

The Meaning, Value, and Possibility of Self-reliance Preparation Home (SPH)

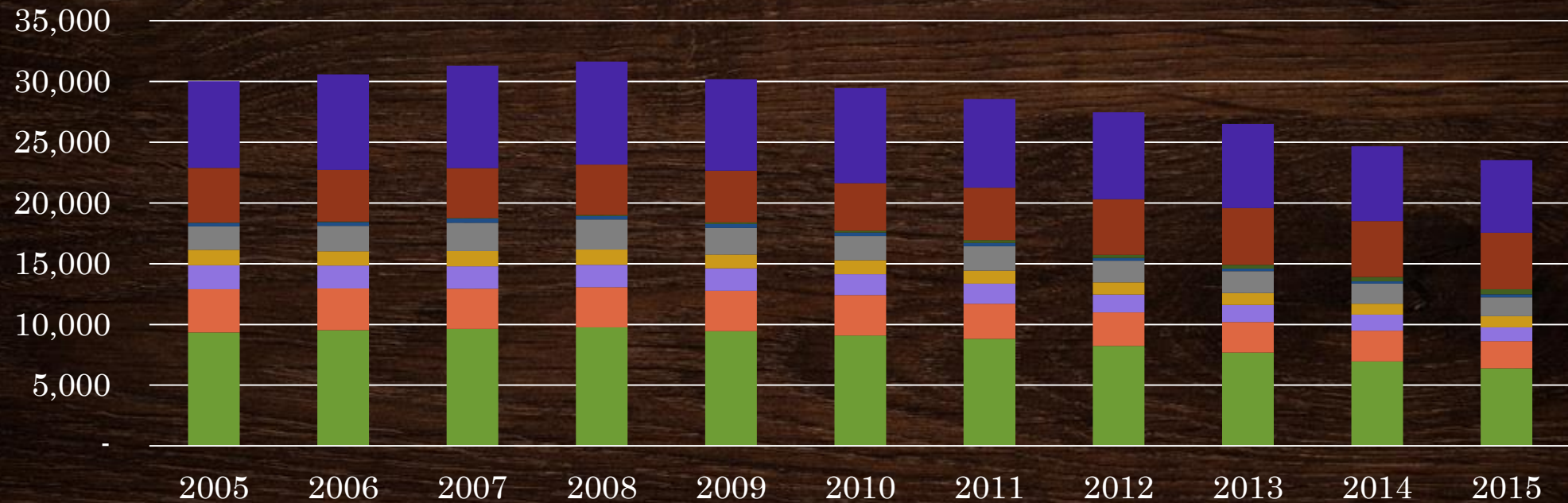
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Importance of Residential Places for the Released People

- The people released from prisons often lack residential places
 - Difficult to resettle and rehabilitate
 - Need address to receive social aids
 - Need some money for apartment rental
 - Some workplace having dormitory house, but employment needs job interviews
- The released people having no places for reentry
 - A bit lower than 6000–8000 per year

Reentry places for the people released from prisons



- parents
- brothers/sisters
- acquaintances
- social welfare facilities
- others
- spouses
- other relatives
- employers
- offender rehabilitation facilities

