

Honorable Mr. Erich Marks,  
Belit Onay, Mayor of Hannover,



Distinguished guests, organizers, and fellow experts,

It is a great honor to address the 31st German Prevention Congress. On behalf of the Korean Institute of Criminology and Justice (KICJ), I would like to express my deepest respect for the DPT's commitment to advancing crime prevention and social stability over the past decades.

The theme of this congress reflects the complex challenges we face in an increasingly digital and interconnected world. Prevention is no longer just about responding to local incidents; it requires a systematic, data-driven, and proactive approach.

At KICJ, we are actively evolving to meet these modern challenges. We have recently established a dedicated 'Strategic Research Group on AI Justice' within our institute. This group is focused on leveraging artificial intelligence and big data to analyze criminal patterns and develop evidence-based prevention strategies. Our goal is to transform traditional criminology into a future-oriented science that can effectively counter emerging threats.

The partnership between DPT and KICJ has been a cornerstone of our international cooperation. However, as the nature of crime changes, so must our collaboration. We are here not only to share our current findings but to build a more robust and enduring foundation for cooperation.

By integrating KICJ's AI-focused research capabilities with the DPT's extensive experience in social prevention, we can create a powerful synergy. We aim to move beyond simple information exchange toward joint projects that can set global standards for safety and justice.

I would propose that this 31st congress as a catalyst to strengthen the bond between our institutions. I am confident that a stronger, more sustainable DPT-KICJ partnership will lead to safer societies for both our nations and the global community.

Thank you.

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