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# A-G asks public to help on crime

THE best solution to crime is one which tackles both prevention and detection at the same time, the Attorney-General, Mr Michael Thomas, said yesterday.

Speaking at a passing out parade in the Police Training School in Wong Chuk Hang, Mr Thomas said he did not share the general belief that crime prevention is not practical or less important than detection.

"If the public was more watchful and always took sensible precautions, many crimes would be prevented," he said.

The media had been used effectively for crime prevention, he said, but a great deal still depended on the efforts of each individual member of the police force to get public support.

He told recruits that if they did their duty fearlessly and fairly, and showed infinite patience under provocation, they would gain the respect and co-operation of the public.

On parade yesterday were 28 inspectors and 149 police constables.

Meanwhile, the Kowloon Regional Police Commander, Mr John Sheppard, yesterday appealed to the public to offer help to and co-operate with the police in fighting crime.

He said that only with public help and co-operation could police win the battle against crime.

Speaking at the opening ceremony of the Mongkok District

"Know Your Police" carnival at the Macpherson Playground, Mr Sheppard said: "The project itself and the attendance here today is a good indication of the keen interest held by Mongkok citizens in the part their local police play in the never-ending fight against crime."

"And it is therefore most encouraging for my officers - and all those who have law and order at heart - to see today this open expression of support on the part of the residents of Mongkok."

Mr Sheppard said the people of Mongkok have always been in the forefront in combating crime as evidenced by their strong support for the neighbourhood watch scheme and the high number of Mongkok residents receiving good citizen awards.

He noted that the district has more than 8,000 Junior Police Call members between the ages of nine and 17, more than 1,200 JPC leaders and another 8,000 associate JPC members over the age of 17.

Yesterday's carnival, organised by the Mongkok police and sponsored by the Mongkok District Board and local restaurants, shops, companies and factories, was attended by more than 10,000 people.

It featured a lion dance by the Mongkok JPC, performances by police silver and pipe bands, the police dog unit and police judo club as well as popular singers and film stars.