

CCPCJ THEMATIC DISCUSSIONS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE KYOTO DECLARATION

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Discussion 1



Short Presentation

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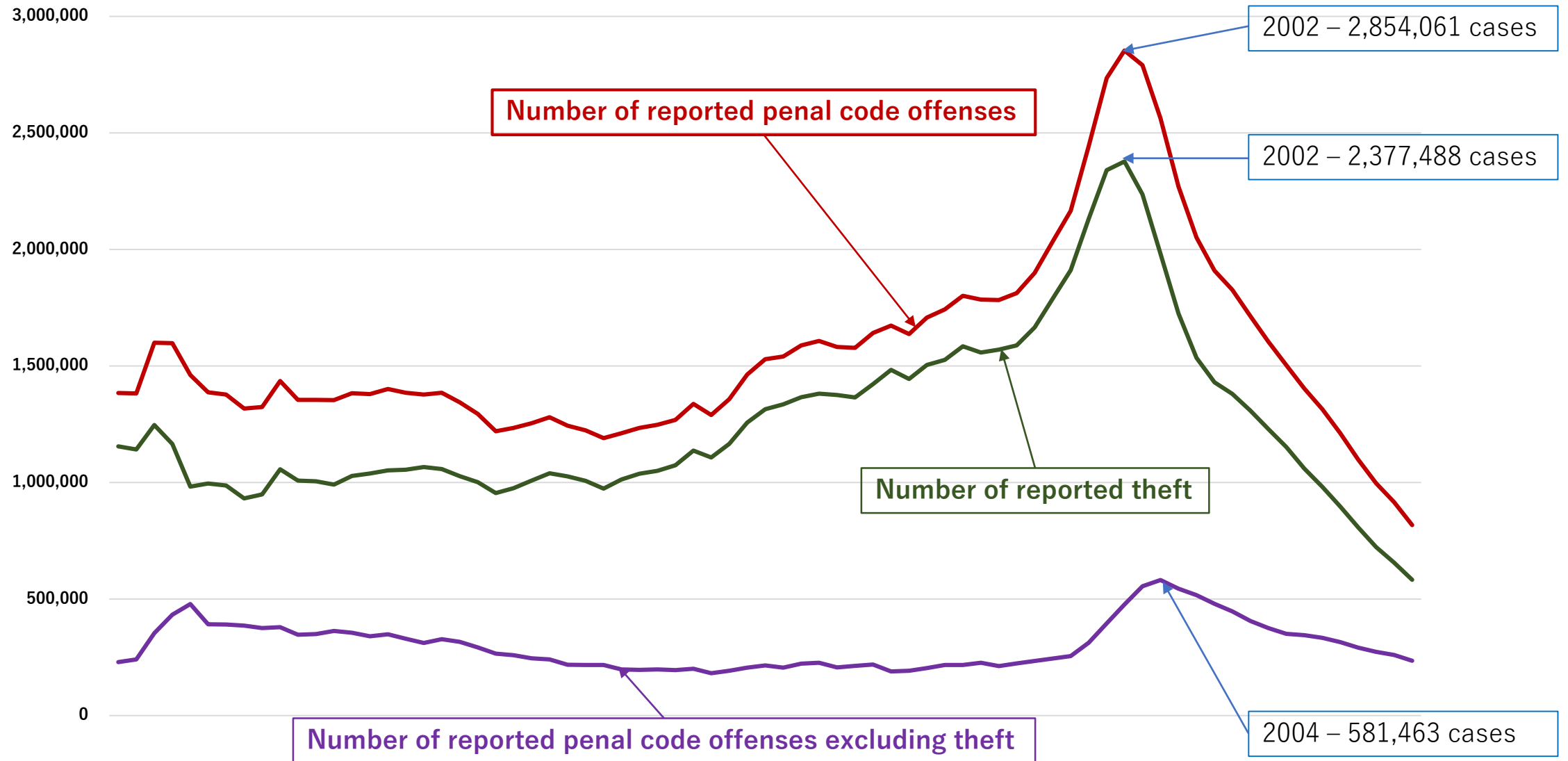
