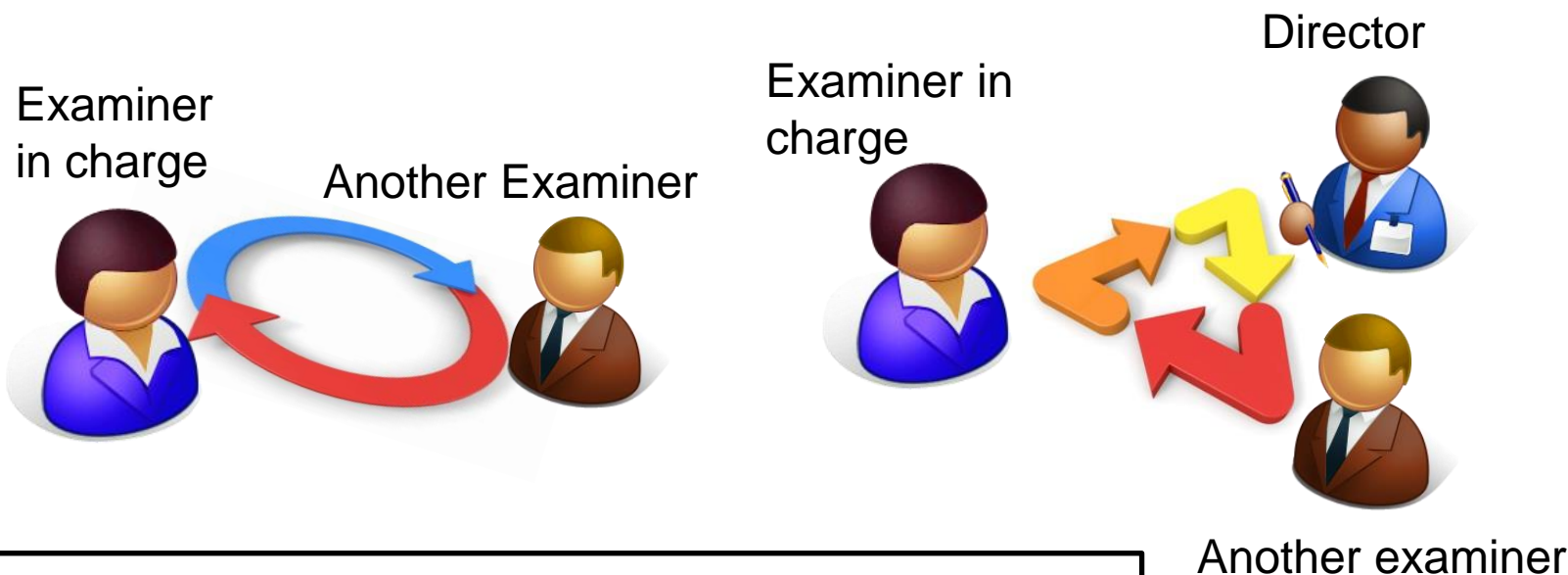


2. Quality Verification and Assurance

2. i. Consultation

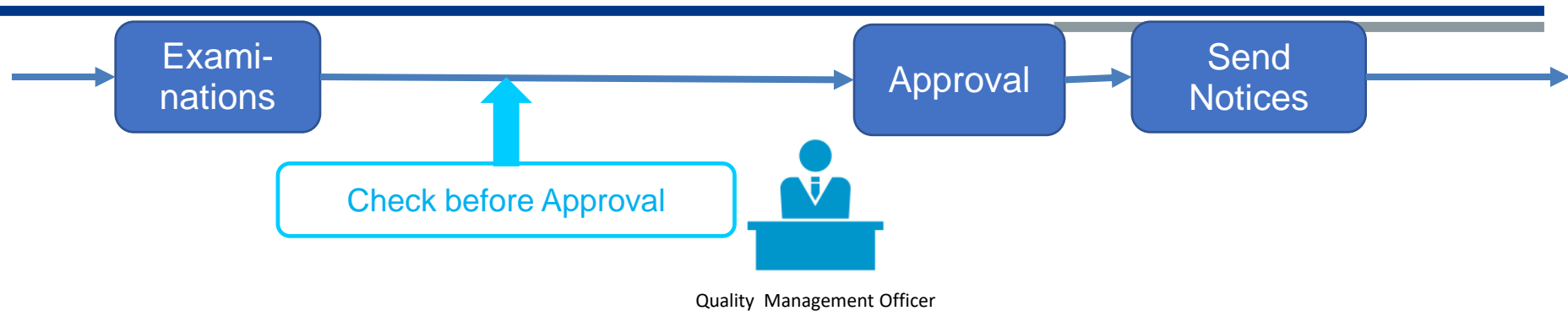
Around 24,000 cases



- Opinion/Knowledge Sharing
- Sharing Expertise in Search
- Reducing Discrepancies in Judgments

