

3.1. International Human Rights Activities

3.1.1. Activities at the United Nations (UN) and International Conferences

The JFBA has been accredited with consultative status by the Economic and Social Council, and sends delegations to various UN meetings, such as the UN Human Rights Council, the UN Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, the UN Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, and the UN Commission on the Status of Women, at which the JFBA collects information on international movements, and makes speeches to express its opinions. In addition, the JFBA organizes side events at conference sites introducing its activities, through which the JFBA provides information on the human rights situation in Japan, and exchanges information with relevant authorities in other countries.

The following table lists the major meetings to which the JFBA sent delegations in the last three years.

Data 3-3-1 Major Meetings the JFBA Sent Delegations to in the Last Three Years (2014 to 2016)	
Month/Year	Name of Meeting (Venue)
March / 2015	The 59th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women
April / 2015	The 13th United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (Doha, Qatar)
April / 2015	The 3rd Session of the UN Human Rights Council Working Group on the Right to Peace (Geneva, Switzerland)
May / 2015	The 24th Session of the UN Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal (Vienna, Austria)
February / 2016	The 65th session of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (Geneva, Switzerland)
March / 2016	The 60th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (NY, USA)
May / 2016	The 25th Session of the UN Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal (Vienna, Austria)
March / 2017	The 61st Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (NY, USA)
March / 2017	United Nations Conference to Negotiate a Legally Binding Instrument to Prohibit Nuclear Weapons
March / 2017	The 26th Session of the UN Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (Vienna, Austria)

UN Human Rights Council (the “UNHRC”)

The UNHRC is one of the major UN bodies, which is responsible for promoting and protecting human rights and fundamental freedoms, and performs Universal Periodic Reviews (UPR) to examine the human rights records of all UN Member States once every four years.

UN Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (the “Congress”)

The Congress is one of the biggest international conferences in the fields of crime prevention and criminal justice, and has been held every five years since 1955. It has been decided that the 14th session will be held in 2020, after an invitation from the Japanese government.

UN Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (the “CCPCJ”)

The CCPCJ is a functional commission of the ECOSOC, which has the task of formulating and reviewing the UN crime prevention programs in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice. The CCPCJ is convened every year in Vienna to discuss more practical efforts than the Congress which compiles the outline of the programs.

UN Commission on the Status of Women (the “CSW”)

The CSW is a functional commission of the ECOSOC, which has the task of making recommendations, reports, and suggestions to the ECOSOC in regard to the empowerment of women in the fields of politics, public, society, education, etc. The CSW is convened in February or March every year for two weeks at the UN Headquarters in New York.

3.1.2. Activities Related to the UN Human Rights Bodies and the UPR

Japan has ratified various international human rights treaties. Under these treaties, Japan periodically reports on its human rights situation to respective UN human rights bodies and they review the Japanese situation based on the reports. The JFBA makes counter reports to governmental reports (the “JFBA reports”) to submit to UN human rights bodies. Further, the JFBA provides information in writing to the Human Rights Council in relation to Universal Periodic Reviews (the “UPR”), a system conducted by the Human Rights Council which was established under the reforms made to the UN human rights mechanism in 2006, and under which the human rights situation in all UN member states is reviewed once every four years by the Human Rights Council.

Data 3-3-2 JFBA Reports Concerning International Human Rights Documents (Conventions and Covenants)

(As of Sep. 30, 2017)

