

FS praises the Force for its outstanding performance and continuous improvement (with photos)

The Financial Secretary, Mr Paul Chan, attended the passing-out parade of the Hong Kong Police College today (September 15). He praised the Police Force for its outstanding performance and continuous improvement, maintaining a favourable law and order situation in Hong Kong.

Speaking at the ceremony, Mr Chan said that in the first six months this year, a total of 26 550 crime cases were recorded, down about 1 700 cases when compared with the same period last year. It is the lowest figure since 1977 when half-year crime statistics were first kept. He attributed the low crime rate to the efforts of Police officers.

Mr Chan noted that the Police strived to serve the public and maintain public order. He encouraged the graduates that their efforts will be recognised and affirmed as long as they keep their mission unwavering and enhance communication with the public.

He added that according to the results of the Police Service Satisfaction Survey in 2018, 84 per cent of respondents were satisfied with the Police services, which was the highest figure since the inception of the survey in 2000. About 80 per cent of the respondents said they had confidence in the Force, with significant increase recorded over the past few years.

Noting that the Police Recruitment Day (Summer) was well-received and attracted lots of graduates from local and overseas tertiary institutions as well as non-ethnic Chinese applicants, Mr Chan said he was glad to see that some young people who are willing to face challenges have chosen to join the Force and serve Hong Kong.

Lastly, Mr Chan urged the graduates to continue lifelong learning to acquire different kinds of knowledge to meet the changing needs of society and enhance their capability to fight crime.

A total of 45 probationary inspectors and 230 recruit constables passed out today.

