

1 WHAT IS THE LAW? (INTRODUCTION)

Day 1, Law System	Law system pyramid Effect of Law civil law and criminal law administrative law law enforcement	Japanese Law http://www.japaneselawtranslation.go.jp/?re=02 Supreme Court http://www.courts.go.jp/english/ The House of representative http://www.shugiin.go.jp/internet/index.nsf/html/index_e.htm Statistics Bureau http://www.stat.go.jp/english/index.htm
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The purpose of this class is to understand the legal system.

- Q: What is the law?
- Q: How many laws do you know?
- Q: Who make the law?
- Q: What is the principle of the law?

1.1.1 Social norms

Law is a social norm. These social norm is common in biding people's action or behavior. However social norm differs in place, objects, duration, and measures to enforce.

Exercise: Make pair of word and content

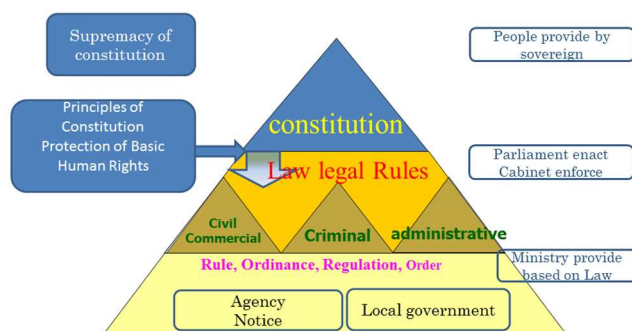
Word list	Content list
(1) Fashion	(a) The system of rules which a particular country or community recognize as regulating the actions of its members and which it may enforce by the imposition of penalties.
(2) Custom	(b) Principles that govern a person's behavior or the conducting of an activity.
(3) Morals	(c) Standards of behavior; principles of right and wrong
(4) Ethics	(d) A popular or the latest style of clothing, hair, decoration, or behavior.
(5) Law	(e) A traditional and widely accepted way of behaving or doing something that is specific to a particular society, place, or time.

Exercise2: Fill blanks

Social Norm	Duration/Area	Enforcement
Fashion		
Custom		
Ethics		
Moral		
Law		

1.1.2 Structure of law system

Law Pyramid



The principles of constitution governs all legal rules.

1.1.3 Public Law & Private Law

Category of Laws

Public Law

Government and person (individual, entrepreneur)
Ex. Constitution, Administrative Law, Criminal Law

Private Law

Person and Person
Ex. Civil Code, Commercial Law

1.1.4 Function of Law

Social Governance Function

To secure people action subject to rules and sanctions.

Activity Promotion Function

To secure expectation of people to act

Dispute Resolution Function

To secure standard to solve dispute and maintaining the court system

Distribution Function

To secure economic activity, social welfare, resource distribution by tax

Exercise3: Discussion about fairness

What is Fairness?

Exercise 4: Make list of legal information source, not Wikipedia (in English) in your country

It is for your research in this course.