



Returning to Vitality and Dancing to Rehabilitation

MOJ Correctional Facilities Inmates Singing Contest

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Taiwan After-care Association held a national singing contest in celebration of the association's 60th anniversary and appreciation of all the assistance the rehabilitated have received from all sectors and organizations in the society. This meaningful event, entitled "Showcase Yourself and Live Glamorously", is part of the "Celebrating 60 Years of After-care" series of events. Inmates were given a chance to revel in singing and a platform to showcase their talent. The rehabilitated were encouraged to display their passion in singing and showcase themselves. Through the inmates singing contest,

they can build their confidence and reaffirm themselves.

The singing contest was divided into adult and juvenile divisions, which was further split into men's and female's divisions. The preliminary round was held at 49 prisons across the country, and qualifying contestants moved on to the second round in North, Central, South and East Taiwan, held at Taipei, Taichung, Tainan and Hualien Prisons, respectively.

Taiwan After-care Association Taipei Branch enlisted the help of NPO United Trungram Buddhist Fellowship to

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coorganize the event. The event aimed to help inmates learn positive values in life, cultivate ways to build self-affirmation and practice proactive mindsets. This way, they may adapt to proper employment and lifestyles, understand the importance of teamwork and social recognition, and thereby enjoy and cherish the sense of achievement gained from their hard work. The event was also an appeal to the public to stretch out hands of love and extend a helping hand to the rehabilitated with acceptance and care, working together to create an harmonious society.

This marked the first time all correctional facilities across the country went to the north to take part in the large-scale contest and became a precedent for the popular singing contest variety show. The final round was held at Chongshan Hall at Taipei Prison. GTV was asked to assist with the stage

design, lighting and sound and the high-quality specifications matched the scale of popular singing show, One Million Star. The show opened with a song jointly performed by Minister of Justice Shih Mao-Lin, Director Huang Zheng-Nan of the Agency of Corrections, Director Zhang Qing-Yun of the Department of Prevention, Rehabilitation and Protection, and Superintendent Zheng An-Xiong of Taipei Prison. Their singing was so beautiful they were hailed as the "F4" idol group of the judicial community.

The performances of the finalists were compiled into a CD and delivered to prisons, children's homes and nursery homes. The songs convey the care of inmates for the society and their gratitude for the society's acceptance, as they give back and care for the society in return.

