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Legislative Council Secretariat
Legislative Council Building
8 Jackson Road
Central
Hong Kong
(Attn: Mr Raymond Lam)

Dear Mr Lam,

List of Follow-up Actions

I refer to the list of follow-up actions as at 30 May 2007 and would like to provide the Administration's response to Items 9 and 10 on the list.

Item 9: Facilities for providing rehabilitative services in penal institutions converted from buildings previously used for other purposes

All penal institutions of the Correctional Services Department (CSD) have the necessary facilities to provide a safe environment for the detention of prisoners and persons on remand. Out of the 23 penal institutions, eight of them were converted from buildings previously used for other purposes. In spite of the spatial and structural constraints, facilities for the provision of rehabilitative services are provided in these non-purpose built institutions as far as practicable. The names of these eight institutions and information on their facilities for counselling, education and training, indoor sports and recreation, religious activities and working areas for voluntary agencies in these institutions are set out at **Annex**.

In the longer run, the redevelopment of existing correctional institutions, for example the redevelopment of the Lo Wu Correctional Institution scheduled for completion in end 2009, will provide an opportunity to upgrade the facilities for rehabilitative services in penal institutions. In the meantime, CSD will continue to keep in view the possibilities to provide better facilities for rehabilitative services in these

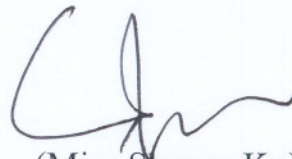
eight institutions. For example, an extra multi-media language centre is being constructed at the Cape Collinson Correctional Institution, and multi-media equipment is being installed in its group counselling room. In the case of Tai Lam Correctional Institution, an additional interview room will be provided. CSD is also exploring the feasibility of adding counselling and multi-function rooms at the Hei Ling Chau Addiction Treatment Centre.

Item 10: Marriage conducted in penal institutions

CSD respects prisoners' right to engage in marriage in accordance with the Marriage Ordinance (Cap.181). According to CSD's record, all requests for holding wedding ceremony in prisons in the past ten years were approved.

If a prisoner wishes to hold a wedding ceremony in prison, he/she can make the request to CSD, expressing his/her desired arrangements for the ceremony. The head of institution will consider the request, taking into consideration the prisoner's background and security category, the institution's facilities and manpower resources, etc. Under Prison Rule 48 (Cap.234A), the head of institution can approve special visit to facilitate the wedding ceremony. Personalised requests will be considered on case-by-case merits, with due consideration to security, good order and discipline. For instance, on compassionate grounds, requests such as wearing private clothes, exchanging wedding rings and taking photographs would be considered. Prior to the wedding ceremony, the head of institution will confirm the approved arrangements with the prisoner in writing to facilitate his/her planning for the ceremony.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Sharon Ko', written in a cursive style.

(Miss Sharon Ko)
for Secretary for Security

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**Facilities for selected services in penal institutions
converted from buildings previously used for other purposes**

	(a) Facilities for counselling	(b) Facilities for education & training	(c) Indoor sports & recreation facilities	(d) Facilities for religious activities	(e) Working areas for voluntary agencies
Cape Collinson Correctional Institution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 counselling room • 1 indoor activity room 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 classrooms • 1 multi-media language centre • 6 workshops • 1 library 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 multi-function room • 1 recreation room 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 chapel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • voluntary agencies can provide services to inmates in the multi-function room and the recreation room
Sha Tsui Detention Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 counselling rooms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 classroom • 1 computer room • 1 library 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 multi-function room • 1 indoor gymnasium 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 chapel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • voluntary agencies can provide services to inmates in the dining hall
Hei Ling Chau Addiction Treatment Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 counselling rooms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 classroom • 1 computer room • 1 library • Gardens & plant nurseries (for vocation training course on gardening) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • indoor activities are conducted in the dining hall 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 chapel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • voluntary agencies can provide services to inmates in the dining hall
Chi Ma Wan Correctional Institution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • counselling is conducted in the dining hall 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 classroom (which can also be used for computer class) • 1 library 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • indoor activities are conducted in the dining hall 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • religious activities are conducted in the dining hall 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • voluntary agencies can provide services to inmates in the dining hall

	(a) Facilities for counselling	(b) Facilities for education & training	(c) Indoor sports & recreation facilities	(d) Facilities for religious activities	(e) Working areas for voluntary agencies
Chi Sun Correctional Institution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> counselling is conducted in the office of the Special Duty's Officer and in classrooms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 classrooms 1 domestic helper training room 1 computer room 1 library 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> indoor activities are conducted in the dining hall 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> religious activities are conducted in the classrooms and library 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> voluntary agencies can provide services to inmates in the dining hall
Hei Ling Chau Correctional Institution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> counselling is conducted in the office of the Rehabilitation Officer and in classroom 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 classroom vocational training course is conducted in the dinning hall 1 computer room 1 library 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> indoor activities are conducted in the dining hall 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> religious activities are conducted in the classrooms and library 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> voluntary agencies can provide services to inmates in the dining hall, classroom and library
Lai Chi Kok Correctional Institution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 counselling rooms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 classroom 1 computer room 1 vocational training room 1 library 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 multi-activity rooms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> religious activities are conducted in the multi-activity rooms 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> voluntary agencies can provide services to inmates in the dining hall and the multi-activity room
Tai Lam Correctional Institution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 counselling room 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 classrooms 1 computer room 1 library 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> indoor activities are conducted in the dining hall 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> religious activities are conducted in classrooms and library 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a community resources centre has been set up as an office for voluntary agencies