

**CONTROLLING OFFICER'S REPLY**

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Controlling Officer: Commissioner of Correctional Services (WONG Kwok-hing)

Director of Bureau: Secretary for Security

Question:

The social movement in 2019 has left an unhealed scar on many young people. Despite the end of the turmoil, some young people are still unable to readjust their thinking, or have even developed a distorted mindset, becoming anti-government and holding opposing views just for the sake of opposing.

Please inform this Committee of the following:

Whether education and publicity activities such as distributing leaflets and monthly publications, and conducting visits to schools to disseminate positive values have been included in the Re-integration Programme?

Asked by: Hon HO Kwan-yiu, Junius (LegCo internal reference no.: 18)

Reply:

The Correctional Services Department (CSD) has been committed to conducting community education and public engagement activities to enhance young people's national security awareness and sense of national identity, and promote community acceptance of and support for rehabilitated persons as well as disseminate the message of leading a law-abiding and drug-free life. On publicity and public engagement, CSD has been organising a wide variety of activities for district organisations, employers, the general public, young people and students, including holding district activities in 18 districts in collaboration with the District Fight Crime Committees, participating in the Hong Kong Brands and Products Expo and Hong Kong Flower Show, and launching relevant publicity work via social media and platforms, etc.

As regards community education activities targeting young people and students, CSD has implemented the Rehabilitation Pioneer Project (RPP) since September 2008. With young people and primary students as its major target participants, RPP aims to disseminate the messages of "safeguarding our country and home, leading a law-abiding and drug-free life as well as supporting offender rehabilitation" through 12 community education activities. In 2023, a total of 504 activities under RPP were held inside and outside schools with the total number of participants reaching 44 015.

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