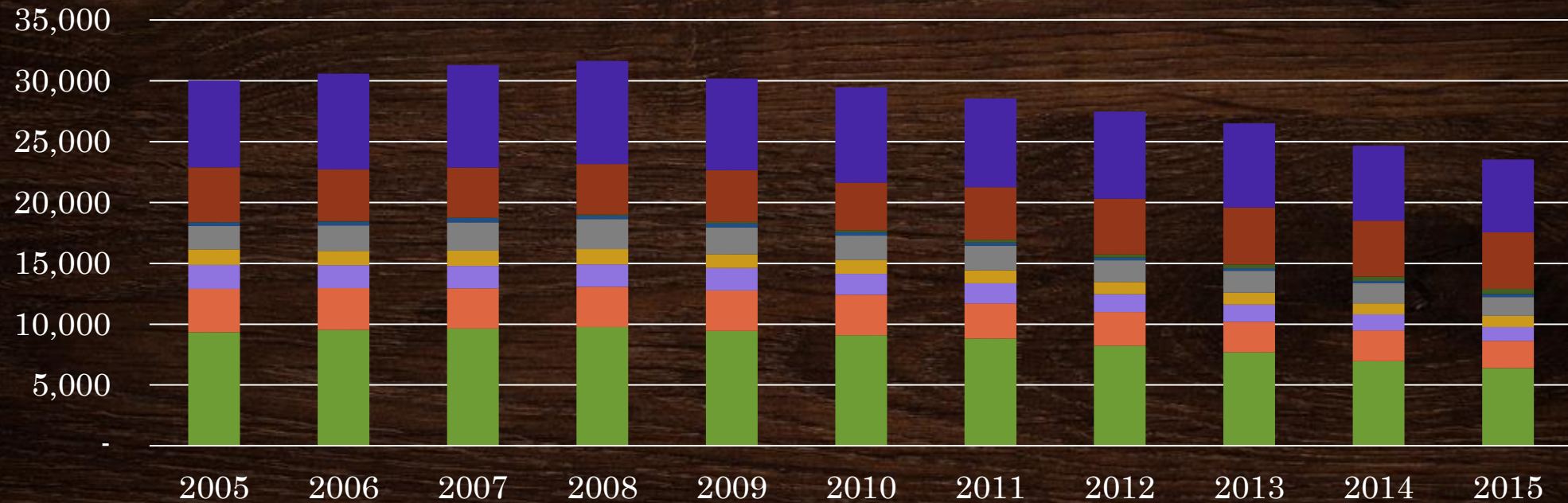
Offender Rehabilitation Facilities (ORF)

- Long tradition since 19 century
- Temporary residential facilities specific to the people released from prisons and the people diverted from the criminal justice system
 - Principle residential period is less than 6 months
- Run by private corporation
- Probation offices pay expenses for commission to ORF, according to the number of receiving the released etc.
- Characteristics of living condition
 - Residents often have individual rooms, but live in a group
 - Sometimes strict rules
 - Recently, offender treatment programs such as SST, drug treatment

Limitations of ORF

- Limitation of capacity
 - About 2300
 - The number of residents in ORF is stable in spite of rise and fall of the released
- Many local prefectures have only one ORF
- Limited number of ORF for females and juveniles
- Leaving without permission because of personal relation troubles in ORF
- Difficulty of newly opening ORF
 - Possible opposition movement to the released people living together near local community
- Recently ORF preferentially receiving the parolees
- Sometimes restrictions for who ORF receive
 - Only the people adaptable to group living
 - Not giving fear to local residents: to receive sexual or arson offenders may be difficult

