

DRUG CONTROL IN KOREA



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PROSECUTORS' OFFICE

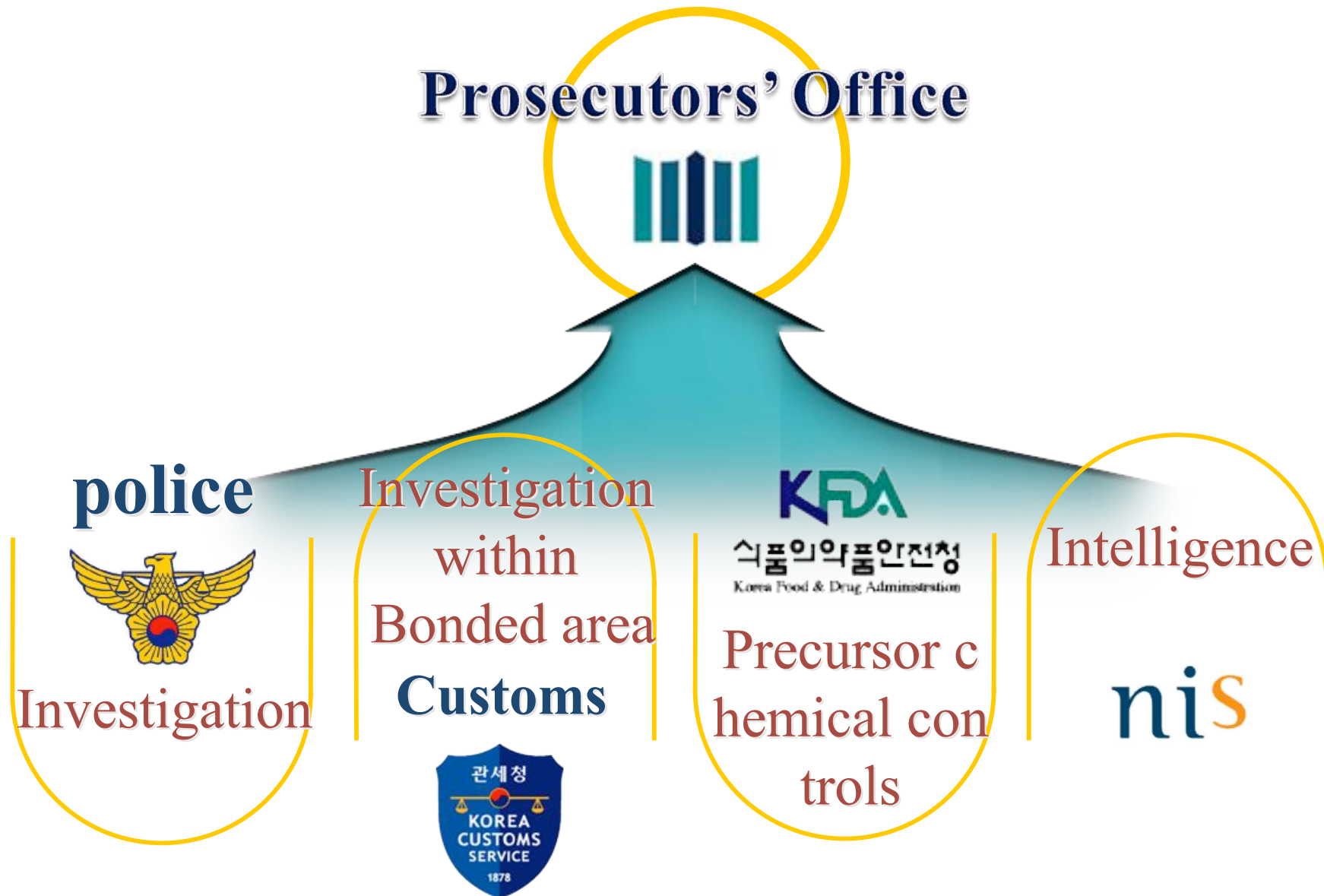
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Drug Control Structure in KOREA

