



# ORGANIZED CRIME CONTROL BUREAU

## FIGHTING ORGANIZED CRIME

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

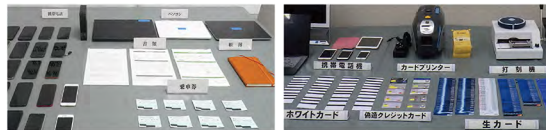
To keep citizens safe and secure, the TMPD is working on

- Countermeasures against criminal proceeds
  - Countermeasures against *boryokudan*
  - Countermeasures against transnational organized crime
  - Countermeasures against drugs and firearms
  - Countermeasures against unconventional fraud
- as well as comprehensive measures to weaken and dismantle organized crime groups.

### Countermeasures against criminal proceeds

Criminal proceeds from fraud and illegal drugs are passed from one group to another, enriching the criminal organizations, enabling them to grow, and providing them with funds to prepare for their next crimes. Interception of criminal proceeds is a crucial breakthrough for dismantling criminal organizations.

In April 2022, the TMPD restructured its Organized Crime Control Bureau and launched the nation's first Crime Proceeds Division specializing in tracking the proceeds from criminal activity and tightening control over such crimes.



Counterfeit credit card case

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

*Boryokudan* groups and quasi-gangsters actively engage in various illegal moneymaking schemes in Tokyo. Nationwide, the split of the Yamaguchi-gumi crime syndicate has led to tensions escalating between the factions. The fight against organized crime continues to be extremely challenging.

Under these circumstances, the TMPD arrested or charged 1,490 members of *boryokudan* and other antisocial groups in 2022.

We will continue our operations and keep working with society to eliminate *boryokudan* groups.

Scan the 2-D bar code if you have any concerns about *boryokudan* groups (only in Japanese).



Cases of counterfeiting and trafficking of residence cards

### Measures against drugs and firearms

The TMPD cracked down on illegal handguns and organizations that engaged in the smuggling and trafficking of stimulants and other illegal drugs. As a result, in 2022, 2,054 people were arrested or charged with drug offenses, and approximately 165 kilograms of illegal drugs and 67 handguns were seized by the police.

The TMPD are also engaged in PR activities regarding the danger of drugs and firearms, as well as the harmful effects of cannabis on young people.

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



Campaign against Drugs and Firearms at Airports



Cases of cannabis cultivation by boryokudan groups



Possession of handguns and ball cartridges



Illegal gambling operation case



Campaigning against boryokudan groups



Investigators searching the headquarters of a boryokudan group

### Measures against unconventional fraud

In 2022, 803 people were arrested or charged by the TMPD for unconventional fraud, and 115 of them (14.3%) were members of *boryokudan* groups.

Among 22 leaders or instructors of the fraud groups, 13 (59.1%) were members of *boryokudan* groups.

Unconventional fraud is an important and continuous funding source for organized crime groups. The TMPD is therefore cracking down on unconventional fraud and working to better understand how they operate. We are enforcing a variety of measures to dismantle these groups.