This program aims at improving participants’ understanding and capacity on procedures of legislative preparation for ratification and implementation of Minamata Convention on Mercury. The program provides lectures and inspections to share the lessons from Minamata Disease in Japan and Japan’s experience on the preparation, and identify key points and requirements for the ratification of the Convention.

### Objective/Outcome

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- to improve participants’ understanding on the practical procedures of legislative preparation for ratification and implementation of Minamata Convention on Mercury.

**Outcome**

1. to understand the background and details of the Convention and could be able to explain the key points of the convention.
2. to understand procedural steps toward ratification and implementation of the Convention in Japan and could be able to explain necessary works for the participants’ country.
3. to discuss challenges and possible solutions for participants’ country to ratify the Convention, based on the understanding of the historical background and countermeasures for mercury pollution in Japan.

### Target Organization / Group

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  1. Organization in charge of ratification and implementation of Minamata Convention on Mercury.
  2. Health departments in charge of pollution disease.

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  2. Health department officials and technical officer in charge of the pollution disease.

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