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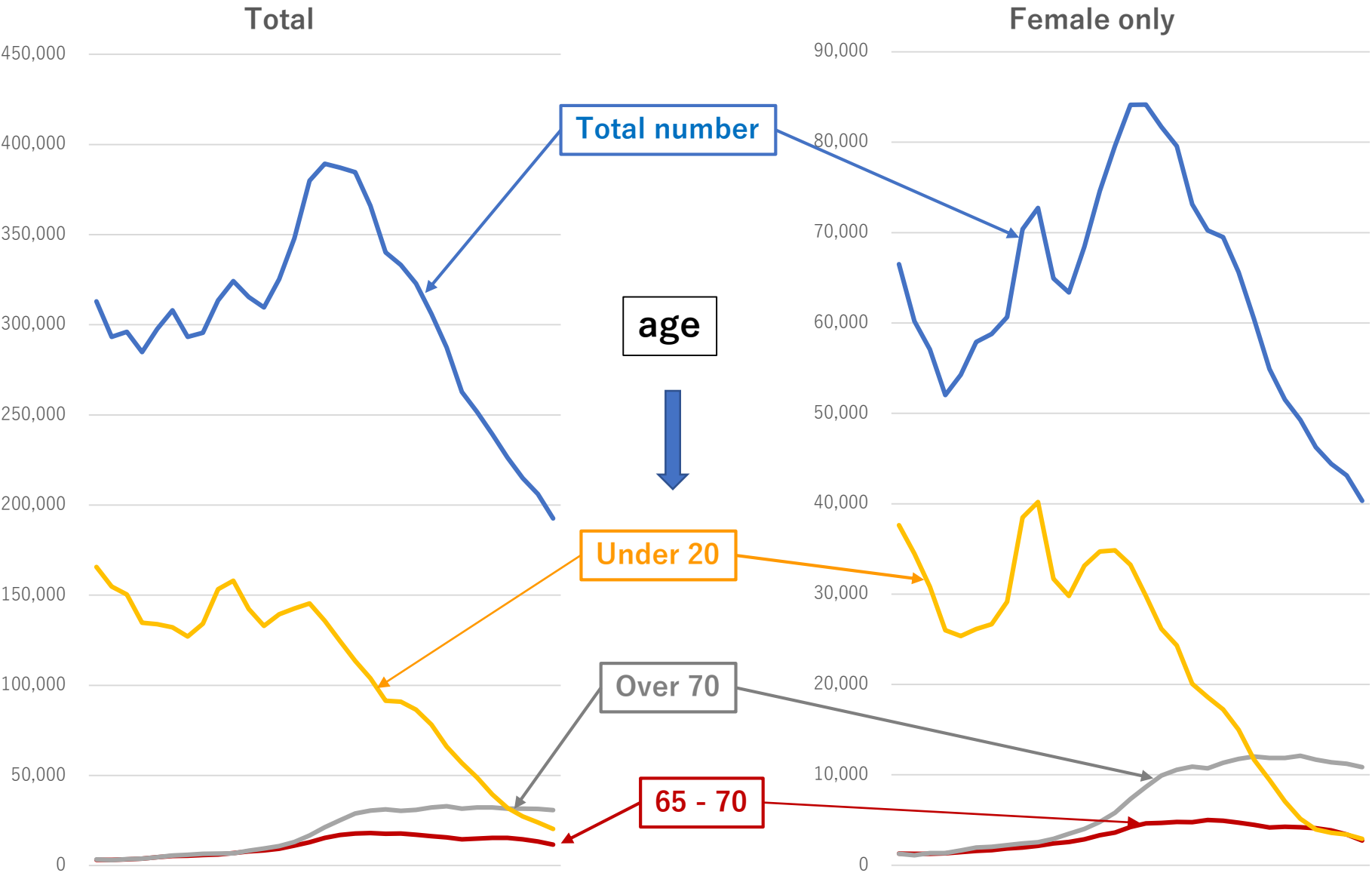
- Addressing the causes, including the root causes, of crime
- Evidence-based crime prevention
- Tailor-made crime prevention strategies



