

# FIGHTING ORGANIZED CRIME

Criminal organizations, such as Japanese organised crime groups aka *boryokudan*, and international crime syndicates, are behind violent crimes, drug dealings, and telecom fraud, all of which pose a major threat to the citizens of Tokyo.

To keep citizens safe and secure, the TMPD is working on

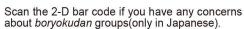
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as well as comprehensive measures to weaken and dismantle organized crime groups.

#### Measures against boryokudan (organized crime) groups

With the split of the Yamaguchi-gumi crime syndicate, conflicts and rivalries have arisen, and not only boryokudan groups but also anonymous and fluid criminal groups have posed security threats by engaging in various crimes and illegal fundraising activities.

To dismantle these criminal groups, we are vigorously enforcing all applicable laws.









#### Measures against international organized crime groups

While the number of non-Japanese workers has kept on rising in recent years, there are concerns about the increasing number of illegal immigrants, some of whom could commit major criminal offenses.

In cooperation with relevant authorities, the TMPD arrested or charged non-Japanese criminals. At the same time, the TMPD has stepped up its awareness campaign for non-Japanese communities and is working on measures to ensure the safety of foreign residents.

### **Measures against drugs and firearms**

The TMPD cracked down on illegal firearms and organizations that engaged in the smuggling and trafficking of stimulants and other illegal drugs. As a result, we apprehended the suspects and seized a large number of drugs and firearms.

Due to the alarming spread of illegal drugs among young generation, we are strengthening measures against illegal drugs. We are also promoting public awareness activities about the harmful effects of drugs and the dangers of firearms.

For more information, scan the 2-D bar code for the online lecture on preventing drug abuse (Only in Japanese).







### **Countermeasures against criminal proceeds**



Public awareness poster

Criminal proceeds from fraud and illegal drugs are enriching the criminal organizations, enabling them to grow, and providing them with funds to prepare for their next crimes. To counter this, we are intensifying the crackdown on money laundering offenses and working to confiscate criminal proceeds

We are also promoting public awareness activities to prevent credit card fraud, a funding source for criminal organizations.



Cases of fraudulent acquisition of points offered for cashless payments

## Measures against telecom fraud

Telecom fraud is an important funding pipeline for crime groups, ranging from organized syndicates to loosely-bound *tokuryu* collectives whose members often don't know each other. In response, the TMPD has implemented a multifaceted inter-agency enforcement approach to better understand and target this crime and its perpetrators. We are also enforcing a variety of measures to dismantle these nefarious groups.

