

# 42nd Asian and Pacific Conference of Correctional Administrators concludes (with photos)

â€‹The 42nd Asian and Pacific Conference of Correctional Administrators (APCCA), hosted by the Correctional Services Department (CSD), concluded today (November 21).

This year's APCCA, themed "Collaboration for Sustainable and High-quality Development", was attended by about 140 correctional chiefs and representatives from 30 Asia-Pacific countries and regions (including 16 Belt and Road countries), as well as representatives of relevant professional organisations.

Speaking at the closing ceremony, the Commissioner of Correctional Services, Mr Wong Kwok-hing, said that the APCCA this year has achieved fruitful results and fostered exchanges and closer collaboration among correctional organisations in the Asia-Pacific region. He thanked delegates for their active participation in the Conference and sharing of valuable experiences and insights, bringing new inspiration to promoting sustainable and high-quality correctional work.

Mr Wong stressed that collaboration on all fronts is key to achieving sustainable and high-quality development. Looking ahead, he hoped APCCA members will continue to maintain close liaisons, and create opportunities for co-operation, working together to promote sustainable and high-quality developments in corrections.

This is the fourth time the CSD has served as the host of the APCCA. The Conference this year covered topics in five specialised areas, namely "Challenges and initiatives in corrections", "Training, fostering and developing staff: Ensuring a professional, accountable and supportive culture", "Technology as an aid to reducing prison violence, and to managing and rehabilitating offenders in prison and the community", "Working with families and communities to improve rehabilitation and reintegration", and "How to design, construct and operate prisons in a more environmentally friendly way". During the Conference, participants actively engaged in discussions and exchanges among one another. They also visited correctional institutions in Hong Kong to learn about Smart Prison development in Hong Kong and diversified rehabilitation programmes of the CSD.

As the host of the Conference this year, to tell participants from over the world the good stories of Hong Kong, the CSD specially arranged for participants to visit popular tourist attractions in Hong Kong such as Victoria Harbour, the Avenue of Stars and Ngong Ping, providing them with unique cultural and culinary experiences to experience the charm of the city.