Transition of crimes in Japan 1946-2018 (penal code offenses only)



Number of Persons Who Committed Penal Code Offenses 1989 - 2019



Ratio of elderly offenders (age: over 65)

total
1989 - 2.1%
↓
2019 - 22.0%

female only
1989 - 3.8%
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2019 - 33.7%

Strategic Plans and Actions of the Japanese Government

- 2002 Crime rate reaching record high
- 2003 Inception of the Ministerial Commission on Crime Control
Action Plan for the Realization of a Crime-resistant Society – Revival of *“Japan, the Safest Country in the World”*
Three pillars: “building of a social environment in which crime cannot be easily committed”, “prevention of juvenile offenses with the involvement of the entire society”, and “building of infrastructure for restoring security”
- 2007 *“White Paper on Crime”* reveals that approx. 60% of crimes are committed by reoffenders who amount to approx. 30% of all offenders.
- 2008 2008 Action Plan for the Realization of a Crime-resistant Society – Revival of *“Japan, the Safest Country in the World”*
- 2010 Establishment of the Working Team on Measures for the Prevention of Recidivism (chaired by the Deputy Chief Cabinet Secretary)
- 2011 Temporary Actions for the Prevention of Recidivism by Ex-prisoners
- 2012 Comprehensive Measures to Prevent Recidivism (setting the target at more than 20% decrease of the number of offenders returning to prison within two years from previous release by the year 2022)
- 2013 Strategy for Building *“Japan, the Safest Country in the World”*
- 2014 Declaration: *“No Returning to Crime, No Facilitating Other's Return to Crime—We Will Work Toward a Bright Future in a Society Where We All Support”*
- 2016 Emergency Measures to Prevent Recidivism by Persons with Drug Dependencies, Elderly Offenders and Others –
Establishment of a Long-Term Support Network to Facilitate Rehabilitation
Act for the Prevention of Recidivism (Act No. 104 of December 14, 2016)
Establishment of the Conference for Recidivism Prevention (chaired by the Minister of Justice) as a subordinate body to the Ministerial Commission on Crime Control took over the tasks of the Working Team on Measures for the Prevention of Reoffending
- 2017 **Recidivism Prevention Plan (pursuant to Article 7 of the Act)**

2017 Recidivism Prevention Plan – initiatives to be taken *(extract from the table of contents of the Plan)*

Section 1 Indicators for Initiatives to Prevent Recidivism

Section 2 Efforts to Secure Employment and Housing; Related Efforts (Re: Articles 12, 14, 15, 16 and 21 of the Prevention Act)

Section 3 Efforts to Facilitate the Use of Health, Medical, and Welfare Services; Related Efforts (Re: Articles 17 and 21 of the Prevention Act)

Section 4 Efforts to Implement Educational Support in Cooperation with Schools and Others; Related Efforts (Re: Articles 11 and 13 of the Prevention Act)

Section 5 Efforts to Implement Effective Guidance That Is Tailored to the Individual Attributes of Persons Who Have Committed Offenses; Related Efforts (Re: Articles 11, 13 and 21 of the Prevention Act)

Section 6 Efforts to Facilitate the Activities of Cooperating Members of the Private Sector and to Advance Public Relations and Awareness-Raising Activities (Re: Articles 5, 22, 23 and 24 of the Prevention Act)

Section 7 Efforts to Strengthen Collaboration with Local Governments; Related Efforts (Re: Articles 5, 8 and 24 of the Prevention Act)

Section 8 Efforts to Develop the Personnel and Physical Systems of the Relevant Organizations; Related Efforts (Re: Articles 18 and 19 of the Prevention Act)

Full texts of the 2016 Act for the Prevention of Recidivism and the 2017 Recidivism Prevention Plan (English translation) are available at:

<http://www.japaneselawtranslation.go.jp/law/detail/?ft=1&re=2&dn=1&x=53&y=21&co=01&ia=03&ja=04&ky=recidivism&page=1>

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