Cultural and Arts Activities for Rehabilitation and Education at Keelung Prison, Ministry of Justice, January 2023

Item	Details, Description, Photos				
	Spring Festival phone calls for inmates				
1	On January 10th, our prison collaborated with Chunghwa Telecom's Keelung branch to organize the "2023 Spring Festival Phone Call Activity". A total of 200 inmates were able to express their longing for their families on the eve of the Sp Festival, hoping to gain their support, encouragement, and care, and to gain the strength for a new beginning.				
	Photo	法務部矯正署基隆監視 112条章電話類規			

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	Details	Detention Center Lunar New Year Decoration Contest for Cultural and Sports Activities		
2	On January 12th, before the Lunar New Year, the detention center held the 112th Detention Center Lunar New Year Decoration Contest for Cultural and Sports Active Detainees were encouraged to unleash their creativity and create rabbit-themed Linear New Year decorations. This helped those who were unable to return home to reun their families feel the festive atmosphere and alleviate their homesickness. The competition was won by the Filial Piety Dormitory, with the Love Dormitory coming second place and the Benevolence Dormitory in third place.			
	Photo	Rating of Secretary and Department Heads	Filial Piety Department	
	Photo	Humanity Department	Love Department	

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	Details	Face-to-Face Family Reunion for Detainees during Chinese New Year			
3	Description	On January 13th, our prison held a face-to-face family reunion event for detainees and their families in the activity center, allowing them to reunite before the Chinese New Year. On the day of the event, Warden Rao, accompanied by staff, went from table to table to express concern and care for the detainees and their family members, hoping that they could cherish the care and acceptance from their families and reconsider their life direction in the new year. The event also invited the Keelung City Drug Prevention and Control Center to provide drug prevention and education to detainees and their families. A total of 26 detainees and 51 family members participated in the heartwarming and successful event.			
	Photo	Warden Rao, Ya-Qi visits each table to show concern.	Poison Control Center promotes health education.		

Description

As the Lunar New Year approaches, in order to assist the families of vulnerable inmates in having a peaceful and happy new year, this correctional facility has targeted those with weak family support systems and sent staff to visit and care for them at home, strengthening the power of family connections and letting them feel the warmth from society.

Inmate "Afeng" was incarcerated due to a drug-related offense and had few visits from his family during his sentence. He was very concerned about the situation at home, especially since his wife was taking care of three young children under the age of 8, with no support, and their family's finances were solely dependent on low-income subsidies after rent. Afeng's parents divorced when he was in kindergarten, and his father had no responsibility to provide for him. He was raised by his grandfather, and his father passed away two years ago due to illness. His original family support system was weak. Therefore, upon learning of this situation, the correctional facility immediately activated the "Love Without Barriers - Timely Assistance Family Plan." The educational and rehabilitation division chief, social worker, and investigator of the facility went to visit the family, providing care packages and delivering a letter of comfort written by Afeng. The facility hoped that Afeng could ease his mind and serve his sentence, experiencing the sincere warmth from society. Afeng expressed that he really missed his family and daughter, and if he could be successfully released on parole, he would do his best to work hard, take care of his daughter, and not return to his old ways.

During the visit, the facility also informed the family about Afeng's living conditions in the correctional facility and advised them not to worry, and if they had any questions, they could call the educational and rehabilitation division for consultation.

In addition, inmate "Alun" was incarcerated due to a fraud case, and his father passed away due to illness. His mother is a low-income household and has a physical disability certificate due to burns from a fire. His younger brother is currently attending university, and they rely on his mother's odd jobs and social welfare subsidies to make ends meet. Recently, the unstable work situation caused by the pandemic has put tremendous pressure on their family's finances, making their life very difficult. Through the care and contact of the social worker at the facility, they visited and comforted Alun's family before the Lunar New Year, providing relief supplies. In addition to bringing news of Alun's safe incarceration, they also used warmth and enthusiasm to spread the power of family support beyond the walls, allowing Alun to feel the sincere efforts from the facility and encouraging him to successfully restart his life after release.

Photo



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