

# Japan's Initiatives for Reducing Reoffending

## -Toward the Realization of a Safe and Secure Society-

By sharing Japan’s initiatives incorporated in the Kyoto Model Strategies with other countries to be used as a reference, Japan will contribute to the prevention of reoffending and aim for the realization of a safe and secure society.

### 1 Japan’s Key Initiatives for Reducing Reoffending

- Individualized correctional treatment tailored to each inmate’s characteristics
- Social reintegration support through multi-stakeholder partnerships, including “hogoshi”
- Providing international training by the United Nations Asia and Far East Institute for the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders (UNAFEI), operated by the Ministry of Justice of Japan



Correction Bureau Website



Rehabilitation Bureau Website



UNAFEI Website



Meeting with DARC (Drug Addiction Rehabilitation Center) staff at a prison



Agricultural Business Course at prison



International Training Programmes by UNAFEI



**The Voice of a Cooperating Employer Supporting Offender Rehabilitation**  
I appointed a juvenile probationer who previously had little confidence in himself as a supervisor at my gas station, and his performance far exceeded my expectations. This experience taught me the importance of trusting each other.

### Who are “hogoshi”?

*Hogoshi* are volunteer probation officers who support the rehabilitation of offenders and juvenile delinquents in the community and help them prevent reoffending.

I began serving as a *hogoshi* with a desire to give back to my community. Each day, I find joy in supporting people who have once committed offences but sincerely wish to start over.



The Voice of a *hogoshi*

### 2 The Kyoto Model Strategies, KMS (United Nations Model Strategies on Reducing Reoffending)

- Japan proposed and led the formulation of the KMS.
- The KMS incorporate the key Japanese initiatives described above and provide Member States with practical and flexible guidance on reducing reoffending.



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