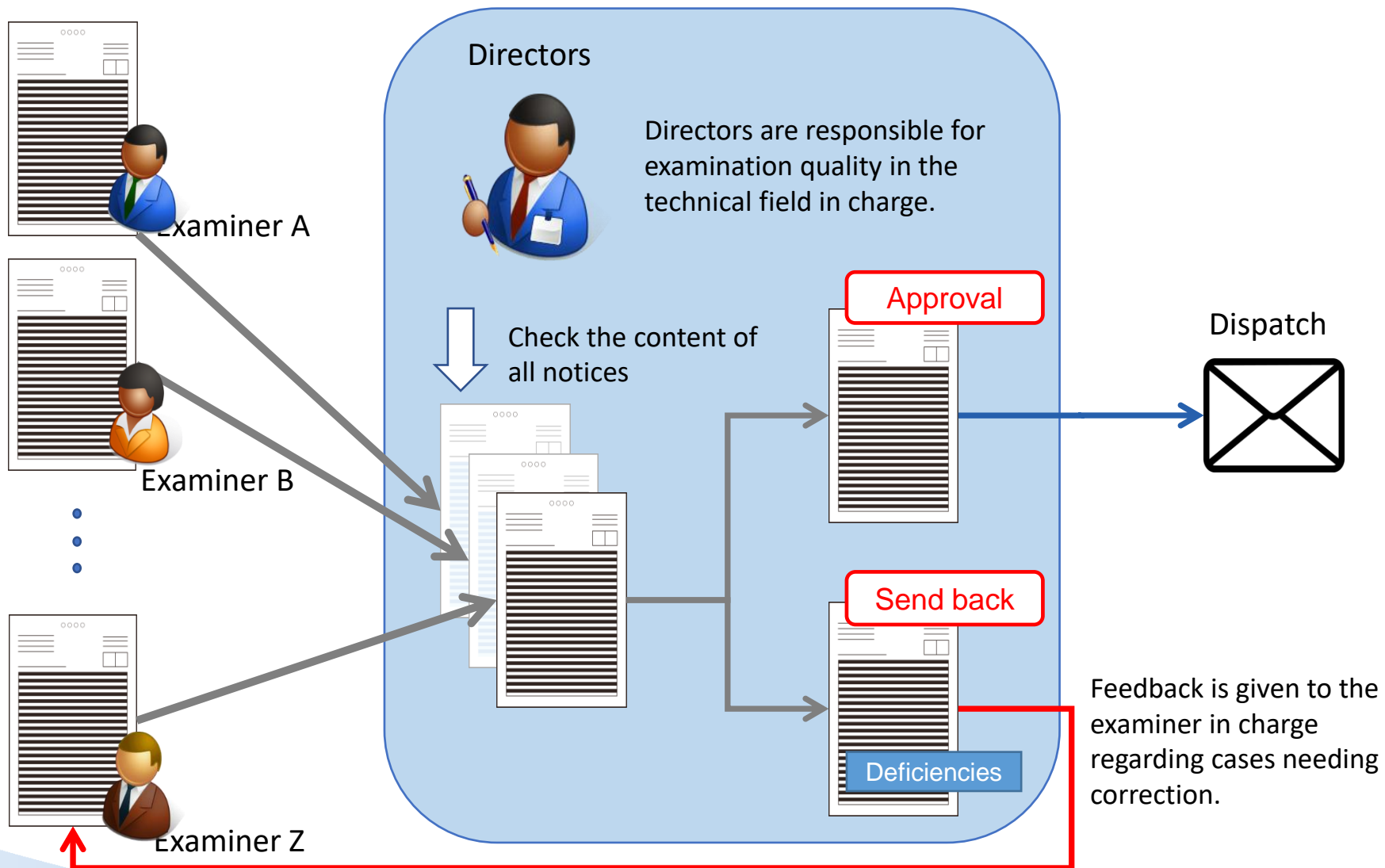
※ Consultations are conducted not only with an examiner / examiners from the same Examination Division, but also with a Director or an examiner / examiners from a different Examination Division.

2. ii. Check before Approval



- Persons responsible for checking: **Quality Management Officers** (Total around 100)
- Number of notices and decisions checked: **2,400** (per year)
- Points to be checked:
 - (a) **validity of searches** conducted by examiners;
 - (b) **validity of judgments** made by examiners;
 - (c) **whether drafting notices** prepared by examiners **are clearly stated** for applicants to easily understand the drafting notices
- Re-searches: Done for some cases
- Ways for checking: Notices and decisions are **selected by Directors in each of the Examination Divisions**

2. iii. Approval



2. iv. Quality Audit

