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The Correctional Services Bureau has long attached great importance to the rehabilitation and social reintegration of inmates and juvenile delinquents. Over the years, the Bureau has been working closely with relevant government departments and local civic organizations to provide diverse support services to inmates and juvenile delinquents, such as organizing various kinds of educational and professional certificate courses, activities, thematic talks, workshops and volunteer work, offering employment opportunities to them, as well as providing other familial support services to them and their family, in hopes of enriching their life in prison and facilitating their preparation on social reintegration.

“Assist in Offender Rehabilitation with Care and Inclusiveness” Community Event

Acceptance from the society plays a critical role in the social reintegration of inmates and juvenile delinquents. Upholding the three new policing philosophies of “proactive policing”, “community policing” and “proximity policing”, the Correctional Services Bureau has also been actively organizing different types of events that promote correctional services and the rehabilitation and social reintegration of the offenders.

Recently in March 2023, the Correctional Services Bureau and the Social Welfare Bureau jointly organized a community event themed “Assist in Offender Rehabilitation with Care and Inclusiveness” with Caritas Macau as the supporter and eight other local civic organizations



Guests officiate the launch ceremony for the event

as collaborators — the Macao Federation of Trade Unions, the Macao Federation of Neighborhood Associations, the Women’s General Association of Macau, the Aliança de Povo de Instituição de Macau, the Young Men’s Christian Association of Macau, the Association of Rehabilitation of Drug Abusers of Macau, the Christian New Life Fellowship in Macau, and last but not least, the Macau Christian Prison Ministries. The event promoted the spirit of love, spread the message of assisting

rehabilitated persons in rejoining the society and raised public awareness and support of Macao's social rehabilitation services. With the assistance of the local civic organizations, the messages of supporting the rehabilitation of offenders can permeate the community more easily.

Held at a local market park and featuring both booth games and wonderful stage performances, the event also gave the Correctional Services Bureau and the Social Welfare Bureau an opportunity to present certificates of commendation to the small and medium enterprises (SMEs) participating in the “Pre-



Uniquely designed booth games attract the participation of members of the public

release Inmate Employment Scheme”, thanking them for the job opportunities given to offenders and the support to correctional services over the years and recognizing their contributions to the society.

The Correctional Service Bureau will continue to organize different community events and work with other government agencies and civic organizations to raise awareness of correctional services, to promote the spirit of love and inclusiveness and to gather strengths from



Employers of SMEs receive certificates of commendation at the event

different social sectors, as this will help drive rehabilitated persons forward on the path to a brand-new life and build a harmonious and inclusive society.



The event receives positive support from different local civic organizations and members of the public