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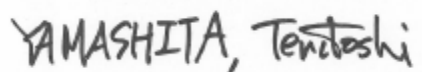
It is my great pleasure and privilege to present this report of the Ninth Regional Seminar on Good Governance for Southeast Asian Countries, which was held in Jakarta, Indonesia from 24–26 November 2015. The Good Governance Seminar was held in Indonesia for the first time, and we were deeply impressed and touched by the warm hospitality afforded to us by our Indonesian hosts.

The main theme of the Seminar was “Current Challenges and Best Practices in the Investigation, Prosecution and Prevention of Corruption Cases—Sharing Experiences and Learning from Actual Cases”. The Seminar was attended by one visiting expert from Hong Kong and 19 criminal justice practitioners who attended from Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Thailand and Viet Nam. The Seminar was co-hosted by UNAFEI, the Corruption Eradication Commission (KPK) and the Attorney General’s Office of the Republic of Indonesia.

The Seminar explored the legal frameworks and techniques for anti-corruption enforcement in the participating countries, particularly in reference to international cooperation, asset recovery, and public–private partnerships to combat and prevent corruption. Through discussion of the issues, participants exchanged knowledge, experiences, effective strategies, and best practices in the field of anti-corruption. In addition, the Seminar enabled the participants to develop personal and professional contacts between anti-corruption authorities and investigators in Southeast Asia.

The discussions during the Seminar emphasized the following lessons, such as the importance of: (1) informal information sharing among anti-corruption authorities, (2) enhancing specialized financial knowledge among investigators and prosecutors to increase the effectiveness of asset recovery, and (3) engaging the private sector and the general public to identify and prevent acts of corruption. The Chair’s Summary, published in this report, details the key findings and conclusions of the Seminar.

It is a pleasure to publish this Report of the Seminar as part of UNAFEI’s mission, entrusted to it by the United Nations, to widely disseminate meaningful information on criminal justice policy. Finally, on behalf of UNAFEI, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the KPK and the Attorney General’s Office of the Republic of Indonesia for their tremendous support in co-hosting the Ninth Regional Seminar.



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