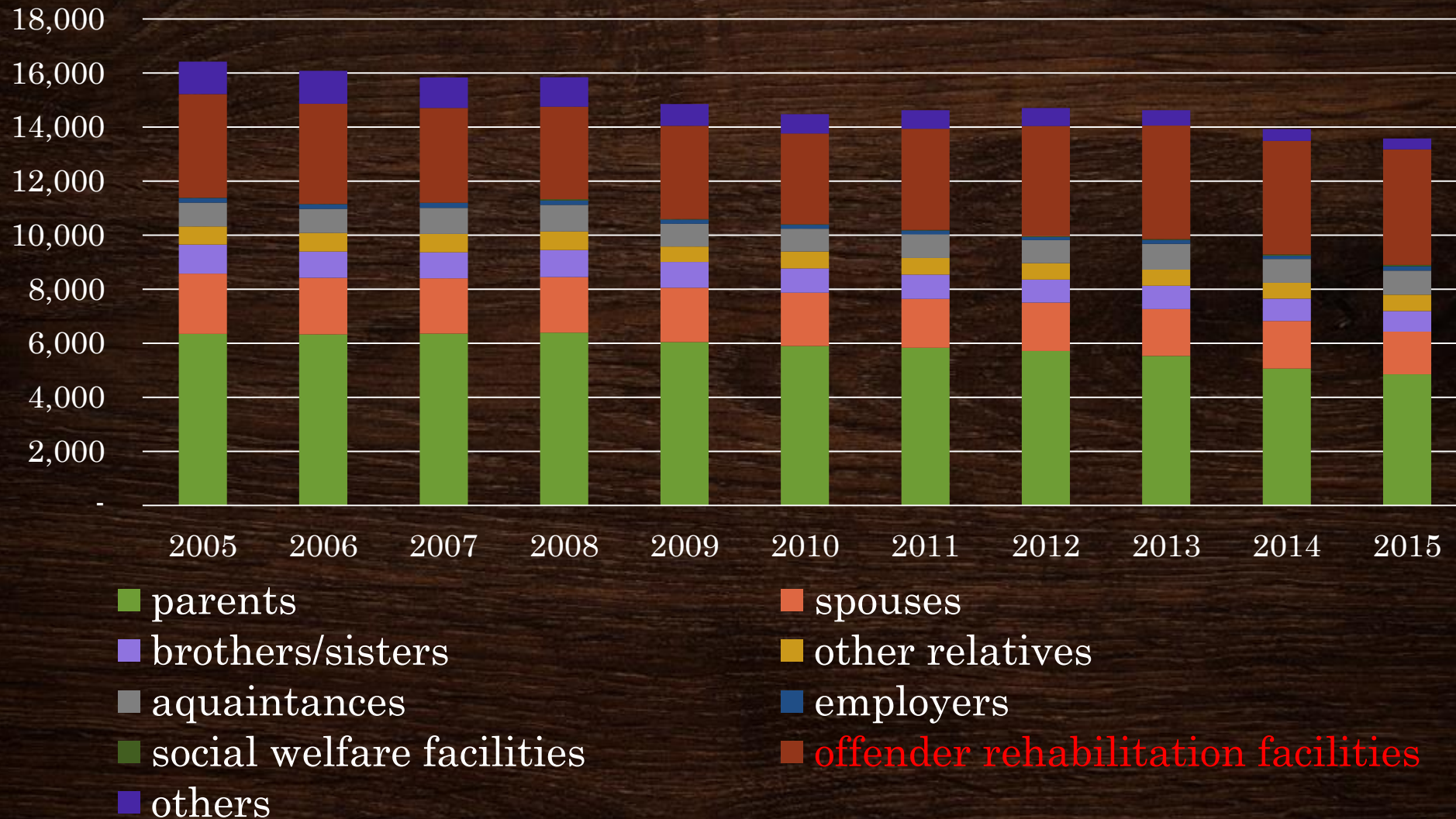
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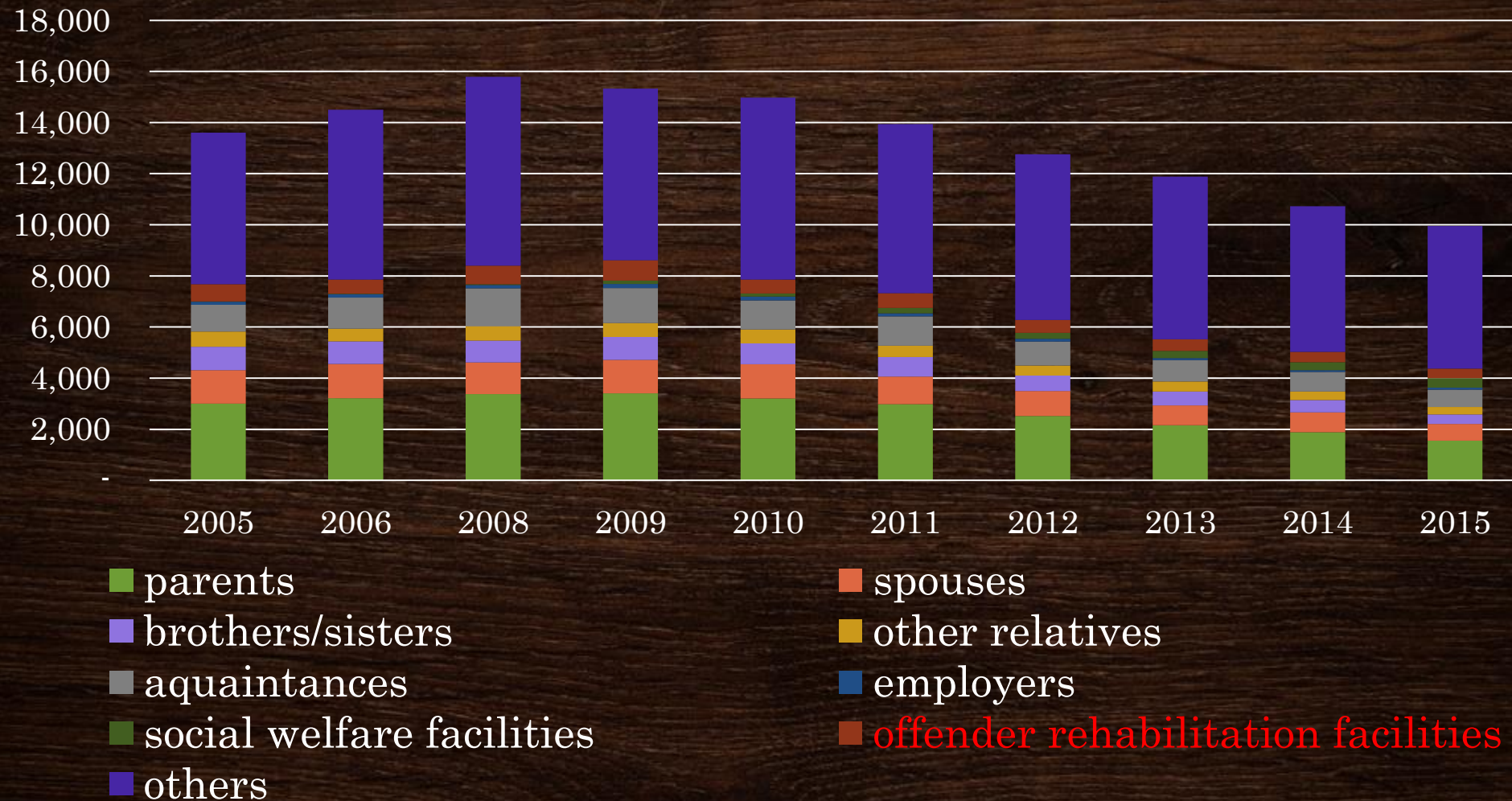
