

**3.4. Overseas Visiting Fellow Program**

**3.4.1 JFBA Overseas Visiting Fellow Program**

The JFBA has entered into an agreement with New York University School of Law (NYU) in 1977, the University of California, Berkeley (UCB) in 1999, the University of Illinois at the Urbana-Champaign College of Law (UIUC) in 2007, and the School of Law at the University of Essex in 2011, under which attorneys who are engaging in public-interest activities and nominated by the JFBA can be accepted as visiting fellows or as students in the LL.M. course.

In 2014, in the light of fostering human resources capable of international practice in the field of business law, the JFBA entered into an agreement with the National University of Singapore (NUS), and commenced a program under which attorneys recommended by the JFBA can take the LL.M (Majoring in International Business Law) course. Further in 2017, such agreement was amended to expand the program to have eight courses including a general LL.M., LL.M courses majoring in Asian laws, international arbitration and conflict resolution, and others.

Since fiscal 2018, the scope of research under this program has been expanded to include “rule of law” and “access to justice,” in addition to that related to “human rights protection”, “international cooperation” and “international contribution.” In such year, the integrated operation of the above two programs has also been commenced.

**3.4.2 Past Overseas Visiting Fellows**

As of fiscal 2017, a total of 58 members were sent overseas through this program. As visiting fellows, they interacted with professors and students of the law schools they attended. In addition, they provided information about legal issues and the roles of attorneys in Japan. They also gave presentations on their own study themes. After they returned to Japan, their experiences and knowledge have been contributing to the JFBA through their activities in JFBA committees. The table below lists information of the members sent as visiting fellows from fiscal 2015 through 2017.

**Data 3-3-9 Past Overseas Visiting Fellows through the Overseas Visiting Fellow Program**

Year	University	Bar Assoc.	Year of Adm. to Bar	Study Theme
2015	NYU	Daini Tokyo	2008	Governmental surveillance and data collection activities and their impact on human rights, especially from the viewpoints of constitutional law, criminal law and international civil rights
	UCB	Tokyo	2011	Studying the implementation of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) in the United States, and researching how people with disabilities live under the ADA in the United States
	UCB	Daini Tokyo	2012	(1) Optimal defense practice and theory in death penalty cases (2) Strategies for achieving the abolition of the death penalty
2015	UIUC	Saitama	2008	International protection of consumer rights
	Essex (LL.M.)	Saitama	2011	Human rights issues caused by international development and their counter-measures - Possibility of preventing human rights violations by enhancing the judicial function -
	Essex (Visiting fellow)	Shimane	2007	The rights of the elderly and the adult guardianship system

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2016	NYU	Sapporo	2004	The way legal and social systems in the areas of labor and criminal justice should be to protect the rights of sexual minorities (LGBT)
	UCB	Saitama	2004	Comparative analysis of correctional treatments for convicts sentenced to death or long-term imprisonment in the U.S. and Japan
	UCB	Osaka	2008	1. Analyzing the practice of defense counsel in the United States under legal systems such as the audio/video recording of interrogations and plea bargaining which are being introduced into Japan through the amendment of the Code of Criminal Procedure 2. Criminal trial advocacy in the jury system in the United States
	UIUC	Daini Tokyo	2009	Comparative study of advertising regulations on stealth marketing in Japan and the United States
2017	NYU	Osaka	2009	Legal systems addressing hate speech and hate crimes in the United States, and how those systems work in practice
	UCB	Tokyo	2009	Disclosure of state-held information and discovery used in the judicial review of administrative actions in the U.S.
	UIUC	Daini Tokyo	2008	Legal protection of pregnant workers
	Essex (Visiting fellow)	Hiroshima	2000	Measures to eliminate violence against women and policies to close the gender gap in the UK

### 3.5 Support for Career Development in International Public Service

In recent years, more members, mainly younger members, have been expressing their interests in working in the international public service field (including not only work at international organizations but also at public offices and NGOs as a staff member or an expert) to further develop their careers. At the JFBA, the role of providing such career development support is held by the Working Group on Career Support for International Public Service under the Center for Promotion of International Legal Services in the Expansion of Legal Services Division, and by the Office of International Affairs.

#### 3.5.1. Implementation of Various Seminars and Events

Data 3-3-10 Seminars and Events to Support Career Development in International Public Service

Year	Seminar/Event Name	Target Group	Supporting Organization	Descriptions
2004 -	Information Seminar on Careers in International Organizations	Attorneys, law school students, etc.	Center for International Organizations of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan	Provide information on the expected qualities for the staff of international organizations, job descriptions, and practical ways to get hired, such as the Junior Professional Officer (JPO) program by the MOFA
2010 -	International Career Seminar for Legal Professions	Attorneys, law school students, etc.	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Justice, Japanese Society of International Law, Japan Association of Law Schools	In International Organization session as part of this seminar, attorneys who are or used to be staff members at international organizations give presentations, as lecturers, on their experiences and information including their respective motivations for working in international organizations, the duties and challenges they have faced.
2016	Lecture Series for Practical Training on International Public Law	Attorneys	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Japanese Society of International Law	A course consisting of ten seminars focused on international public law and discussing general theory of international public law, and legal theories and practical practice at four international courts from the perspectives of both practitioners and academics