



Asia-Pacific Council for Juvenile Justice

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I. APCJJ NEWS

THE ASIA-PACIFIC COUNCIL FOR JUVENILE JUSTICE INAUGURATES ITS WEBSITE

The IJJ is happy to announce that the [new website](#) dedicated to the Asia-Pacific Council for Juvenile Justice is now active: it will be the primary means of keeping up to date with the Council's activities and makeup, as well as a platform for collaboration among its members. Featuring a presentation of the Council's activities, members, as well as details of its meetings, the website is designed to facilitate the exchange of relevant knowledge between members and stakeholders in the region.

If you wish to contribute directly to enriching the website's content, signalling interesting news and publications to the IJJ staff, please write to: asiapacificcouncil@ojj.org

To visit the website: [\[+\]](#)

THE APCJJ 2ND MEETING TOOK PLACE BETWEEN MAY 4TH AND MAY 8TH IN PHUKET, THAILAND



On the morning of May 5th, in Phuket (Thailand), the Second Meeting of the Asia-Pacific Council for Juvenile Justice (APCJJ) was officially inaugurated. The meeting takes place from the 5th to the 8th of May under the title 'Toward Child-Friendly Justice in the Asia-Pacific Region: Alternatives to Detention and Restorative Justice for Children'. [\[+\]](#)

SECOND DAY OF THE APCJJ MEETING



While the first day focused on strategies to tackle violence against children, the following day of the Asia-Pacific Council for Juvenile Justice's Second Meeting was dedicated to a more practice-oriented approach, tackling diversion and alternative policies. [\[+\]](#)

THIRD DAY OF THE APCJJ MEETING



The third day of the Asia-Pacific Council for Juvenile Justice's Second Meeting concentrated on restorative justice and the good practices that favour its implementation, and then featured the last capacity-building session before the policy-oriented day of the meeting. [\[+\]](#)

FOURTH DAY OF THE APCJJ MEETING



The fourth and last day of the APCJJ Second Meeting was designed as a policy oriented event, during which the participants engaged in a roundtable discussion on the future projects and activities of the Asia-Pacific Council for Juvenile Justice. [\[+\]](#)

II. APCJJ MEMBERS' CORNER

THE THIRD INTERNATIONAL SELF-REPORT STUDY OF DELINQUENCY AMONG JUVENILES IN SWITZERLAND AND IN INDONESIA

(Amongst the authors: **Elfina Sahetapy**, Lecturer at the Faculty of law, University of Surabaya, and member of the APCJJ)

As part of the third wave of **Self-Reported Delinquency Survey**, which involves 40 countries around the world, this study compares the most significant results concerning youth offending in Indonesia and in Switzerland. The Self-Report Study analyses the **impact of different factors on juvenile behaviour that is in conflict with the law**. In particular, it measures the influence of the social background, the family environment, the school performance of young people, as well as other factors such as previous victimization. [\[+\]](#)

A MEASURE OF LAST RESORT? THE CURRENT STATUS OF JUVENILE JUSTICE IN ASEAN MEMBERS STATES



This report of the **Raoul Wallenberg Institute** analyses, by country, the state of juvenile justice in the ASEAN. In particular, it aims to address the growing concern over a rise in rates of juvenile crime, and the **tendency to resort to detention**. In this light, it provides an overview of the reform processes undertaken in most countries in the region, which enhance the role of diversion and alternatives to deprivation of liberty, as well as the challenges that still impair the actual implementation of these measures.

The study also includes recommendations to improve the implementation of international standards through cross-border safeguards and regional cooperation. [\[+\]](#)

'JUVENILE JUSTICE WITHOUT BORDERS' INTERNATIONAL AWARD

On December 3rd, 2014, the International Juvenile Justice Observatory, held in Brussels the Fourth edition of the 'Juvenile justice Without Borders' Award. Amongst the 2014 Awardees, the IJJO was proud to recognize the work of **Justice Imman Ali**, of the Supreme Court of Bangladesh, for his dedication to raising awareness around children's judicial safeguards; and of the **Indian Coalition of NGOs**, represented by **Ms Enakshi Ganguly**, for its fight against a punitive approach to juvenile justice. The **videos** of the entire Ceremony, and of the single acceptance speeches of the awardees are now available on the IJJO website: [\[+\]](#)



III. REGIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

NO PRISON FOR CHILDREN



The Juvenile Justice Bill passed in India in 2014 allows children between 16 and 18 years old, accused of serious crimes to be **tried by an adult criminal court**, in case the initial assessment of the Juvenile Justice Board determines that they acted with an adult-like mind.

Supported by **HAQ Centre for Child Rights**, together with other child right activist, the Campaign 'No Prison for Children' opposes the bill as unconstitutional. It underlines the dangerous consequences of such a punitive approach on the overarching goal of reintegration, and fights the wide-spread perception of a dramatic increase in juvenile delinquency.

To sign the **No Prison for Children** petition: [\[+\]](#)

SRSG SANTOS PAIS' VISIT TO FIJI SOLOMON ISLANDS IN MAY



The **Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General on Violence against Children**, Ms Marta Santos Pais, carried out a week-long mission to the South Pacific in May. The visit began with participation in the **Pacific Conference on Ending Violence against Children in Nadi**, Fiji that brought policy makers, civil society groups and government leaders from 13 Pacific countries together to discuss ways to address violence against children in the region. [\[+\]](#)

7TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE ASIAN CRIMINOLOGICAL SOCIETY

The 7th Annual Conference of the Asian Criminological Society '**Criminology and Criminal Justice in a Changing World: Contributions from Asia**' took place between June 25th and 26th in Hong Kong, China. The event tackled crucial themes,



amongst which youth crime, prevention of crime, punishment and penal policies. Dr **Kattiya Ratanadilok** of the Department of Juvenile Observation and Protection of Thailand, and APCJ member, participated in the event and discussed with the president of the Asian Criminological Society the possibility of future collaborations to improve the lives of children in conflict with the law in the region. [+]

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