

Seminar on International Law for National Police Academy

As part of its activities in the Second Quarter Work Plan 2010, the International Law Project organized a seminar on international law for the Police Academy in Talath, Vientiane province, on 7-8 June 2010. Brig. General Vilay Duangmany, Director of the National Police Academy, Ministry of Public Security and Mr. Khamkheuang Bounteum, Director General of the Department of Treaties and Law, Project Board Executive, Ministry of Foreign Affairs co-chaired the seminar.



From the right: Brig Gen Vilay Douangmany, Mr. Khamkheuang Bounteum

90 police and public security officers from the Police Academy and the Ministry of Public Security attended the seminar.

The seminar covered the following international law and human rights topics:

- International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights and its provisions relevant to the police and public security (presented by Mr. Douangmany Yodsioudome, Officer of the Human Rights Division, Dept of Treaties and Law, MoFA);



Mr. Douangmany Yodsioudome

- The UPR as it relates to the police and public security (presented by Lt. Colonel Oudome Sisongkham, Deputy Director General of the Department of International Relations, Ministry of Public Security, who was a member of the Lao delegation that participated in the UPR review in Geneva);
- International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance (presented by Mr. Vongvilay Thipphalangsy, Acting Head of the Human Rights Division, Dept Treaties and Law, MoFA);
- Convention Against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading treatment or Punishment (CAT) (presented by Mr. Aksonsavanh Sihabandith, Officer of the Human Rights Division, Dept Treaties and Law, MoFA);
- UN Convention Against Corruption (presented by Mr. Vathsana Mounsaveng, Officer of the Multilateral

Treaties Division, Dept Treaties and Law, MoFA);

- Convention on Transnational Organized Crime & its Additional Protocol on Human Trafficking (presented by Mr. Khonsavanh Pangnanouvong, Officer of the Multilateral Treaties Division, Dept Treaties and Law, MoFA);
- The Human Rights Standards and Practice for the Police: Introduction of the OHCHR prepared pocket book for the police; and UN Minimum Standards for Prison Management and the Treatment of Offenders (presented by the International Law Project, Chief Technical Specialist, MoFA);
- Treaties on Extradition and on the Transference of the Trasfer of the Convicted Persons (presented by Mr. Jacky Bouttavong, Head of the Bilateral Treaties, Dept. Treaties and Law, MoFA);
- Individual criminal responsibility: the International Criminal Court and its trends (presented by Mr. Phoukong Sisoulath, Project Manger of the International Law Project, MoFA);

Each presentation was followed by discussion. Participants made comments and asked for clarifications on the topics of the seminar. The seminar has raised awareness and understanding of the international legal and human rights principles and norms among the police and public security officers who participated in the seminar. At the end of the seminar discussion took place on ILP activities towards capacity building in international law and human rights for the police and public security officers. The International Law Project plans a number of activities in this regard in 2010. In the past the International Law Project has assisted the Police Academy in the teaching of international law and human rights in its Master and Undergraduate programmes. The Project will continue to provide support in the future. One of the

suggestions made during the discussion was a TOT for the Police Academy to which the Project will give due consideration.



One of participants providing his comment during discussion