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[SY-10-04] Current situation and issues of correctional psychiatry in Japan

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Current situation and issues of correctional psychiatry in Japan Three laws, such as Criminal Law, Act on Mental Health and Welfare for the Mentally Disabled, and Medical Treatment and Supervision Act are applied to Mentally disordered offenders. In order to classify three groups strict psychiatric evaluation is necessary. Therefore psychiatric evaluation should be fair, neutral and consistent. Those who are found guilty are sent to prison and treated by correctional psychiatrists. So as to distribute limited medical resources efficiently, correctional facilities are divided into three groups, such as general facility, key medical facility and medical prison. Correctional medical center in east Japan is one of the largest medical prisons which receives prisoners with mental or physical disorders from all over Japan. Correctional psychiatry has two main pillars, that is to say, guardian department and medical department. Cooperation of these two departments is inevitable to treat prisoners appropriately. At the time of release from medical prison, there are quite a few obstacles which might hinder seamless treatment as well as rehabilitation.