

# CSD holds “Women Who Shine Through the Wall – an Exhibition of Therapeutic Drawings by Female Persons-in-custody”

The Correctional Services Department (CSD) opened a three-day exhibition entitled "Women Who Shine Through the Wall – an Exhibition of Therapeutic Drawings by Female Persons-in-custody" today (September 11) at the Hong Kong Cultural Centre in Tsim Sha Tsui.

The Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the Chinese University of Hong Kong, Professor Fanny Cheung, officiated at the opening ceremony. She commended the CSD for its continuous efforts to develop gender specific psychological treatment for female persons in custody, adding that the exhibits reflect the courage of the female persons in custody to transform their lives. The drawings also remind the public of the importance of resilience in facing adversity, she said.

Speaking at the opening ceremony, the Chairperson of Shining Life Limited, Ms Jade Kwan, said she appreciated the positive changes in the female persons in custody who created the drawings. She appealed to the public for their support and acceptance of rehabilitated persons.

The exhibition runs from September 11 to 13 in the Foyer Exhibition Area of the Hong Kong Cultural Centre, displaying 60 drawings created by the adult female persons in custody at Lo Wu Correctional Institution and Tai Lam Centre for Women with their consent. The drawings are organised along three themes, namely "suffering", "transformation" and "positive changes". These themes echo the process of psychotherapy through which they were able to leave the shadows of the past behind and turn to a new page of life.

The exhibition aims to enhance public support for rehabilitated persons and show the stories of their personal growth through change in adversity. Postcards printed with artworks by the female persons in custody and messages of resilience in facing adversity are being distributed to members of the public who attend the exhibition.

The digital edition of the album "Women Who Shine Through the Wall – Therapeutic Drawings by Female Persons-in-custody" is available at CSD website [www.csd.gov.hk/english/reh/reh\\_overview/reh\\_overview\\_psy/therapeutic\\_drawings.html](http://www.csd.gov.hk/english/reh/reh_overview/reh_overview_psy/therapeutic_drawings.html).