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I welcome all the delegates to the 33<sup>rd</sup> APCCA, 2013 at New Delhi and hope that all the delegates have a pleasant stay here.

The APCCA provides a platform for sharing of ideas on exciting innovations in correctional administrations and welfare measures which can impact on the inmates directly thereby promoting the goals of rehabilitation and reintegration.

The theme for this year's Conference is "**Correction-Transformation-Reintegration**" which focusses on improving custodial management of inmates through welfare programmes for their reintegration into society.

India is a populous and diverse country with an extensive network of correctional homes. There are 1382 institutions, which are managed by the States in which over 3,00,000 inmates are housed. We have undertaken a number of measures to reform the correctional facilities. We are quite eager to hear from the delegates regarding the changes that they have brought about in their respective countries. I am sanguine that all the delegates would work on implementing the best practices shared through discussions during the Conference.

India with its rich cultural diversity and tourist locales would surely be a compelling and delightful experience. I am sure that you are looking forward to the visit and I sincerely hope that you would carry back fond memories of your experience of India.

With best wishes,

( Anil Goswami )