

Mid-and-Long Term Action Plan for the Next Five Years
On Anti-Illegal Drug Measures

I. Outline

Duration of the Action Plan

This Action Plan will serve as a guideline for Japan-Philippines cooperation on measures against illegal drugs over the next five years starting from 2018.

Scope of the cooperation

1. Relapse prevention among illegal drug users
2. Prevention of using illegal drugs
3. Poverty alleviation in the context of preventing illegal drug use

II. Support measures proposed by Japan

Challenge 1: Relapse prevention among illegal drug users

Support measure 1: Provision of appropriate treatment and rehabilitation protocols based on coordination between rehabilitation centers and community-based treatment facilities.

- 1 Assistance to develop an effective linkage between community-based treatment and residence-based programs

To help provide more effective treatment and rehabilitation for illegal drug users, Japan will implement support measures such as “development and upgrading of facilities for treatment”, “development of operational guidelines for treatment facilities” and “development of treatment programs and human resources” in model areas.

Based on the outcome of the support for rehabilitation centers, Japan will support the Philippine government’s effort to extend those measures in priority areas in the Philippines, by providing necessary assistance including development of policies, facilities and human resources.

- 2 Assistance to establish treatment mechanisms

As a relapse prevention measure, Japan will share its experience in developing the cooperation among national center for treatment and research, regional treatment centers and counseling centers and strengthening the partnership with private organizations for more effective treatment and rehabilitation. Based on

the experience of building national and regional centers, Japan will also support the Philippine government's effort to strengthen community support mechanism by training of trainers, developing treatment service networks and increasing consultation bases. For this purpose, Japan will provide trainings, share knowhow and experiences, encourage interaction of people concerned and etc.

3 Joint research and survey on treatment models / Capacity Development

In view of the fact that all illegal drug users are subject to corrective actions under a court order, Japan will examine the current classification of illegal drug users - those who should receive corrective treatment (in rehabilitation centers) or those who are more appropriate to receive voluntary therapy (in community-based centers) - and support the Philippine government's effort to establish effective screening and assessment mechanism, evaluation frameworks and guidelines through the provision of the necessary technical cooperation.

The outcome of the above assistances will be considered to apply to other support measures.

Support measure 2: Development of mechanism for social reintegration for illegal drug users

1 Development of mechanism to prevent repeat offences consistent within criminal justice system

To help implement more effective measures to prevent repeat offences of illegal drug users, Japan will provide technical cooperation consistent within the criminal justice system through introduction of examples of systems and interaction of people concerned, based on the needs.

Japan will continue to discuss further assistance based on the outcome of the current support.

2 Development of support mechanisms in local communities for social integration of illegal drug users

To help realize a society where illegal drug users are not isolated, Japan will support the Philippine government to facilitate the development of treatment accepted by local communities. For this purpose, Japan will offer cooperation including the introduction of useful examples on the cooperation with municipalities, cities, and active utilization of barangays and NGOs, and human resource development.

Challenge 2: Prevention of using illegal drugs

Support measure 3: Assistance to increase awareness and promote drug abuse prevention education for juveniles, households, schools and local communities

Japan will implement needs surveys of contents of Information, Education and Communication (IEC) materials through specialized contractors and the Japanese Embassy. Additionally, Japan will support the Philippines government to strengthen the educational activities to juveniles, households, schools and local communities through grassroots level campaigns as well as the specialized contractors and also develop consulting systems of concerned organizations in order to promote the prevention of using illegal drugs. For this purpose, Japan will offer cooperation such as introduction of useful examples, human resource development and, provision of materials and benchmarking of best practices in drug abuse prevention and eradication in select local government units in Japan.

Challenge 3: Poverty reduction (for people to stay out of illegal drugs)

Support measure 4: Provision of vocational training for illegal drug users and educational opportunities and job creation in areas with high poverty incidence and drug prevalence .

1 Vocational training for drug dependents and drug surrenderers

Japan will support the Philippine government to provide vocational training for illegal drug users to acquire the necessary skills and qualifications necessary for employment in order to promote their smooth social reintegration. For that purpose, Japan will offer cooperation such as introduction of useful examples, human resource development and provision of equipment.

2 In view of interrelation between poverty and the use of illegal drugs, Japan will offer cooperation for the Philippine government to break the connection between illegal drugs use and poverty by providing educational opportunities and vocational training and skills improvement activities after the implementation of needs survey. For that purpose, Japan will offer cooperation such as introduction of useful examples, development of facilities, provision of equipment and/or human resource development.