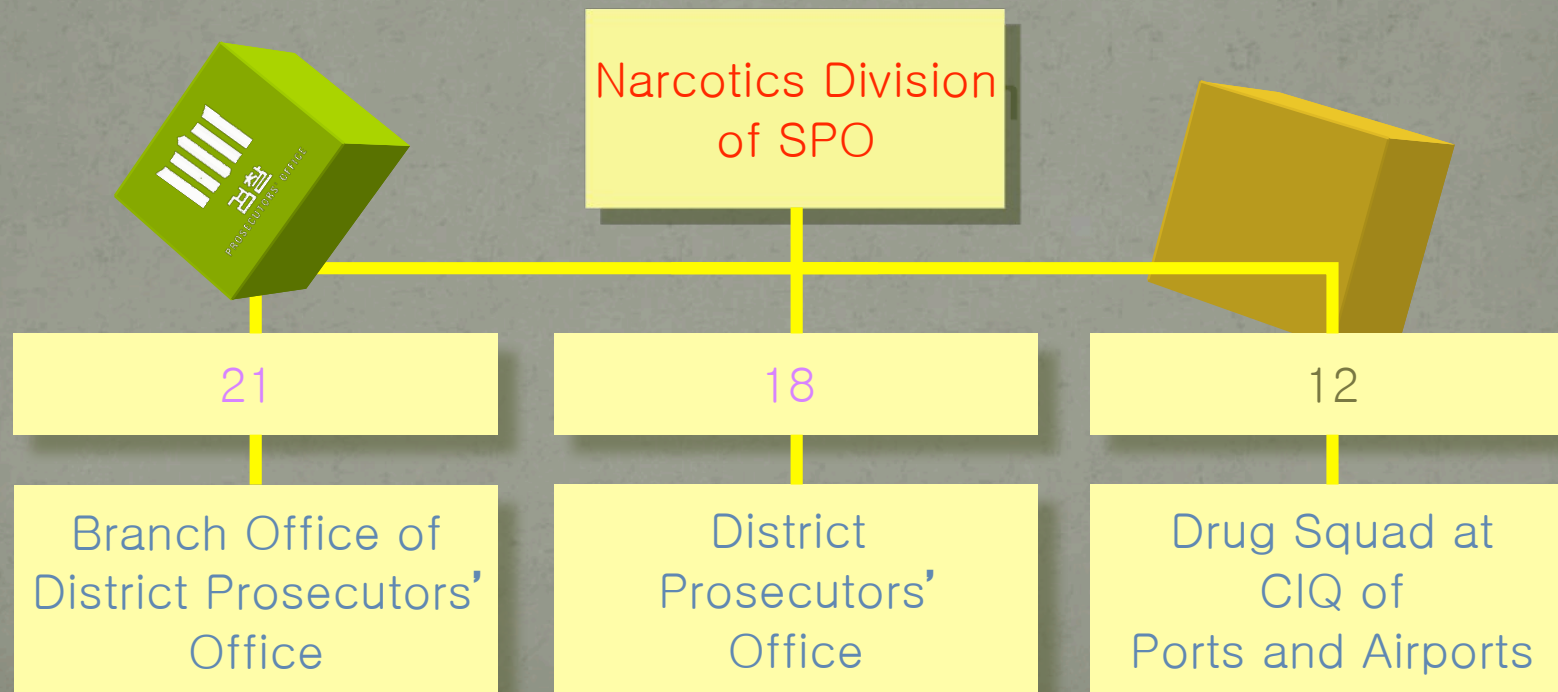


Drug Investigation System in SPO

Drug Investigation Squads of the Prosecution

39 Offices within the Prosecutors' Office

12 Drug Squads at 5 Ports and 7 Airports





Responsibility & Role of Narcotics Division



Controlling and supporting investigation of concerned agencies

