

CSD and CMA jointly organise musical drama to promote law-abiding and rehabilitation messages (with photos)

The Correctional Services Department (CSD) and the Chinese Manufacturers' Association of Hong Kong (CMA) jointly organised a youth musical drama, "Life Revitalisation Go Go Goal!", at Queen Elizabeth Stadium today (January 26). More than 2 000 teachers and students from 27 schools, principals, members of parent-teacher associations, social workers, members of Fight Crime Committees, as well as other community partners of the CSD attended the event.

Speaking at the opening ceremony of the musical drama, the Acting Chief Secretary for Administration, Mr Cheuk Wing-hing, said that the CSD has actively engaged in crime prevention and education work beyond the prison walls in recent years, including disseminating to youngsters the messages of "safeguarding our country and home, leading a law-abiding and drug-free life as well as supporting offender rehabilitation" through the Rehabilitation Pioneer Project. The musical drama provided youngsters with a good opportunity to learn and become a new force with social aspirations to uphold the rule of law and promote social integration. He appealed to stakeholders from various sectors to support the CSD's rehabilitation and community crime prevention.

Adopted from a true story, the musical drama features the story of a teenager who, during the 2019 black-clad violence, committed illegal acts due to being misled by false online information and was subsequently sentenced to a rehabilitation centre, and then began a journey of rehabilitation. The CSD hopes that, through the musical drama, youngsters can understand the heavy price of committing crime, and develop a sense of critical thinking and law-abiding awareness.

Today's musical drama, combining popular and original songs, was performed by professional actors, student actors and correctional officers. An interactive session with the audience was also included to enable students to express their views and inspire them to think from different perspectives. The CSD also arranged for a rehabilitated person to talk about the heavy price she had paid for committing crime, reminding the youngsters not to believe in unverified online information and not be incited to commit illegal acts which undermine social security. She also shared her journey of rehabilitation with the support of correctional officers and society.

After today's performance, the musical drama will tour five schools to spread the messages of the play to more students.

