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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 the Resource Material Series No. 56.

This volume contains the work produced in two UNAFEI international training programmes: the 112th International Training Course (conducted from 12 April to 2 July 1999) and the 113th International Training Course (conducted from 30 August to 18 November 1999). The main themes of these courses were “Participation of the Public and Victims for More Fair and Effective Criminal Justice Administration”, and “The Effective Administration of Criminal Justice for the Prevention of Corrupt Activities by Public Officials”, respectively.

As an affiliated regional institute of the United Nations, UNAFEI has paid utmost attention to the priority themes identified by the UN Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice. Moreover, UNAFEI has been taking up these issues as the main themes and topics for its training courses and seminars. The above-mentioned themes of the 112th and 113th International Training Courses were decided under such a consideration. Community involvement in crime prevention, as well as accountability and fairness for offenders and victims in the criminal justice process, were substantive agenda items and workshop topics at the Tenth United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders, which was held in Vienna from 10 to 17 April 2000. The 112th UNAFEI Course explored measures to enhance the participation of the public and victims for more fair and effective criminal justice administration in the participating countries. Similarly, combating corruption was also one of the workshop topics at the Tenth United Nations Congress. In light of the fact that corruption is becoming transnational in character, and it is a primary tool of organized crime, participants of the 113th Course introduced their countries’ experiences regarding corruption, analyzed the causes and dynamics of corruption, and sought concrete measures for its eradication.

In this issue, papers contributed by visiting experts, selected individual presentation papers from among Course participants, and reports of each

Course are published. I regret that not all the papers submitted by 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 to the Asia Crime Prevention Foundation for providing indispensable and unwavering support to the UNAFEI 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 editors of Resource Material Series No. 56, Mr. Hiroshi Iitsuka (Chief of Training Division) and Ms. Rebecca Findlay-Debeck (Linguistic Adviser), who so tirelessly dedicated themselves to this series.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mikinao Kitada', written in a cursive style.

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