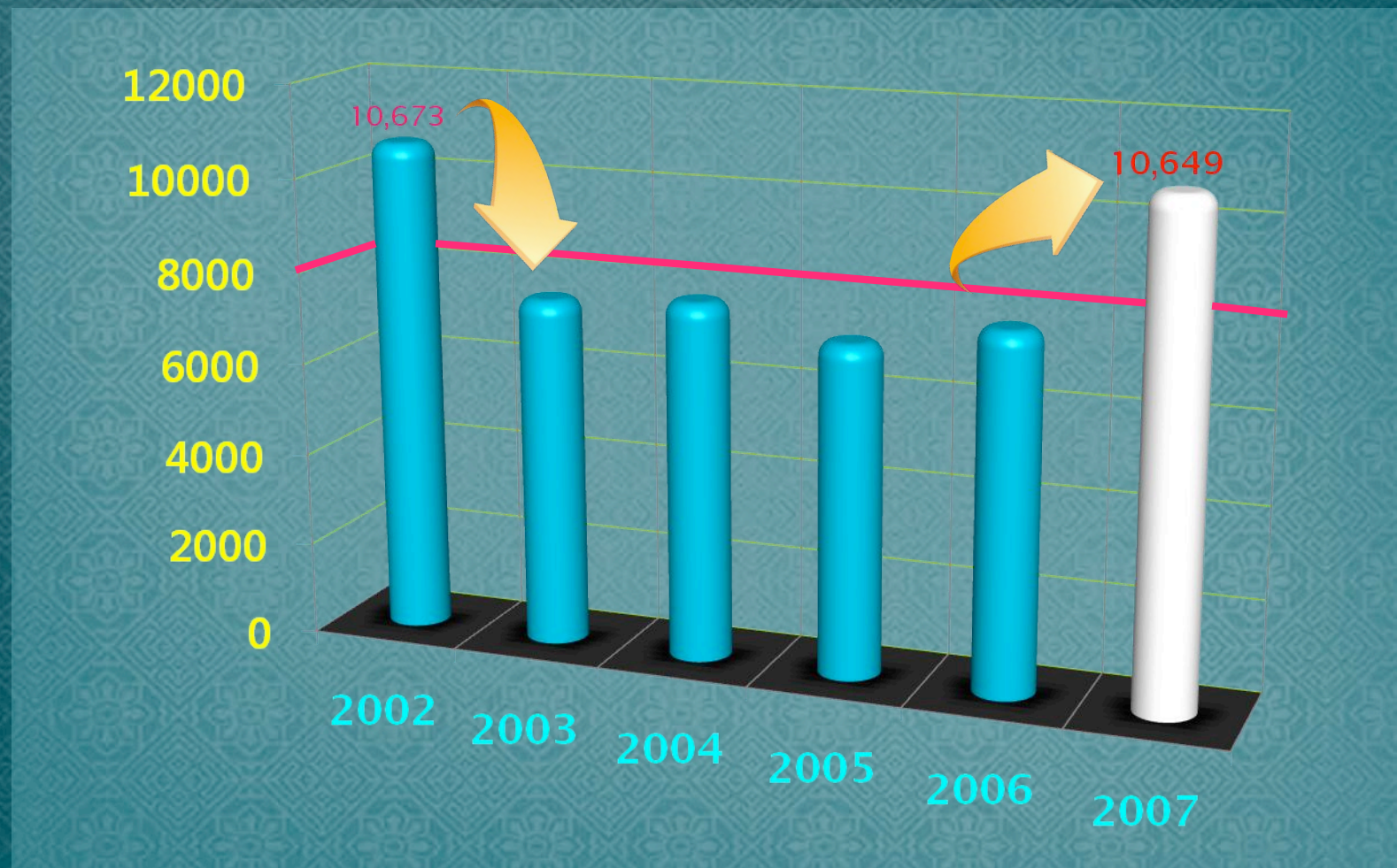


Establishing law enforcement policy and strategy



Coordinating national and international cooperation

Drug-related Offenders since 2002



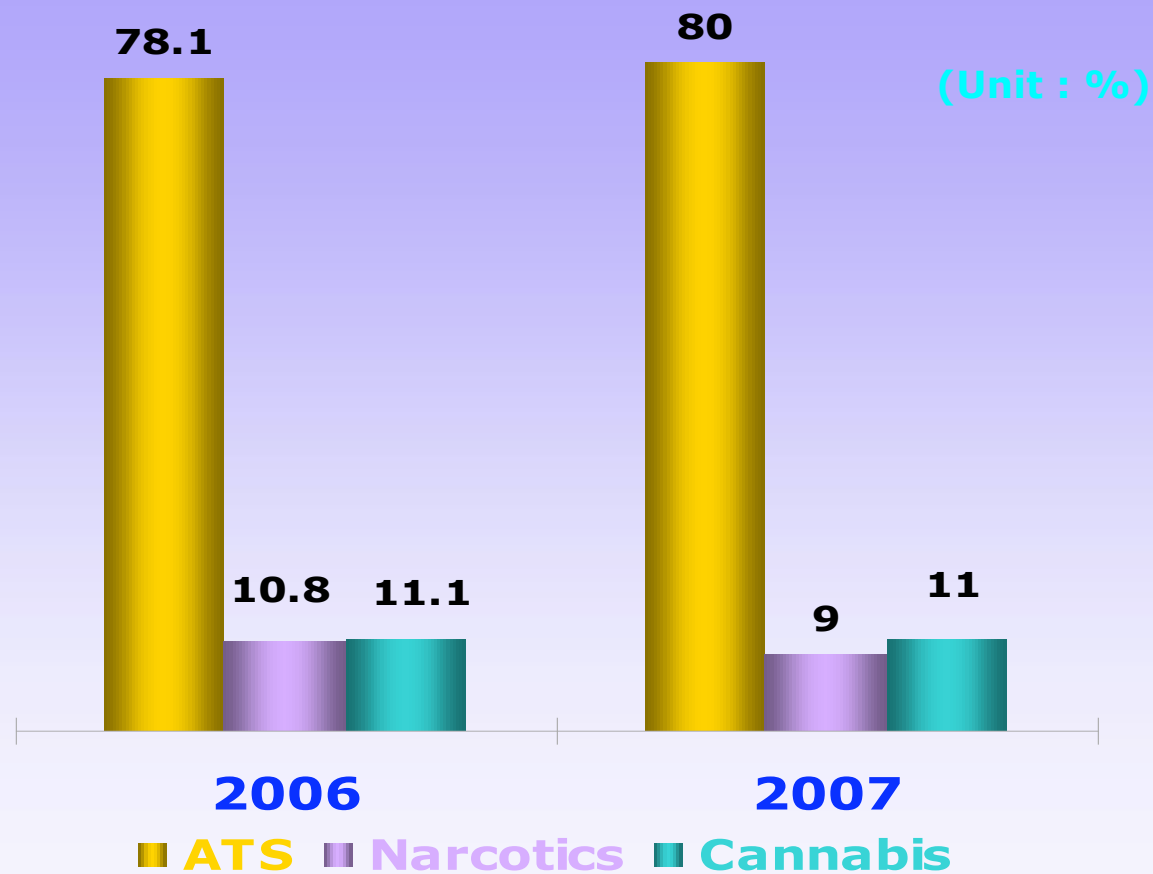
Drug-related Offenders since 2002

Unit : Person

Year Drug Type	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Total	10,673 (5.7)	7,546 (-29.3)	7,747 (2.7)	7,154 (-7.7)	7,709 (7.8)	10,649 (38.1)
ATS	7,918 (-0.5)	4,727 (-40.3)	5,313 (12.4)	5,354 (0.8)	6,006 (12.2)	8,521 (41.8)
Narcotics	790 (19.5)	1,211 (53.3)	1,203 (-0.7)	768 (-36.2)	868 (13.0)	958 (10.2)
Cannabis	1,965 (32.6)	1,608 (-18.2)	1,231 (-23.4)	1,032 (-16.2)	835 (-19.1)	1,170 (40.1)

