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Translation:

Helping ex-offenders reintegrate to society by offering smart phones

By Shuyi

After seven years in prison, ex-offender found it difficult to keep up with societal changes and not familiar with smart phones and new HDB or MRT lines.

Jason (not his real name) was in and out of prison for six times due to drug-related offences, with his most recent sentence as long as seven years and three months. Upon his release last June, he is wary of the rapid changes in society – in addition to the new HDB and MRT lines, he was confused with the massive change in lifestyle, such as the use of smart phones.

Fortunately for him, the single man has very supportive mother and sister who were willing to accept him despite his imprisonment for many years.

“I am very grateful for the support by my mother and sister, and intend to start working when my health condition gets better,” said Jason.

That’s not all. Jason also received help from ISCOS. While in prison, he was one of the beneficiaries under the ‘Kawan-Kawan’ initiative, which is a 10-week befriending programme for inmates from March to May this year.

After his release, he continued to receive support from ISCOS. In order to help ex-offenders be familiar with latest trends, ISCOS launched a new mobile app yesterday to offer a communication platform for users (ex-offenders) to sign up for ISCOS events and make appointments to seek assistance.

“The app is a one-stop portal that provides access to key resources, including information on training and employment programmes, support groups, and education grants for the children of beneficiaries,” said Ms Sim Ann, Senior Minister of State, Ministry of Communications and Information & Ministry of Culture, Community and Youth at the mobile app launch yesterday.

ISCOS welcomes an average of 800 to 1000 new members every year, offering support services such as job placement, subsidy for skills upgrading, support groups and assistance for their families according to their needs.

Teaching the ex-offenders how to use self-service kiosk and information on new MRT lines

ISCOS runs Project ReConnect to share with ex-offenders on ways to use the self-service kiosks in supermarkets and the latest information on MRT network.

Since its launch in 2017 until October this year, Project ReConnect has benefited 752 ex-offenders who have spent three years or more in prison.

The aim of this initiative is to help ex-offenders be familiar with the fast-changing landscape of Singapore. It involves the impartation of life skills and knowledge, such as cashless payments, Wi-fi connection and how to use the self-service kiosks in supermarkets.



Families can receive help too

To ensure that the ex-offenders can fully benefit from the mobile app, ISCOS and its sponsors are offering free smart phones to them.

This new Project 'Give A Line, Change A Life' is initiated by ISCOS, Food Empire Holdings and mobile virtual network operator Zero1.

The sponsorship includes free smart phones and unlimited data mobile plan by Zero1. The phones are also pre-loaded with ISCOS mobile app.

Since its introduction three weeks ago, about 20 ex-offenders have received the sponsored smart phones and data plan. The sponsors and ISCOS estimated that a total of 500 sets will be given out to ex-offenders and their families in the next one year.



Translation:

Project Give A Line, Change A Life: Giving smartphones to help ex-offenders reintegrate to society

Reported by Gladys Wong

A fourth timer, Mira (30) used to worry about her living expenses when she was released from prison eleven months ago, including how to get a smart phone so that her employer may contact her.

“When we look for jobs, we need to have a phone to stay contactable with our employer. But a basic phone would have cost at least \$100 to \$200 – if we add the monthly phone bill to the mix, I don’t know whether I have money for this after my release.”

To ease the reintegration of ex-offenders like Mira into society and lighten their financial burden, the Industrial and Services Co-Operative Society (ISCOS) reached out to sponsors to give away 500 smartphones and a 6-month unlimited data plan to ex-offenders who have been newly released.

In conjunction with this new project named “Project Give A Line, Change A Life”, ISCOS also introduced its new mobile app.

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Those eligible for this initiative would need to have served a sentence of three years or more and released from prison within the last three months, or currently released under a community-based programme. Due to the limited number of sets available, ISCOS will also review each individual’s needs on a case-by-case basis. If necessary, family members of ex-offenders may also benefit from this initiative.

The smartphone model given out is a Nokia 3.1 with a market value of about \$200. The unlimited data plans provided by Zero1 cost \$9.90 monthly, with the first 1GB at 4G speed.

Pre-loaded into these phones is a new ISCOS app, which allows ex-offenders quicker access to the latest happenings and support available to them, making it easy for them to sign up and participate.

Mr Tan Wang Cheow, Executive Chairman of Food Empire Holdings Limited said: “Connectivity has become fundamental for everyone in today’s world. We hope that this project will enable the ex-offenders to stay in touch with their families while defraying the costs of phone bill and giving them a chance to start anew.”



Since Mira received her new smart phone two weeks ago, she has been using the phone to check her CPF and savings records. Even her salary is credited to her via the PayNow mode.