
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 this issue of *Prevention of Crime and Treatment of Offenders*, UNAFEI's Resource Material Series No. 116.

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