

2024 Honours List and Justices of the Peace appointments

The 2024 Honours List and Justices of the Peace (JPs) appointments are published in the Government Gazette today (July 1).

For the Honours List, a total of 502 persons have been awarded by the Chief Executive this year. Details are as follows:

Award	Number
(a) Grand Bauhinia Medal (GBM)	5
(b) Gold Bauhinia Star (GBS)	12
(c) Silver Bauhinia Star (SBS)	24
(d) Distinguished Service Medals for the disciplined services and the ICAC	14
(e) Bronze Bauhinia Star (BBS)	40
(f) Meritorious Service Medals for the disciplined services and the ICAC	46
(g) Medal of Honour (MH)	105
(h) Chief Executive's Commendation for Community Service	86
(i) Chief Executive's Commendation for Government/Public Service	170
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The citations of the award recipients of the 2024 Honours List are provided in Appendix 1.

A Government spokesman said, "The award recipients come from different walks of life with diverse backgrounds. They have made significant contributions to Hong Kong, benefitting various domains and sectors of the community, including public and community service, education, medical and public health, finance, trade and industry, innovation and technology, charity, arts and culture, sports, housing, transport, construction and urban development, environment, religion, labour and welfare, women and youth affairs, and professional services. The Chief Executive expresses gratitude and extends congratulations to all award recipients, and hopes that they will continue to excel in their own fields and serve the community."

The presentation ceremony for the awards will be held later this year.

Moreover, a total of 59 persons have been appointed as JPs by the Chief Executive, of whom 42 were appointed under section 3(1)(b) of the Justices of the Peace Ordinance (Cap. 510) (commonly referred to as Non-official JPs), and 17 were appointed under section 3(1)(a) of the same ordinance (commonly referred to as Official JPs).

The main function of JPs is to visit correctional institutions, detention centres or other institutions to ensure their effective management and that no individual is unfairly treated or deprived of his or her rights. JPs will ensure that complaints lodged by individuals are handled in a fair and transparent manner.

The name list of JPs appointed under section 3(1)(b) and section 3(1)(a) of the Justices of the Peace Ordinance is provided in Appendix 2.