

# Appointment of Commissioner for Industry (Innovation and Technology) and establishment of New Industrialisation Development Office (with photo)

The Government announced today (February 23) that following an open-cum-in-service recruitment exercise, Dr Ge Ming will take up the appointment as the Commissioner for Industry (Innovation and Technology) on February 26, 2024. Led by the Commissioner for Industry (Innovation and Technology), the New Industrialisation Development Office (NIDO) will be established on the same day to adopt an industry-oriented approach to promote new industrialisation in Hong Kong.

Concerning Dr Ge's appointment and the establishment of the NIDO, the Secretary for Innovation, Technology and Industry, Professor Sun Dong, said, "Dr Ge possesses rich experience in innovation and technology (I&T) and the industry sector in Hong Kong. He will lead the NIDO in formulating policy along the directions and strategies as set out in the Hong Kong I&T Development Blueprint, focusing on such industries as life and health technology, artificial intelligence and data science, as well as advanced manufacturing and new energy technology. I trust that the NIDO, led by Dr Ge, will carry out the functions of supporting strategic enterprises to develop their businesses in Hong Kong, assisting the local manufacturing sector in upgrading and transformation by making use of I&T, and providing support for start-ups."

Dr Ge said that he was honoured to be appointed the Commissioner for Industry (Innovation and Technology). He hopes to leverage his experience in the I&T and new industry sector, and contribute to the new industrialisation development in Hong Kong.

Brief biographical notes of Dr Ge are set out below:

Dr Ge Ming

Dr Ge holds a PhD in Mechanical and Automation Engineering. He has been focusing on the research and development (R&D) and applications of artificial intelligence, robotics, big data and intelligent manufacturing. He was also responsible for many R&D projects funded by the Innovation and Technology Fund as well as those developed jointly with the Mainland and overseas. He actively promoted technology implementation and industrialisation and assisted enterprises to establish a series of digital, automated and intelligent pilot projects, as well as to pave the way for new industrialisation.

Dr Ge joined the Hong Kong Productivity Council (HKPC) in 2004 and served as General Manager, Consultant on Mainland Affairs and Chief Executive Officer of a subsidiary of the HKPC on the Mainland. In 2009, he was transferred to the HKPC headquarters and served as Senior Consultant, Principal Consultant and General Manager. In 2020, he served as the Chief Operating Officer of the Hong Kong Industrial Artificial Intelligence and Robotics Centre Limited, and the General Manager of the HKPC's Robotics and Artificial Intelligence Division.

Dr Ge obtained his doctoral degree from the Chinese University of Hong Kong in 2003. He was a member of the Committee on Innovation, Technology and Industry Development and an Adjunct Professor of the Department of Computer Science and Engineering of the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology as well as the Department of Systems Engineering of the City University of Hong Kong.

