

Persons in custody at Shek Pik Prison attain good examination results (with photos)

A total of 93 persons in custody (PICs) at Shek Pik Prison (SPP) of the Correctional Services Department (CSD) were presented with certificates at a ceremony today (November 23) in recognition of their study efforts and academic achievements.

In the past year, a total of 196 PICs at SPP have passed 309 papers with 168 distinctions and credits in various distance learning courses and public examinations covering different subjects including Chinese language, English language, mathematics, economics, business finance, business statistics, business administration, Putonghua, accounting and book-keeping organised by the Hong Kong Metropolitan University (HKMU), the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority, Caritas Institute of Community Education, the British Council and the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry. The 93 PICs who were awarded certificates today passed 199 papers with 127 distinctions and credits. Among them, one PIC was awarded a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration, one was awarded a Bachelor's Degree in General Studies, three were awarded Associate Degrees in Business Administration and four were awarded Associate Degrees in General Studies by the HKMU.

Officiating at the ceremony, the Chairman of the Tung Wah Group of Hospitals (TWGHs), Mr Herman Wai, said that the TWGHs is highly supportive of the rehabilitation work of the CSD. It set up the TWGHs Positive Life Education Fund in 2019, which runs for six years, to encourage PICs to continue their studies and assist rehabilitated offenders to reintegrate into the society.

During the ceremony, renowned singer Anthony Lun was invited to partner with PICs to perform live music onstage. Moreover, a band composed of PICs at SPP staged a steel tongue drum performance to express gratitude to their families and people who had helped them rehabilitate. In the sharing session, two PICs shared their experiences in the course of rehabilitation and thanked their family members for their support.

Also attending the ceremony today were representatives of non-governmental and community organisations, community leaders and family members of certificate recipients.

Situated on Lantau Island, SPP is a maximum security institution with a capacity of 426 penal places for male adult PICs.

