The Police Science Institute at the Korean National Police University published 「The Public Safety Predictions for 2022」, which scientifically predicts trends about crime and proposes effective law enforcement policing strategies for the following year.

To promote human rights and enhance public safety, the Police Science Institute has regularly published 「The Public Safety Predictions」 for criminal justice professionals, academic researchers, the media, and the public since 2012.

After exploring the major achievements of the Korean police agency in 2021, Chapter 1 addressed the 10 most essential criminal cases and issues that occurred in 2021 based on Big Kinds analysis, which is a natural language processing technique operated by the Korean Press Foundation.

Chapter 2 featured “The present and future of metaverse: an infringement of human rights in the extended virtual world,” reflecting social movements under the Covid-19 pandemic situation. It captured details on the legal challenges on metaverse and provided ways to protect human rights, such as providing developers the ethical and regulatory guidelines and criminalizing certain harmful acts.
Chapter 3 predicted the trends and patterns in crime in 2022 for each detailed field (i.e., crime investigation, community safety, social stability and national security, and foreign affairs). Chapter 4 presented countermeasures and adequate crime prevention strategies for each field accordingly.

The Police Science Institute at the Korean National Police University will continue publishing 「The Public Safety Predictions」 every year to actively cope with the ever-changing public safety environment and distribute it to relevant organizations and agencies.

Finally, an electronic copy of the document in a PDF format was released to the public through the Police Science Institute’s website (www.psi.go.kr). Anyone interested in the document can easily find a copy on the website.