

# Young persons in custody sit for HKDSE Examination for self-enhancement (with photos)

The results of the Hong Kong Diploma of Secondary Education (HKDSE) Examination were released today (July 17). Young persons in custody (PICs) obtained satisfactory results in the examination this year.

A total of 14 young PICs from Sha Tsui Correctional Institution (STCI), Pik Uk Correctional Institution and Lai King Correctional Institution enrolled in the HKDSE Examination this year. They took a total of 86 examination papers and obtained level 2/"Attained" or above in 80 papers, or 93 per cent of all papers taken. Four of them met the general entrance requirements for local universities, among whom one candidate at STCI scored 22 marks in the best five subjects and obtained "Attained" in Citizenship and Social Development, with level 5 in Economics and Physics respectively.

The exams sat included the four core subjects of Chinese Language, English Language, Mathematics and Citizenship and Social Development, as well as two electives of Economics and Tourism and Hospitality Studies etc.

The Superintendent of STCI, Mr Chan Man-yat, said, "The Correctional Services Department (CSD) has strived to improve academic standards of young PICs through education. The Department encourages and assists young PICs to sit for the HKDSE Examination, enabling them to develop good character and obtain recognised academic qualifications so as to enhance their employment prospects and facilitate their further education, preparing them for reintegration into society."

Preparation of young PICs for the HKDSE Examination is not an easy task, Mr Chan added. He was glad to see that the PICs had worked tirelessly, demonstrated determination and perseverance, and overcome learning difficulties with a positive attitude throughout the process. Family support as well as guidance and assistance from the staff and teachers of the CSD also gave them great encouragement. He encouraged young PICs to maintain a proactive and positive attitude to meet the challenges ahead.

The CSD has provided education to help young PICs below 21 years of age to gain accredited qualifications and develop positive values, hoping that they can further their studies, find jobs and reintegrate into society after release.

