

S for S reviews Fire Services passing-out parade

The Secretary for Security, Mr Tang Ping-keung, reviewed the 190th Fire Services passing-out parade for nine station officers, eight senior firemen/senior firewomen of the Mobilising and Communications Group, 53 firemen and 16 ambulancemen at the Fire and Ambulance Services Academy today (September 23).

Speaking at the parade, Mr Tang said that the fire and ambulance services are vital elements in maintaining the safety of Hong Kong, and that fire and ambulance personnel constantly encounter various risks and challenges while discharging their duties.

Mr Tang mentioned that he had visited the headquarters of the Fire Services Department (FSD) and Tsim Tung Fire Station last month to better understand the work of the FSD personnel and exchange views with the front-line personnel. The FSD members remain steadfast in carrying out their duties, showing professionalism and exceptional bravery. Mr Tang hoped that the graduates could see their seniors as role models, based on the solid foundation they have established to uphold the faith and continue to pass it on.

He added, "The FSD's services are further developing their professionalism. In fact, the department spares no effort to strive for excellence on various aspects, including firefighting, special rescue, ambulance services, communications and fire prevention. In recent years, the FSD has established a number of emergency rescue specialist teams to enhance frontline personnel's firefighting and rescue capabilities and operational safety."

Mr Tang said that fire and ambulance work involve immediate rescue and treatment services, bringing hope to people who are in extreme plights. The FSD's unremitting and concerted efforts to safeguard Hong Kong are widely recognised by society.

The parade was followed by a demonstration of firefighting and rescue techniques by the graduates. The 86 graduates will be posted to various fire stations, ambulance depots and the Fire Services Communications Centre.