

Police launch interactive theatre against “space oil drug” to promote anti-drug messages among upper primary students (with photos)

The Hong Kong Police Force staged its new play, "Interactive Anti-Drug Theatre – A Space Study Adventure", at an experience session today (March 25), to deliver anti-drug messages to over 200 principals, teachers and upper primary students, aiming to safeguard schools from the emerging "space oil drug".

Speaking at the session, the Commissioner of Police, Mr Siu Chak-ye, pointed out that 31 students were arrested for serious drug offences last year, with the youngest arrestee involved in the "space oil drug" being 12 years old. He noted that although the number of arrests was the lowest since 2021, one juvenile drug case is still far too many. While law enforcement efforts are being stepped up, it is important to pass on the anti-drug culture through education and to "start from a young age with continuous and concerted efforts".

Mr Siu added that the Police Narcotics Bureau (NB) has organised the "Interactive Anti-Drug Theatre" for the third consecutive year. Over the past two years, anti-drug messages have been disseminated to more than 13 500 primary students in nearly 100 school performances. He described the interactive engagement of the student audience as one of the best parts of the theatre, demonstrating the passing on of the anti-drug culture.

Before the performance, a representative from the anti-drug service unit of the Hong Kong Federation of Youth Groups' Youth Crime Prevention Centre shared insights into the serious consequences of using the "space oil drug", cautioning students about its far-reaching harm while urging them to adopt a firm stance: "Drugs? Never, Ever!".

Representatives of school sponsoring bodies, principals, teachers and students from over 60 primary schools attended today's event. The actors in the play took the audience on a study trip, during which they resisted the temptation of drugs. Through interactive questions designed to inspire critical thinking, students gained a thorough understanding of the harmful effects caused by drug abuse, and became more vigilant against the "space oil drug".

As the NB's first flagship publicity campaign for this year on the "space oil drug", the "Interactive Anti-Drug Theatre – A Space Study Adventure" will be staged in primary schools starting this month. Schools interested in learning more and arranging a performance can contact the NB by email (ip-sip-int-1e-nb@police.gov.hk).