<p>International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ratified in 1979)</p> <p>April 1993 (3rd Periodic Report) / September 1998 (4th Periodic Report) / December 2007 (5th Periodic Report) / August 2008 (Updated Report on 5th Periodic Report) / January 2010 (Opinion Paper regarding the Japanese Government’s Comments on the Concluding Observations of the Human Rights Committee on its 5th Periodic Report) / May 2013 (Report to the Pre-Sessional Working Group of the Committee on Civil and Political Rights for the 6th Periodic Report) / March 2014 (6th Periodic Report) / July 2017 (Report for the Preparation of the List of Issues on the 7th Periodic Report (LOIPR))</p>
<p>International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ratified in 1979)</p> <p>March 2001 (2nd Periodic Report) / February 2012 (Report to the Pre-Sessional Working Group of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights for the 3rd Periodic Report) / January 2013 (3rd Periodic Report)</p>
<p>Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (ratified in 1985)</p> <p>December 1993 (3rd Periodic Report) / November 2001 (4th Periodic Report) / May 2003 (5th Periodic Report) / September 2008 (6th Periodic Report) / May 2009 (Updated Report on 6th Periodic Report) / July 2011 (Report on the Japanese Government’s Follow-up to the Concluding Observations of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women for the 6th Periodic Report) / November 2012 (Report on the Japanese Government’s Additional Report to the Concluding Observations of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women for the 6th Periodic Report) / March 2015 (Report to the Pre-Sessional Working Group of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women for the 7th and 8th Periodic Report) / December 2015 (Updated Report on 7th and 8th Periodic Reports)</p>
<p>Convention on the Rights of the Child (ratified in 1994)</p> <p>June 1997 (1st Periodic Report) / May 2003 (2nd Periodic Report) / July 2009 (3rd Periodic Report) / January 2010 (Additional Information to the 3rd Periodic Report)</p>
<p>International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (acceded to in 1995)</p> <p>January 2001 (1st and 2nd Periodic Reports) / June 2009 (3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th Periodic Reports) / February 2010 (Additional Information to the 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th Periodic Reports) / July 2014 (the 7th, 8th, 9th Periodic Reports)</p>
<p>Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment (acceded to in 1999)</p> <p>January 2007 (1st Periodic Report) / September 2008 (The JFBA Report on Comments by the Japanese Government on the Conclusions and Recommendations of the Committee Against Torture) / February 3 (2nd Periodic Report) / July 2015 (The JFBA Report on Comments by Japanese Government concerning the Second Conclusions and Recommendations of the Committee Against Torture)</p>

Data 3-3-3 Activities Related to the Universal Periodic Review (UPR)

(As of Sep. 30, 2017)

February 2007	Prepared a JFBA written statement on the UPR (submitted to the 4th session of the Human Rights Council).
February 2008	Prepared a JFBA report for the Summary of the Human Rights Situation in Japan to be prepared by the UN Office of High Commissioner for Human Rights.
March 2008	Prepared a JFBA written statement “Universal Periodic Review: Review of Japan and Modalities of the Universal Periodic Review” (submitted to the 8th session of the Human Rights Council).
February 2011	Prepared a JFBA written statement on the UPR for review by the UN Human Rights Council (submitted to the 16th session of the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR))
April 2012	Prepared a JFBA report for the “Summary of the Human Rights Situation in Japan” to be prepared by the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.
March 2017	Prepared a JFBA report for the “Summary of the Human Rights Situation in Japan” to be prepared by the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.
September 2017	Held a briefing for foreign embassies in Japan about the JFBA’s opinion regarding the UPR

3.2. International Cooperation

3.2.1. Past and Current JFBA Assistance Projects for Bar Associations in Developing Countries (by Country)

Data 3-3-4 Past and Current JFBA Assistance Projects for Bar Associations in Developing Countries

(As of Jul. 1, 2017)

Cambodia	
The JFBA’s legal technical assistance in Cambodia has the longest history in its assistance activities. Specific activities conducted are as follows:	
1996-2000	The JFBA cooperated in the 1st through 5th Cambodia Justice Training Sessions organized by the JICA.
1999 to date	The JFBA has dispatched its members to the Ministry of Justice of Cambodia (10 in total, including 9 nominated by the JFBA) on a continuous basis to provide support in drafting the Civil Code and the Code of Civil Procedure of Cambodia. Some JFBA members have been participating in the JICA’s support committees in Japan, such as the committee for drafting the Civil Code and the Code of Civil Procedure of Cambodia, and the committee for the civil education improvement project on the training of judges and prosecutors in Cambodia. The JFBA also dispatches instructors when training programs for Cambodian attorneys are held in Japan by the JICA or the Research and Training Institute of the Ministry of Justice.
Oct. 2000	The JFBA conducted a seminar for Cambodian attorneys.
2001-2002	The JFBA applied to the JICA small-scale partner program to conduct a project of legal and judicial cooperation for the Bar Association of the Kingdom of Cambodia (BAKC) (such as training seminars for attorneys and proposals for a legal aid system)
2002-2005	The JFBA was entrusted and conducted a JICA partner program to provide assistance for the BAKC (such as assistance for the Lawyers’ Training Center and provision of continuous legal education and gender training programs for attorneys).
2007-2010	The JFBA was entrusted and conducted a JICA project to provide legal technical assistance to the BAKC (such as assistance for the Lawyer’s Training Center, provision of continuous legal education programs for attorneys, and gender training). From 2008-2010, the JFBA sent a member to Cambodia as a JICA long-term expert.
2012 to date	The JFBA has been holding a special lecture on an annual basis at the Cambodian Lawyers’ Training Center, sending its members to the site.