

The brief of Taiwan Shindan Drug Abuser Treatment Center

1 History

Sindan Drug Abuser Treatment Center, formerly known as “Taiwan Pinglin Drug Abuser Treatment Center “, was established on January 1st, 2004. Because it didn’t pass the Environmental Evaluation Check, it was moved to its current address where Sindian Prison of Ministry of National Defense was once located. By moving and changing its name, Shindan Drug Abuser Treatment Center was thus established.

2 Land Area

Total land area is 7.73598 hectares, including 44 buildings, and sentinel posts and reservoirs... a total of 28 land improvements.

3 Organization

This center is under the direction of Ministry of Justice and is composed by a superintendent, a deputy superintendent, and a secretary and 4 section underneath them : Assistance and Guidance Section, Social Works Section, Sanitation and Health Section and Guard and Control Section and 5 assisting offices : Administrative office , Personnel office, Accounting office, Statistic offices and Civil Service Ethics Office.

4 Numbers of Staff

This center, according to the regulations of “Organic Law for Ministry of Justice Rehabilitation, Institute “, is the correction organization of 2nd category. According to the law, its total numbers of staff can’t be less than 129 people or more than 215 people.

5 Inmates & total numbers

1. Inmates: taking in male rehabilitation inmates who are assigned by District Prosecutor Offices of Keelung, Taipei, Sinlin, Banciao and Yilan. Besides, Shindian branch prison was established under the direction of this center and is responsible for holding male criminals servicing sentences less than five years.
2. Estimated inmates to take in: 1500. (Male rehabilitation inmates: 700, Branch prison inmates: 200, Inmates under rehabilitation observation: 400, carriers of HIV positive : 200.)

3. Estimated inmates to take in for each period: 2006: 300 inmates, 2007: 800 inmates, 2008: 1200 inmates, 2009: 1500 inmates.

6 Construction and budget

An NTD 1 hundred twenty-two million and ninety-two thousand budget , starting from 2006, to be dispensed over a period of 4 years. In 2006, the construction of the first Rehabilitation area and surveillance system were complete. In 2007, construction of the 3rd rehabilitation area and the 1st and 2nd medical service area will initiate. The rest of the construction on the entire premises will be prioritized and then construct accordingly.

7 Guard and Control Management

- 1 Method : Emphasize on humane management by taking the approach of “ Management is service and service is management “ . Through love, patience and carefulness, inmates will gain senses for self-respect, self-regard and being able to abide by the law.
- 2 Improvement on safety facilities : to have fences surrounding the perimeter and patrol paths and to improve on surveillance system in order to prevent any accidents from happening.
- 3 To improve managing staff’s education and emergency abilities : to enhance managing staff’s professional knowledge, to schedule an educational training monthly for the staff to absorb new ideas on guard and control management , to get better understanding on the current criminal policies and rules and regulations. Furthermore, the staff’s abilities for anti-escape, fire-prevention and riot-prevention are constantly improved and drills are being held to strengthen their emergency abilities so that security of the center can be maintained.

8 Hygiene and medical service

- 1 Precautions : Placing great importance on tidiness and hygiene. All buildings, ditches and toilets are being cleaned every day and sterilized timely so that the health of inmates are maintained in good conditions.
- 2 Health Checkup : Every inmate will have a health checkup right after arriving and the results will be recorded in details. At the same time, staff sent by Health organizations will be promoting the importance of health education and screening for AIDS on a regular basis.
- 3 Disease Treatment : When inmates are infected with general diseases, they will be sent to the doctor cooperating with the center. However, in

case of serious diseases , emergencies or lack of proper medical equipment for appropriate treatment, inmates will be sent to the hospital under police escort..

9 Guidance

- 1 To implement the functions of Guidance Unit: : The inmates' emotions are stabilized through individual and group counseling. Besides, the Guidance Unit holds a meeting every month to review each individual case, and to come up with special treatment programs for individuals as the basis of management.
- 2 To arrange for vocational training courses : to implement short, effective and practical vocational training and setting up gardening class, coffee-making class, computer class, cooking class...etc to prepare the inmates for returning to the society.
- 3 To arrange for recreational activities : to cultivate the inmates by holding all kinds of recreational competitions and activities regularly ; thus , the goal of learning from playing is achieved.

10 Drug abuser treatment mode.

- 1 Localized drug rehabilitation mode (implementing the so called “ double-track “ approach : general treatment and special condition treatment.)
- 2 The characteristics of localized drug rehabilitation mode :
 1. Religious drug abstention is the core idea of the rehabilitation
 2. Taking double-track approach as counseling.
 3. The implementation of combining jurisdiction and medical treatment.
 4. Attaching great importance to the protection of formerly inmates and vocational training.
 5. Enhancing the link up of organization rehabilitation and return to the community.

11 Relapse rates :

- 1 From 1st, June, 2006 to 1st August, 2007, Sedian drug abuser treatment center released 422 rehabilitation inmates. Among them, 156 returned to the society, 243 continued to serve the sentences or serve other sentences and 23 were transferred to another prison.
- 2 During January to June, 2007, the relapse rate is 3.2% (124 : 4) Among them, the relapse rate for drug abusers is 2.4% (127 : 3),

the relapse rate for non-drug-abuser is 0.8% (127:1)

12 Organizational change

- 1 To repair construction and finish the green work so that the entire design of professional rehabilitation organization can be established.
- 2 To work continuously with Health organizations and to include the medical treatment in the center's long-term cooperation mechanism through legislation so that rehabilitation and medical treatment can be promoted continuously..
- 3 To enrich professional abilities actively in order for the rehabilitation to work to its fullest.
- 4 To construct a localized drug rehabilitation mode that is systematic, workable and can be popularized throughout the island.
- 5 To value academic research while focusing on theories and practices so that the effectiveness of rehabilitation can be enhanced.

13 Closure

Sedian drug abuser treatment center is an independent drug rehabilitation center in the northern Taiwan. While planning actively for localized drug rehabilitation mode, we make use of resources from the society and religious groups broadly, and provide for mutil-condition mode. Not to mention we have on-site professional medical team to work with us, providing rehabilitation inmate quality rehabilitation & medical services. The ultimate goal is for the rehabilitation inmates to fit in after returning to the society and be able to start a brand new life. We expect ourselves to guide the inmates well while being a good neighbor to our community in order to complete the mission successfully assigned by our superior.