

**UNAFRI attends Second Expert Meeting for the Preparation of the UN 12<sup>th</sup> Congress Workshop in Tokyo, Japan.**

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*R-L: The Director, Dr. Masamba Sita being introduced to the Deputy Minister of Justice, Japan during the second Expert Meeting in Tokyo, Japan.*

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The Director/Head of Mission, Dr. Masamba Sita, was one of the Experts at the just concluded Second Experts Meeting under the theme “Strategies & Best Practices against Overcrowding in Correctional Facilities” held in Tokyo, Japan from 14 – 18, 2009.

This Meeting was a prelude to the 12<sup>th</sup> United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Treatment of offenders to be held in Brazil in 2010; and the issue of overcrowding in Prisons will be one of the topics to be discussed during the Congress.

The Director attended the meeting at the invitation of the Sister Institute: the United Nations Asia & Far East Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (UNAFEI) based in Tokyo, Japan, the organizers of the meeting.

He said the meeting was a huge success where far reaching decisions were reached on how correctional facilities can be decongested. The meeting also made relevant preparatory work for the Congress in Brazil.

During the 4- day meeting, a courtesy visit was paid to H.E. the Deputy Minister of Justice, Japan by the delegations where they were warmly received.



*The Director, Dr. Masamba Sita in a group photograph with other delegates at the end of second Expert Meeting in Tokyo, Japan.*