
INTRODUCTORY NOTE

It is with pride that the Asia and Far East Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (UNAFEI) offers to the international community the Resource Material Series No. 55.

This contains the Annual Report for 1998, the work produced in two UNAFEI international training programmes: the 110th International Training Course (conducted from 31 August to 20 November 1998) and the 111th International Seminar (conducted from 18 January to 19 February 1999). Specifically, papers contributed by visiting experts, selected country reports from among Course and Seminar participants, and reports of the Course and Seminar are published.

I regret that not all the papers submitted by the Course and Seminar participants could be published. Also, I must request the understanding of the selected authors for not having sufficient time to refer the manuscripts back to them before publication

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