

CSD holds Staff Training Institute 60th anniversary open day

The Correctional Services Department (CSD) today (September 29) held an open day at the Staff Training Institute (STI) in Stanley with the theme "STI 60 Years and Beyond" to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the STI.

The Chairman of the Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications, Dr Alex Chan, and the Commissioner of Correctional Services, Mr Lam Kwok-leung, officiated at the opening ceremony.

Tertiary and secondary students, ethnic minority teenagers, non-governmental organisation members that co-operate with the CSD, CSD staff and their family members participated in the event and learned about the history and development of the STI and were given a demonstration of the professional training it provides.

To showcase the STI's advancement in various fields of professional training throughout the past 60 years, an exhibition was held for visitors to gain a thorough understanding of the STI's important milestones through exhibition boards, hologram videos and interactive quizzes. Since its establishment in 1958, the STI has always strived to meet the Department's human resources needs by introducing and hosting relevant training and development courses, thus equipping staff with professional knowledge required to discharge their duties effectively.

Today, the STI provides over 60 training and development courses annually ranging from recruitment training and professional development to tactical training and knowledge management. It aims to upgrade the skills and capabilities of the team members of the Correctional Services and enable them to meet public expectations and handle challenges at work.

Virtual reality training, a guided scenario training facilities tour and adventure wall climbing were arranged for visitors to experience various types of professional training provided by the Institute. A flammable liquid detector, weapons and anti-riot equipment were also on display for visitors. Visitors were able to take photos while wearing simulated anti-riot gear or take part in a physical fitness test to gain an understanding of the entry requirements for Correctional Services staff.

A foot drill performance was presented by members of the CSD Guard of Honour. Visitors could also enjoy performances by the Dog Unit and Tactical demonstrations by the Regional Response Team.

Four serving and retired CSD staff members spoke to the media during the Open Day, including a father and his daughter. The father, a retired CSD Officer, said that he encouraged his daughter to join the Department so as to help enable the rehabilitation of offenders and their reintegration into society. In addition, two CSD staff members of Indian and Pakistani descent

encouraged ethnic minority members who share the Department's values on safe custody and rehabilitation and are passionate about serving society to join the Department to enjoy good career prospects and serve the community.