Breakdown Offenders by Drug Type

Change in Proportion



Drug Seizures in 2006 – 2007

Type \ Year		2006	2007	Variation(%)
Narcotics	Heroin(g)	18	9	-50.5
	Raw Opium(g)	98	137	40
	Cocaine(g)	4,772	79	-98.3
ATS	Methamphetamine(g)	21,543	23,740	10.2
	MDMA(u)	356	18,323	5,046
	LSD(u)	0	0	-
	YABA(u)	0	196	-
Cannabis	Marijuana (g)	20,859	22,202	6.4
	Cannabis resin(g)	158	761	382

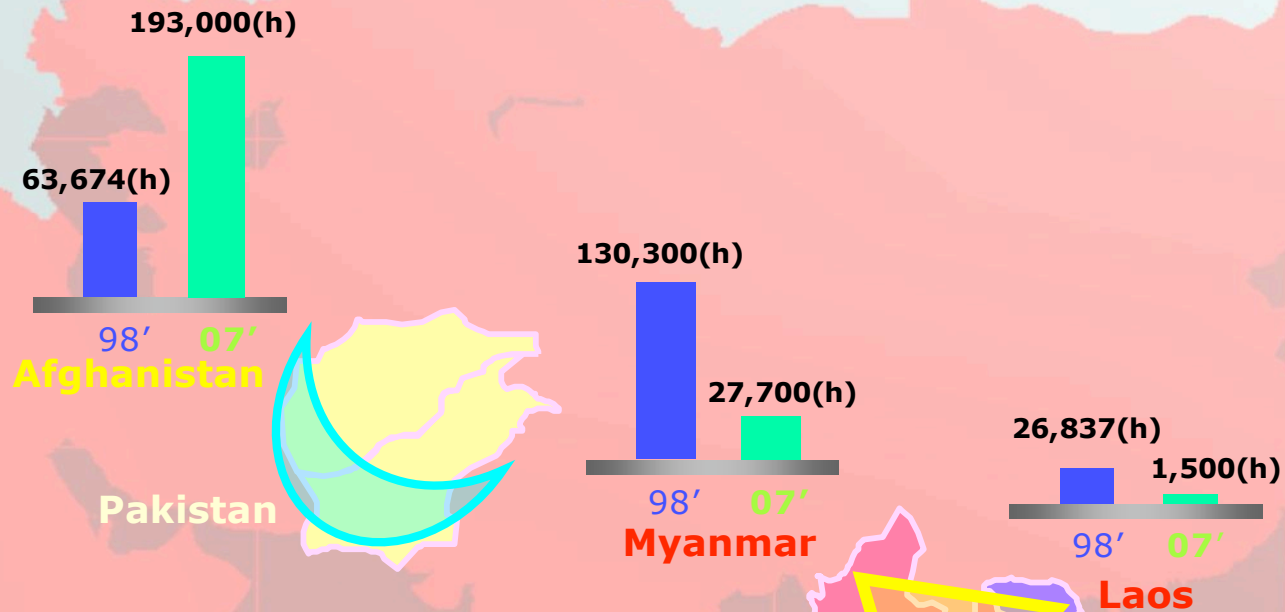
Drug Seizures in 2006 – 2007

- Seizures of widely abused drugs in 2007 showed an upward trend except Cocaine

- Increase of Methamphetamine-related Arrests;

- A surge of Internet-based drug transaction
- A popular transit point for illicit drug trafficking
- Increase of Korean-national Couriers involved in trafficking
- New trend in of S.E Asian Countries
 - Eradicated the Cultivation of Opium
 - Facing increasing manufacture of Methamphetamine

