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## INTRODUCTORY NOTE

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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 Resource Material Series No. 61.

This volume contains the Annual Report for 2002 and the work produced in the 121<sup>st</sup> International Training Course that was conducted from 20 May to 12 July 2002. The main theme of this Course was, “Enhancement of Community-Based Alternatives to Incarceration at all Stages of the Criminal Justice Process.”

The 121<sup>st</sup> International Training Course considered community-based alternatives to incarceration, in particular ways in which they could be implemented or improved. The Vienna Declaration on Crime and Justice adopted by the Tenth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders stressed the importance of such alternatives; and was followed up by the United Nations Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice. It was hoped that the lack of success that most states had experienced in this regard could be studied and solutions found. Participants accomplished this primarily through comparative analysis of the current situation, the problems encountered, and an examination of the availability and utilization of such alternatives. At the end of the Training Course the participants were in a position to fully appreciate such alternatives to imprisonment and hopefully implement what they had learnt in their respective countries.

In this issue, papers contributed by visiting experts, selected individual presentation papers from among the Course participants, and the reports of the Course are published. I regret that not all the papers submitted by the Course 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.

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

Finally, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to all who so unselfishly assisted in the publication of this series; in particular the editor of Resource Material Series No. 61, Mr. Simon Cornell (Linguistic Adviser) who so tirelessly dedicated himself to this series.

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