

LegCo Panel on Security visits correctional facilities (with photos)

The following is issued on behalf of the Legislative Council Secretariat:

The Legislative Council Panel on Security visited five correctional facilities today (June 2) to enhance Members' understanding on the rehabilitation services provided by the Correctional Services Department (CSD) for young people in custody.

Accompanied by the Commissioner of Correctional Services, Mr Wong Kwok-hing, Members visited Sha Tsui Correctional Institution, Lai Chi Rehabilitation Centre, Lai King Correctional Institution, Chi Lan Rehabilitation Centre and Pik Uk Correctional Institution respectively. They toured various detention, teaching and training as well as rehabilitation facilities at those institutions, including prison dormitories, the classroom for providing secondary school education, workshops for providing half-day vocational training courses (covering catering, creative media, hairstyling, pastry making, beauty care, building services, etc.), and the training restaurant.

During the visit, representatives of the CSD shared with Members the diversified rehabilitation programmes it had designed to help young people in custody rehabilitate. These include its "Shall We Talk" broadcasting programme for youths and "Project PATH", which aims to enhance young people in custody's respect of the law through psychological rehabilitation and rebuilding at "Youth Lab". Members further learnt that the CSD had launched "Project JET" in October last year, a life planning project that provides more employment opportunities for young people in custody. Young people in custody also demonstrated their participation in Chinese-style foot drill and physical trainings to and shared their experiences with Members.

Members also took the opportunity to discuss with the Administration about how to better support young people in custody reintegrate into society after release.

A total of 13 members and non-members of the Panel on Security joined the visit.

