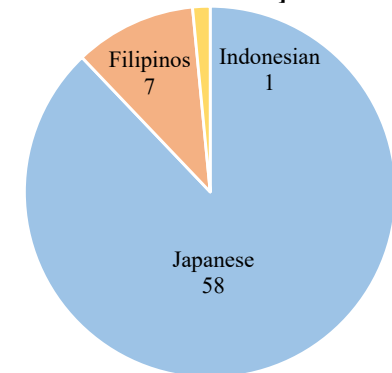
- In 2024, the number of victims of trafficking in persons who were put under protection was 66 (increase of 5 year-on-year)
- Gender: 9 were male, 57 were female
- Nationality: 58 were Japanese, 8 were foreign nationals
- Age: 41 were minors (under 18 years of age)

(2) Data relating to suspects of trafficking in persons

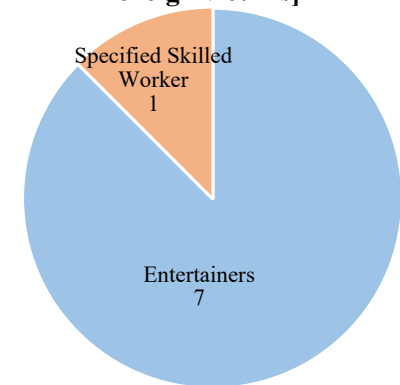


- In 2024, 58 suspects (increase of 2 year-on-year) were arrested for 97 cases (decrease of 18 year-on-year) of trafficking in persons
- Gender: 51 were male, 7 were female
- Nationality: All were Japanese
- 47 suspects were prosecuted (35 were found guilty, the cases of 12 are still pending)

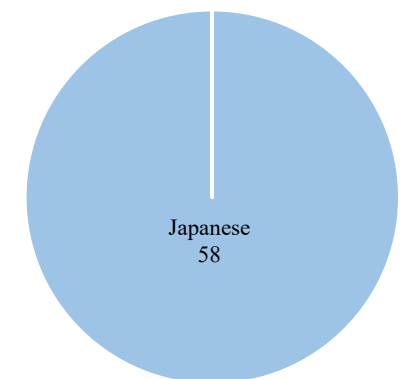
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2 Prevention of trafficking in persons

- An amended law that developmentally eliminates the Technical Intern Training Program and establishes the Employment for Skill Development System was enacted and promulgated in June 2024. Regarding the Employment for Skill Development System, from the viewpoint of eliminating improper persons from the system, the system considers the viewpoint of protecting the human rights of foreign nationals, including appropriate requirements for accepting organizations and stricter requirements for support organizations, as well as allowing approval for employer change based on the foreign worker's will under certain requirements. We will promote the formulation of Cabinet Orders and Ministerial Ordinances toward the implementation of the system.
- We promoted reporting of improper sending organizations based on the Memorandums of Cooperation (MOCs) with countries that are sending technical intern trainees (in 2024, we newly created MOCs with Nepal and East Timor, bringing the total number of countries to 16).
- We promoted public relations and awareness activities for employers including business people of entertainment/amusement trade and technical intern training implementing organizations.

3 Promotion of identification of trafficking victims

- The National Police Agency prepared and distributed a compact leaflet with an easy-to-understand design in ten languages that called for victims to report their victimization to the police and the Immigration Services Agency, etc. and carried out public relations activities using advertisement posted on social media.
- With regard to the contact points for consultation and telephone consultation service for foreign nationals set up in the Immigration Services Agency, Legal Affairs Bureaus and District Legal Affairs Bureaus, and Prefectural Labor Bureaus, and emergency calls to police ("Dial 110"), we have promoted the development of an environment that facilitates consultations and reporting by providing multiple language services, etc.

4 Eradication of trafficking in persons

- Utilizing the Handbook on Measures Against Trafficking in Persons, the police, Immigration Services Agency, prosecutors, Labor Standards Inspection Offices, and Japan Coast Guard have tightened their crackdown on trafficking in persons and related offenses.
- We promoted strict measures against sexual exploitation of children and the crackdown on malicious host clubs. In addition, the Act Partially Amending the Act on Control and Improvement of Amusement Business, which strengthens regulations for host clubs was enacted and promulgated in May 2025.
- Implemented on-site inspections by the Organization for Technical Intern Training and joint investigations in cooperation with the organization, immigration services organizations, and labor standards inspection bodies, etc. to promote strict measures against violations of the Technical Intern Training Act, etc.

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, while giving full consideration to their standpoints and based on their requests.
- Women's Counseling and Support Centers temporarily protect female victims of trafficking in persons, regardless of nationality and age. The centers provide living support, interpretation support, medical care, etc.
- Efforts are being made to stabilize and enhance the operation of the One-Stop Support Center for Victims of Sex Crimes and Sexual Violence through subsidies, as well as to publicize the nationwide number for One-Stop Support Centers (# 8891) and to promote the dissemination of the nationwide number for sexual crime victims, which connects the consultation hotline of each prefectural police (# 8103).
- The Ministry of Foreign Affairs provides return and reintegration assistance to foreign victims of trafficking in persons through the International Organization for Migration (IOM), which protects and supports foreign nationals.
- The consultation systems for victims of malicious "host clubs" has been strengthened.

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

- Through JICA and international organizations, Japan has been carrying out training and providing assistance for other countries, particularly in Southeast Asia and Africa, in order to strengthen their capacity to combat trafficking in persons. Furthermore, Japan has participated in international conferences to discuss and share information with other countries regarding trafficking in persons.
- Promoting public relations and awareness activities by preparing and distributing posters and leaflets for perpetrators and victims.
- With regard to the Technical Intern Training Program, we encourage sending countries to make it more appropriate through consultations based on the MOCs. In addition, in order to reduce illegal and unnecessary handling charges of those who wish to work overseas in Vietnam, JICA has been promoting the designing and building of a new recruitment information system with local authorities.
- On its website, an attention is given not to apply for so-called an illicit part-time job by introducing cases where people take part in a special type of fraud in Southeast Asia and other regions and are detained by local police.
- Exchanges of opinions and provision of information were conducted with the relevant organizations and NGOs.