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## INTRODUCTORY NOTE

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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 this issue of *Prevention of Crime and Treatment of Offenders*, UNAFEI's Resource Material Series No. 112. Due to the global impact of the Covid-19 pandemic and the severe restrictions on international travel, it was necessary to postpone all our international training courses and seminars scheduled in Fiscal Year 2020. However, I am pleased to report that, as of the date of this publication, we have resumed our international training programmes, beginning with the 23rd UNAFEI UNCAC Training Programme, which is being held exclusively online from September to October 2021.

In lieu of publishing papers and reports from our international training programmes, this issue contains the Annual Report for 2020 and papers presented by UNAFEI staff members at the 12th Annual Meeting of the Asian Criminological Society. These papers reflect on the outcome of Workshop 2 of the 14th United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, which was held in Kyoto, Japan, in March 2021. Workshop 2 addressed the theme of "Reducing reoffending: identifying risks and developing solutions", and UNAFEI, as the UN Programme Network Institute in the host country, took the lead in organizing the workshop in close cooperation with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime.

In looking back at the outcome of Workshop 2, we have also taken the opportunity to reflect on UNAFEI's activities over the past decade to establish rehabilitative environments in Southeast Asia and to explore the links between the fields of sustainable development and crime prevention and criminal justice. These reflections have offered unique perspectives on the preparation of the new Model Strategies on Reducing Reoffending – proposed UN standards and norms in crime prevention and criminal justice that are currently in the drafting stage. I hope our readers find Resource Material Series No. 112 informative and thought provoking.

I would like to pay tribute to the contributions of the Government of Japan, particularly the Ministry of Justice, the Japan International Cooperation Agency and the Asia Crime Prevention Foundation, for providing indispensable and unwavering support to UNAFEI's international training programmes and other activities.

Finally, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to all who so unselfishly assisted in the publication of this series.

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