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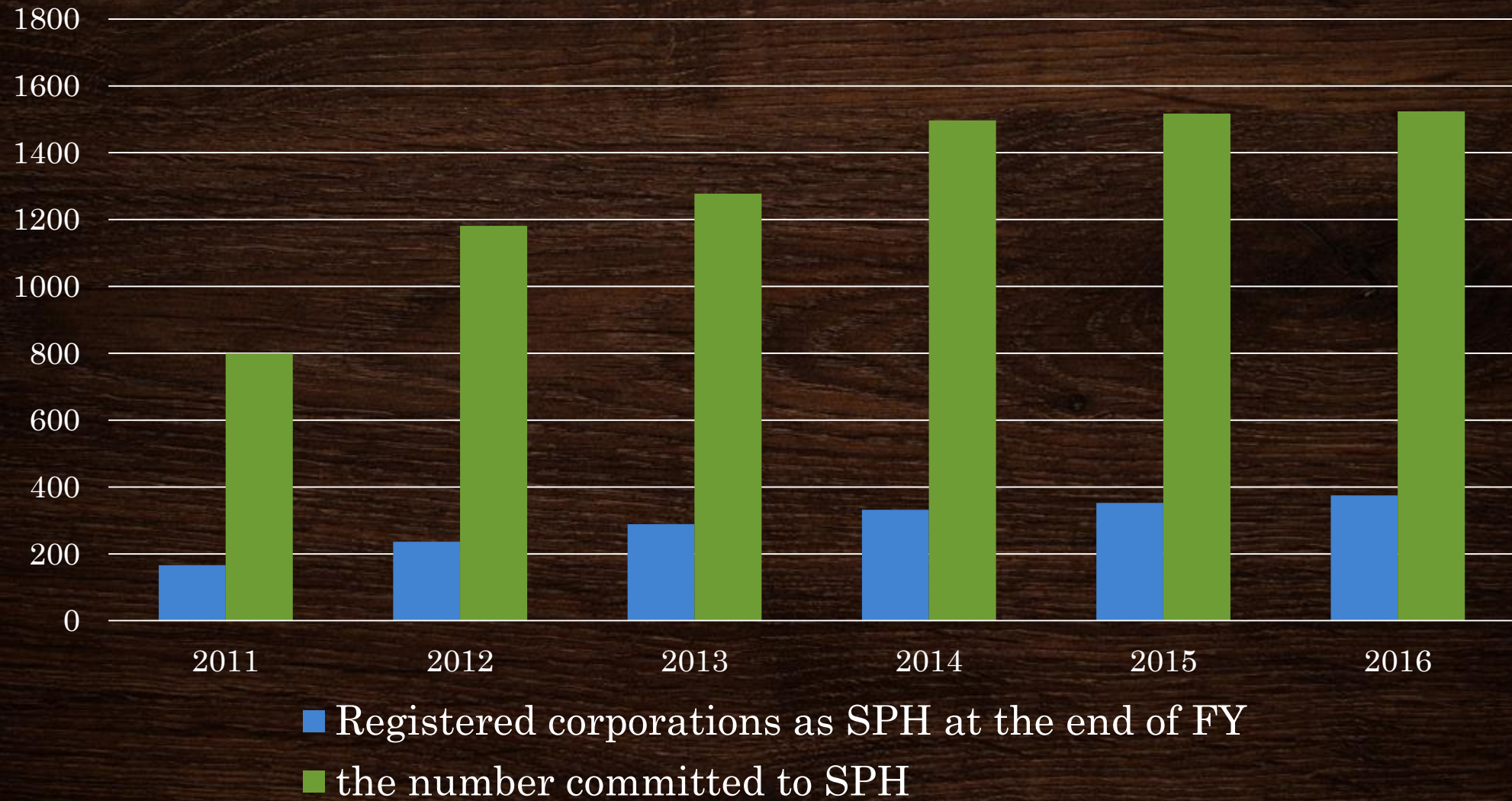
Reentry places for the people discharged by expiration of the sentence