Drug Trend & Change in Major Opium-producing area



→ Since 1998, Myanmar & Laos' Opium cultivation area reduced dramatically by 78%

Emerging Patterns of Abuse in the Region

Country	Methamphetamine		Ecstasy		Heroin		Cannabis	
	Trend	Ranking	Trend	Ranking	Trend	Ranking	Trend	Ranking
Australia ^a	↔	3	↑	2	↔	8	↓	1
Brunei	↑	1	*	*	*	*	↓	2
Cambodia	↑	1	↑	5	↑	3	↔	2
China	↑	3	↑	2	↑	1	↔	7
Indonesia	↑	5	↑	4	↑	6	↑	1
Japan	↔	1	↑	4	↔	5	↑	3
Lao PDR	↑	1	*	*	↑	3	↔	2
Malaysia	↓	4	↑	8	↑	1	↓	3
Myanmar	↑	3	*	*	↓	2	↔	5
Philippines	↔	1	*	*	*	*	↑	2
Singapore	↑	3	↓	6	↓	7	↓	5
Thailand	↓	1	↔	6	↓	8	↓	2
Viet Nam	↑	2	↑	3	↑	1	*	*

Foreign Drug Offenders in KOREA

Type \ Year	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Number of arrestees	86	203	162	116	298
Variation Rate (%)	-2.3	136.0	-21.0	-29.0	157

“Intensified law enforcement”

Since 2004,

Foreign nationals arrested for drug-related offences in Korea increased mainly due to:

- (1) Simplified immigration process to attract more foreign tourists
- (2) Drug trafficking & abuse by illegal immigrants from S.E. Asia and English instructors from English-speaking area such as U.S., Canada and UK.

