

## Persons in custody at Stanley Prison attain good examination results (with photos)

One hundred and one persons in custody at Stanley Prison of the Correctional Services Department (CSD) were presented with educational certificates at a ceremony today (January 22) in recognition of their continuous efforts in pursuing further studies.

Today's 101 awardees passed 148 papers, achieving a total of 121 distinctions and credits and obtaining 726 university credit points. Among the awardees, two persons in custody attained a Bachelor of Business Administration from the Open University of Hong Kong (OUHK).

In 2019, a total of 248 persons in custody at Stanley Prison passed 384 papers of various academic courses and public examinations organised by the OUHK, the Hong Kong Examinations and Assessment Authority and the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Subjects taken included languages, English for business, business calculations, business administration as well as bookkeeping and accounting.

Officiating at the ceremony, the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Yan Chai Hospital (YCH), Mr Vincent Wong, said that the CSD has long been committed to providing education to young persons in custody and encouraging adult persons in custody to pursue continuing studies after work. In addition to custodial work, the CSD conducts a variety of rehabilitation programmes in collaboration with community members and non-governmental organisations, and reforms persons in custody through education and vocational training. With the support of the CSD, persons in custody can turn over a new leaf and equip themselves for their reintegration into society. YCH has been dedicated to providing diverse community services and support for CSD rehabilitation work by establishing the Yan Chai MY Rehabilitation Foundation. YCH has also been subsidising the production of the TV programme "Knowing More About Hong Kong Correctional Services" and the TV variety show "Support Offender Rehabilitation for a Safer and More Inclusive Society", as well as arranging students from YCH schools to participate in the Rehabilitation Pioneer Project. In the future, YCH will continue to support the rehabilitation work of the CSD with a view to building a safer and harmonious society in a collaborative way.

At the ceremony, two representatives of persons in custody shared their rehabilitation experience and expressed gratitude for their families' support. A band formed by persons in custody at Stanley Prison sang during the ceremony, while CSD staff and persons in custody also performed a hip-hop dance.