Self-reliance Preparation Home (SPH)

- Urgent residence supply and self-reliance support plan 2011
- Probation offices commit to private corporation:
 - Supply of residential places, watch of the released people's living conditions, and if necessary, supply of meal
- Register of private corporation
 - Social welfare corporation, NPO, profit corporation and so on
- Supply of a part of residential places, originally not for the released people etc.
- Various forms
 - Apartment owned by NPO for homeless
 - Facilities or group home for the disabled people, administered by social welfare corporation
 - Child support home established under child welfare law
 - Facilities administered by religious corporation or self help group of drug addicts

Use of SPH



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- When the released people or the prospective released inmates hope reentry to SPH, probation offices try to arrange commission to SPH
 - Generally the persons easy to self-reliance fit SPH
- The number of register is increasing, but the number of commission might reach the ceiling.
 - The released people etc. having no residential places must be still many, but...
 - At the same time, the residence support system by general social welfare is being enriched
 - Not so many eligible people?
 - Unfamiliar with SPH?
 - Budget problems

Values of SPH

- Complement of ORF
 - In the case of no vacancy of ORF
 - In spite of running beyond the residential period of ORF, the resident still need more preparation for self-reliance
 - Commission of females to female ORF because of absence of female ORF
- Expectation for specialty of committed private corporations
 - Commission of drug addicts to facilities administered by self help group
 - Commission of juveniles to child support facilities

Values of SPH

- Commission of the released people not fitting to ORF
 - Troubles with other residents or ORF staff
 - SPH generally do not instruct life style, but advise
- Use SPH system as bridges to long stay in the same facilities
 - The released people reside the facilities at first as SPH, and then as normal users, often with receiving social aids
- Receiving the released people, when ORF refuse their reception
 - Opportunity to reentry quietly of sexual or arson offenders etc.

Meanings of SPH for offender rehabilitation in general

- Traditional private supporters of offender rehabilitation including ORF
 - The people organized for supporting offender rehabilitation
 - Anytime, strong and precious supporters
- New private supporters including SPH
 - The people organized for purposes other than offender rehabilitation
 - Cooperation with offender rehabilitation on merit
 - Maybe sometimes conflict with ministry of justice
 - Receiving the released people without giving special weight to attributions as offenders
 - Infrequency of conflict with local community, when the organizations are trusted about original service from local community

Meanings of SPH for offender rehabilitation in general

- Expansion of offender rehabilitation supporters
 - Possibly building more solid foundations of offender rehabilitation, in the long run
- Great potentials of SPH
 - Not only preparation of self-reliance, but preparation of life with supporters' help
 - Necessity of name change?
- Hopefully even more expansion of this system