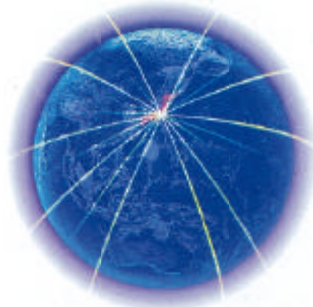


# Problems of Trafficking in Persons

## Measures to Combat Trafficking in Persons



“Trafficking in persons” refers to such activities as the recruitment, transportation or transfer of persons by means of threats or force, abduction, fraud, or abuse of power for purposes of exploitation in such forms as prostitution or forced labor, etc. Trafficking in person is a serious abuse of human rights and will not be tolerated. Japan signed the Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Especially Women and Children, Supplementing the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime in December 2002.

Japan established an Inter-Ministerial Liaison Committee (Task Force) for Measures to Combat Trafficking in Persons, consisting of the Cabinet Secretariat, the National Police Agency, the Ministry of Justice, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the Ministry of Health and Labour in April 2004 and the Task Force adopted a National Action Plan in December 2004.

The Immigration Bureau has taken various swift, effective measures shown as below with the cooperation of related ministries and agencies.

