
INTRODUCTORY NOTE

It is with pride that the United Nations Asia and Far East Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (UNAFEI) offers to the international community UNAFEI's Resource Material Series No. 111 under a new title – *Prevention of Crime and Treatment of Offenders*. The new title is intended to emphasize UNAFEI's core mission in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice and to promote the dissemination of criminal justice policies and practices to an expanded readership. This issue contains the Annual Report for 2019 and the work produced in the 174th International Senior Seminar, conducted from 16 January to 14 February 2020. The main theme of the 174th seminar was the *Prevention of Reoffending and Fostering Social Inclusion: From Policy to Good Practice*.

In order to build a safe and inclusive society, it is crucial not only to prevent reoffending but also to facilitate offenders' rehabilitation and reintegration as responsible members of society. The United Nations General Assembly adopted the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), which, among others, promote "peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, . . . access to justice for all and . . . effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels" (Goal 16). Towards the goal of building inclusive societies, it is important for criminal justice authorities to take measures to ensure each offender's rehabilitation and reintegration into society as a law-abiding citizen. These measures should include rehabilitative approaches to sentencing and corrections, conducting assessments of each offender and tailoring treatment to each offender's unique criminogenic needs, and the provision of treatment through multi-stakeholder partnerships and community engagement.

UNAFEI, as one of the institutes of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme Network, held this seminar to explore various issues that relate to reducing reoffending and promoting the reintegration of offenders into society. This issue of the *Resource Material Series*, in regard to the 174th International Senior Seminar, contains papers contributed by visiting experts and selected individual-presentation papers from among the participants. I regret that not all the papers submitted by the participants of the seminar could be published.

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