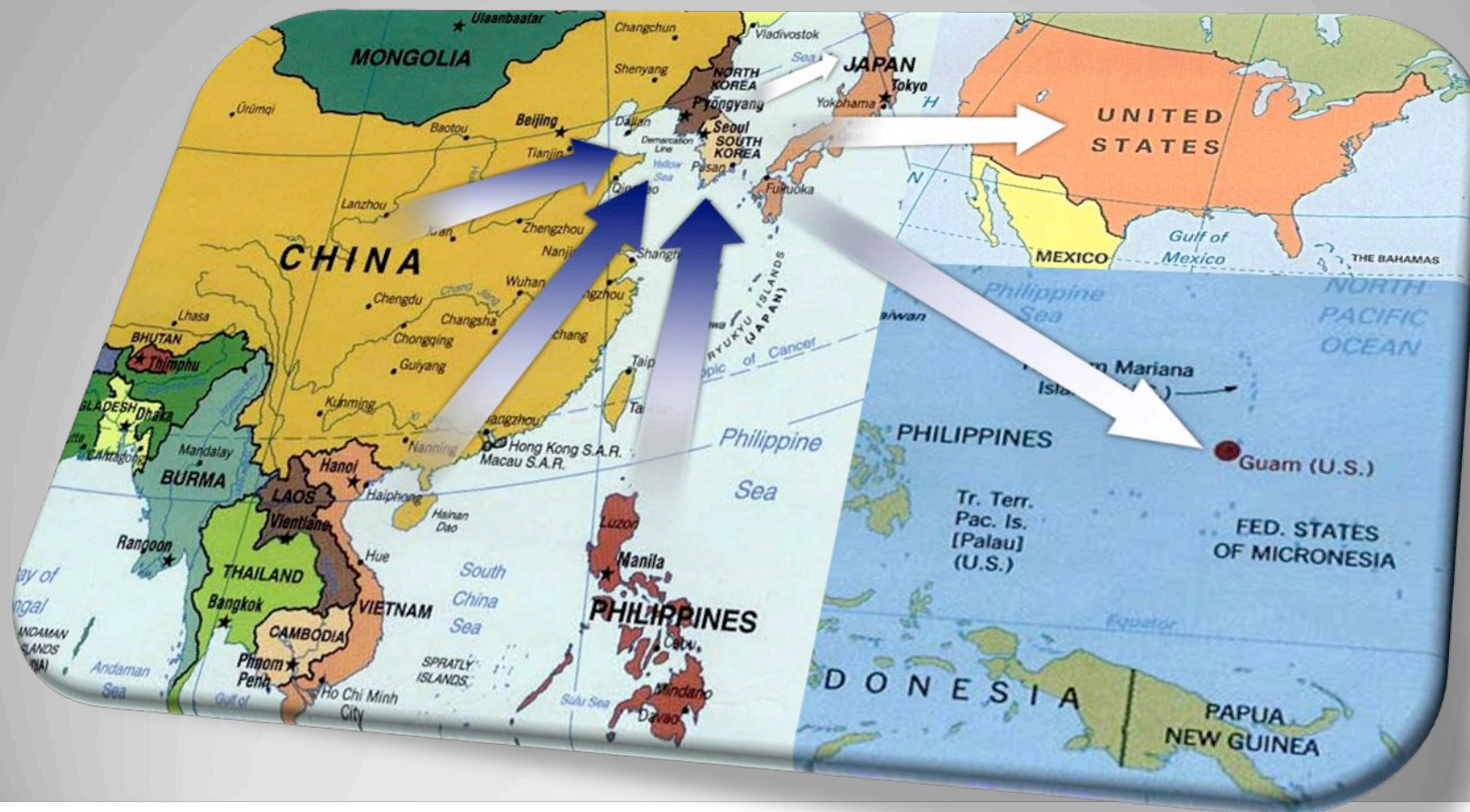
Foreign national Arrestee by Drug Type

(Unit : Person)

DRUG \ YEAR	2004	2005	2006	2007
Cannabis	71	79	59	120
ATS	58	56	41	165
Narcotics	74	27	16	13
TOTAL	203	162	116	298

- Most abused or smuggled drug by foreign population in Korea has been cannabis until 2006 but the number of ATS-related foreign offenders has sharply increased

ATS Trafficking Routes



International Cooperation

ADLOMICO

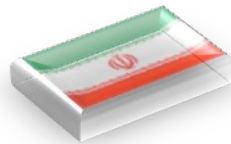
Anti-Drug Liaison Officials' Meeting for International Cooperation



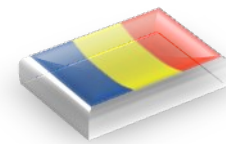
- In 1989, The First ADLOMICO held by Supreme Prosecutors' Office
- Annual Conference with 21 member states and more than 3 international organizations



Australia



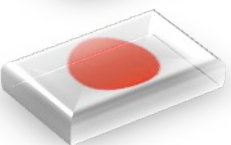
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Romania



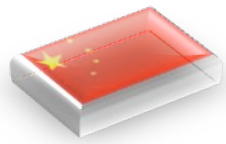
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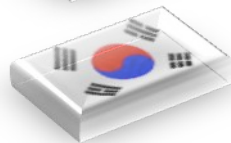
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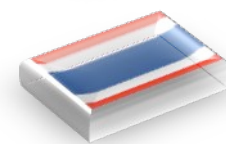
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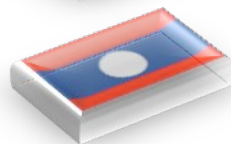
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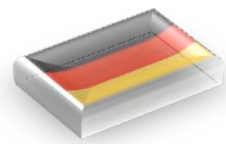
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Lao PDR



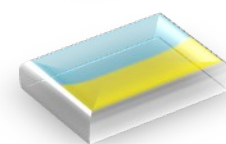
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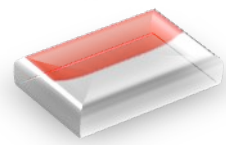
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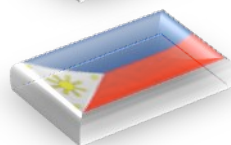
Mexico



U.S.A



India



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Vietnam