

"Miaoli Detention Center

2023" In Miaosuo, there is love during Mid-Autumn, and the full moon brings imprisoned people together with family bonds."



The Honorary Chairman of the Republic of China Association for the Promotion of Guardianship, Mr. Chiu Chien-Min (on the left), presents 1,000 pomelos



Family fun painting pomelos



The director showing concern for family members (Left 1: Ah Juan, Left 2: Grandma, Left 3: Ah Wei)



The filial piety phone call event for casual family conversations

Time : September 20, 2023

Place : Teaching hall and Women's multi-functional classroom and Youth classrooms

participants : 102 detainees and 202 family members.

Organizer : Counseling Section

activity description :

The Mid-Autumn Festival is approaching, and in traditional Chinese customs, it's always hoped that a full moon brings family reunions for happiness and fulfillment. However, some individuals are unable to be with their families due to real-life constraints, and this includes individuals in correctional facilities. Miaoli Detention Center, Agency of Corrections, Ministry of Justice, has organized phone calls with families on September 18th and face-to-face meetings on September 20th, allowing inmates to connect with their loved ones during this festive season. It is hoped that through these activities, the inmates can feel the warmth of family ties and be inspired to embark on a path of repentance and self-improvement.

At the filial piety phone call event, an inmate named Ah Chuan (pseudonym) held the receiver and softly said, "Mom! Although the pandemic isn't as severe now, please continue to take care of your health and avoid getting sick. The Mid-Autumn Festival is at the end of this month, so I want to wish you a happy Mid-Autumn Festival in advance." This event was organized with the enthusiastic support of Chunghwa Telecom Co., Ltd. Miaoli Operations, which generously provided 12 telephone lines free of charge to assist those who couldn't be together temporarily. Through these hotlines, they were able to bridge precious moments of reunion for loved ones separated during this time.

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On September 20th, a face-to-face family reunion event was held. On that day, Mr. Chiu Chien-Min, the Honorary Chairman of the Republic of China Association for the Promotion of Guardianship, generously donated 1,000 pomelos to the detention center. Each inmate received one, and in addition, each table at the reunion event venue was equipped with two pomelos, snacks, and beverages. Additionally, there was a family-friendly pomelo painting activity, creating a warm and joyful atmosphere at the event.

Xiao Wei (pseudonym) and Ah Juan (pseudonym) are siblings, both incarcerated due to drug-related cases. Their elderly grandmother, traveling alone, came to attend the face-to-face family reunion event. The correctional facility staff, upon noticing this, and in consideration of the family's efforts and hardships, arranged for the siblings and their elderly grandmother to sit together at the same table. At the event, tears welled up in the eyes of the two siblings and their grandmother as they expressed their mutual longing for each other.

Director Huang Zhengyong of the Miaoli Detention Center attended the face-to-face family reunion event in person, expressing his concern and encouragement to the inmates. He urged them to cherish their family bonds, activate self-expectations through their connections with their families, and firmly resolve to reform, ultimately reintegrating successfully into society. A total of 679 inmates participated in the filial piety phone calls, and 104 families took part in the family reunion event. The activities concluded successfully in a happy and lively atmosphere.