

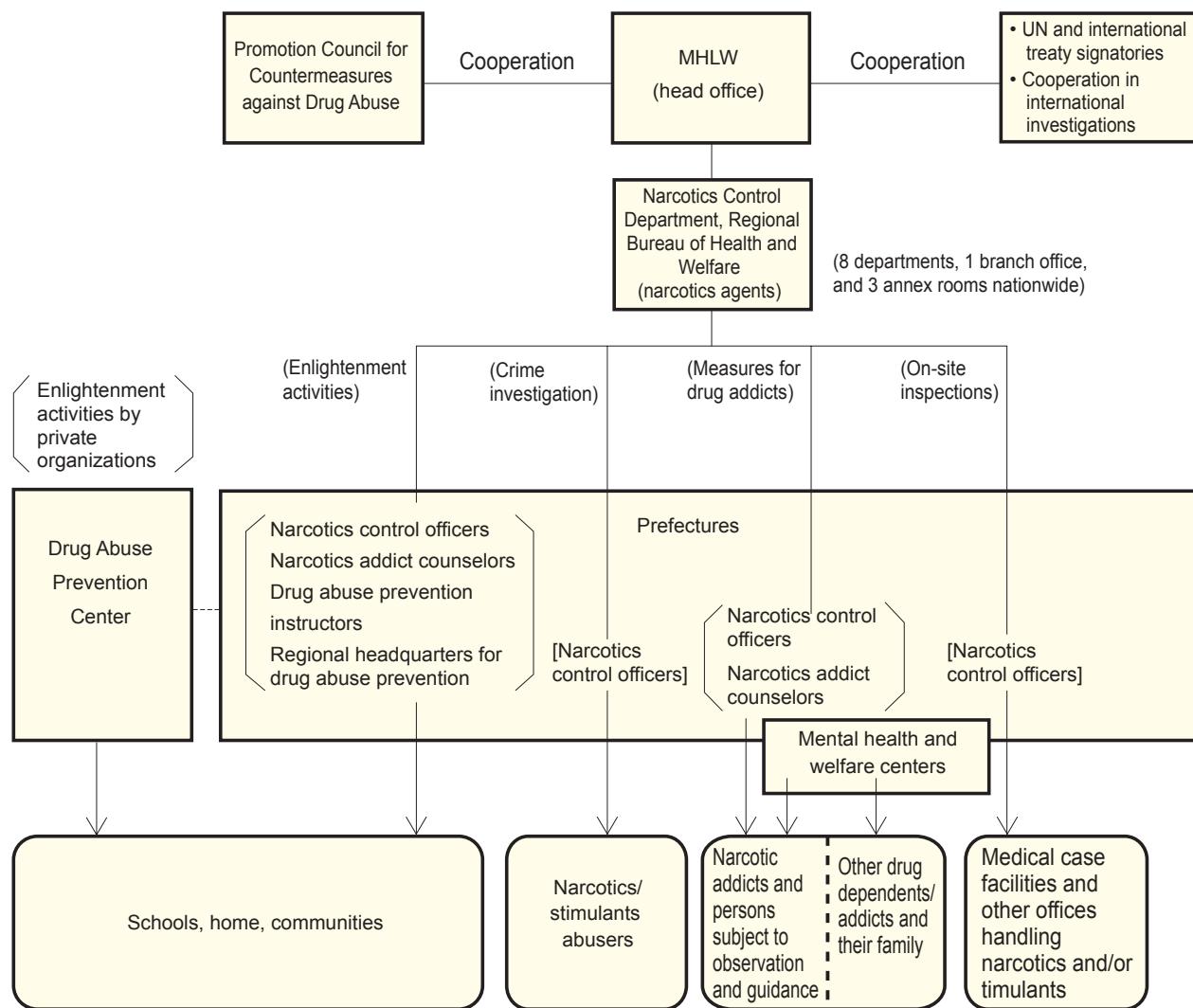
Narcotics Measures

Overview

Recent Situations

- Stimulant offenders account for most of the drug abuse offenders in Japan (approximately 80% of all drug abuse offenders)
- The number of cleared stimulant offenders was 11,873 in 2009
- Cannabis abuse remains at high level

Structural Chart of Countermeasures against Drug Abuse



While narcotics used as analgesics for cancer patients and psychotropic such as hypnotics and antianxiety drugs have important roles in medicine, they can cause significant harm, if illegally abused, not only to the health of abusers but also to the entire society.

Efforts are therefore being made in taking various measures in a comprehensive manner, including stabilizing the supply and demand of medical narcotics and drug abuse countermeasures such as enhanced enlightenment activities, reinforced law enforcement, promotion of re-abuse prevention, and promotion of international cooperation.

