

## **Skill Support and Safe Reintegration Project**

In 2005, The Department of Corrections implemented *Skill Support and Safe Reintegration Project (SSSR)*, aiming to facilitate safe and successful reintegration of prisoners into the community. This project is divided into 3 phases as follows:

### **Phase I The Intensive Treatment Programme 2005**

1,600 inmates with drug consuming history were selected to attend this 4- month Intensive Treatment Programme in 5 pilot correctional facilities, namely Pathumthani Correctional Institution for Drug Addicts; Songkla Correctional Institution for Drug Addicts; Klong Pai Correctional Institution for Drug Addicts; Klong Pai Central Prison and Kao Prik Agricultural Industrial Correctional Institution.

During the programme, the inmates attended 5 compulsory training and therapy programmes which enable them to be well prepared for release. These programmes are Disciplinary training; Mind- improving programme; Quality of life enhancing programme; Vocational training and Pre-release programme.

### **Phase II Entrepreneur developing programme and loan scheme**

In order to bring Skill Support and Safe Reintegration Project to most success, the project was put into action with cooperation of both public and private section. On June 12, 2005, the Department of Corrections arranged “Business Master Behind Bars Fair” and the signing ceremony of MOUs with other public and private agencies. The MOUs have been expected to equip inmates with necessary knowledge and skills to survive in the wider community, to enhance their potential for re-entry to the community and reduce the likelihood that they would end up back behind bars.

### **Phase III Parole and Community Supervision**

After the inmates completed the Intensive Treatment Programme in Phase I, they would be carefully assessed whether or not they are ready for release. Appropriate inmates would then be granted loans and special parole and would be referred to community supervision. These released inmates will then be monitored by Department of Probation until they repay the entire loans.

SSSR has something more than just an ordinary career training programme. It is an active cooperation of every sector in the community to promote safe reintegration of inmates. In fact, the loan itself may be less important for the inmates than a chance and acceptance the community has for them. Thanks to the project, the inmates are now given another chance to turn over a new leaf and happily live their law-abiding lives in community.