CCPCJ THEMATIC DISCUSSIONS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE KYOTO DECLARATION
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Discussion 1

Short Presentation
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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 reported theft

2002 – 2,377,488 cases

Number of reported penal code offenses excluding theft

2004 – 581,463 cases

Number of reported penal code offenses

2002 – 2,854,061 cases
Number of Persons Who Committed Penal Code Offenses 1989 - 2019

Total number of offenders over 65:
- 1989: 2.1%
- 2019: 22.0%

Female only:
- 1989: 3.8%
- 2019: 33.7%
Strategic Plans and Actions of the Japanese Government

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<td>2002</td>
<td>Crime rate reaching record high</td>
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<td>2003</td>
<td>Inception of the Ministerial Commission on Crime Control</td>
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<td>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”</td>
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<td>2007</td>
<td>“White Paper on Crime” reveals that approx. 60% of crimes are committed by reoffenders who amount to approx. 30% of all offenders.</td>
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<td>2010</td>
<td>Establishment of the Working Team on Measures for the Prevention of Recidivism (chaired by the Deputy Chief Cabinet Secretary)</td>
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<td>Temporary Actions for the Prevention of Recidivism by Ex-prisoners</td>
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<td>2012</td>
<td>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)</td>
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<td>Strategy for Building “Japan, the Safest Country in the World”</td>
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<td>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”</td>
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<td>Emergency Measures to Prevent Recidivism by Persons with Drug Dependencies, Elderly Offenders and Others – Establishment of a Long-Term Support Network to Facilitate Rehabilitation</td>
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<td>Act for the Prevention of Recidivism (Act No. 104 of December 14, 2016)</td>
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<td>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</td>
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<td>2017</td>
<td>Recidivism Prevention Plan (pursuant to Article 7 of the Act)</td>
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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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