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Greetings to all of the UNAFEI family,

I succeeded Mr. Sasaki as Director of UNAFEI on 5 August, and am very pleased to join an institute which has been contributing to the development of criminal justice systems and mutual co-operation in the Asia-Pacific region, and indeed further afield, for the last fifty years.

For the last thirty years, I have served the Ministry of Justice of Japan as a prosecuting attorney and a government lawyer. Through my professional experience, I am all too aware of the increase in types of crimes which can only be tackled by a concerted global response, not merely the efforts of individual nations.



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Director of UNAFEI

Given this increase, I believe that UNAFEI should play an even greater role in worldwide crime prevention in the coming decades. I have no doubt that its first half-century of experience will be a firm foundation for the challenges ahead, and I am determined to make every effort during my Directorship to build on that foundation.

I very much look forward to sharing and exchanging experiences and ideas with UNAFEI's future participants and its existing network of alumni and friends around the world.

Warm regards,

Tatsuya Sakuma  
Director, UNAFEI