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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. 115. After holding training courses online for two and a half years due to the Covid-19 pandemic, I am particularly pleased to inform you that, with the exception of the 179th International Training Course, all the other programmes covered in this issue took place in person in Tokyo, Japan.

On 22 October 2022, UNAFEI and the Asia Crime Prevention Foundation (ACPF) commemorated their 60th and 40th anniversaries, respectively, by hosting a symposium at the Ministry of Justice of Japan. The theme of the event was "Creating Inclusive Societies: Approaches to Reducing Reoffending". This issue contains the presentation papers of two of the lecturers and esteemed UNAFEI alumni: Dr. Matti Joutsen (Special Advisor, Thailand Institute of Justice) and Mr. Severino H. Gaña Jr. (International Director, ACPF).

This issue also contains the work product of the 179th International Training Course, on "Juvenile Justice and Beyond – Effective Measures for the Rehabilitation of Juveniles in Conflict with the Law and Young Adult Offenders", and the 24th UNAFEI UNCAC Training Programme on "Identifying, Tracing, Freezing, Seizing, Confiscating and Recovering Proceeds of Corruption: Challenges and Solutions". Both of these programmes were held to promote Goal 16 of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, which underscores the importance of governance and the rule of law in promoting peaceful, just and inclusive societies.

Also included is the Chair's Summary of UNAFEI's Event on Reducing Reoffending with PNI Experts, which was held at UNAFEI from 18 to 21 October 2022. The meeting addressed the theme of "Enhancing Technical Assistance to Reduce Reoffending and Promote an Inclusive Society".

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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