

Deputy Director of Immigration (Enforcement, Systems and Management) officiates at Passing-out Parade (with photos)

The Deputy Director of Immigration (Enforcement, Systems and Management), Mr Tai Chi-yuen, officiated at the Passing-out Parade at the Immigration Service Institute of Training and Development today (November 29) to review 215 officers on parade, consisting of 76 Immigration Officers and 139 Immigration Assistants.

In his speech, Mr Tai commended the Immigration Department (ImmD)'s colleagues who have remained dedicated to their duties and guard tightly the country's southern gateway. He said that while the ImmD spares no effort in safeguarding national security, it has always been the ImmD's commitment to provide quality immigration clearance, visa and personal documentation collection services. Mr Tai said he believed that the ImmD would continue to make optimal use of technology to face the challenges ahead, and would continue to innovate, and enhance the work efficiency and service quality.

He also looked back over his 30 years of service with the ImmD, having witnessed the unified and sustainable development of the department. He said that he was honoured to have worked together with such a professional team over the years in contributing to Hong Kong. The commissioning of the ImmD's new headquarters in Tseung Kwan O in mid-2024, he said, marked a perfect ending to his career.

Mr Tai encouraged the graduates to stay as motivated as they were during their induction training, hold on to their original aspirations and serve the public with dedication, upholding the law without fear. He asked the graduates to take up the torch from their predecessors and continue to excel in different positions, show great fortitude to seek changes and breakthroughs to pursue the goal of "being the foremost immigration service in the world in effectiveness and efficiency".

During the parade, the Immigration Band played several pieces of Chinese military band music and patriotic songs as well as pop classics, whereas the Guard of Honour assembled to form a two-masted ship, and then goose stepped in synchronicity to the dais in the Chinese-style footdrill performance, symbolising that the ImmD will brave the wind and billows, discharging its duties steadfastly, while the graduates are anticipated to forge ahead towards a bright future.

