

Appointment of Commissioner of Correctional Services (with photos)

The Government announced today (November 9) that Mr Woo Ying-ming, Deputy Commissioner of Correctional Services, will take up the post of Commissioner of Correctional Services on November 25, 2018 when Mr Lam Kwok-leung commences his pre-retirement leave.

The Secretary for the Civil Service, Mr Joshua Law, said, "Mr Woo Ying-ming has accumulated abundant experience of 29 years in the Correctional Services Department and possesses proven leadership and management skills. I am confident that he will be able to lead the Department to meet the challenges ahead."

On the retirement of Mr Lam, Mr Law said, "As the Commissioner of Correctional Services, Mr Lam has made sustained efforts in providing a secure, safe, humane, decent and healthy environment for people in custody, and working in collaboration with the community and other agencies to provide opportunities for rehabilitation of offenders. We sincerely wish him a fulfilling and happy retirement."

Brief biographical notes on the two officers are set out below:

Mr Lam Kwok-leung

Mr Lam Kwok-leung, aged 56, joined the Correctional Services Department as Officer in March 1984 and was promoted to Senior Superintendent of Correctional Services in January 2008, to Chief Superintendent of Correctional Services in October 2009, to Assistant Commissioner of Correctional Services in September 2010 and to Deputy Commissioner of Correctional Services in June 2015 before being appointed as the Commissioner of Correctional Services in August 2017.

Mr Woo Ying-ming

Mr Woo Ying-ming, aged 53, joined the Immigration Department as Assistant Immigration Officer in August 1988. He was appointed as Officer of the Correctional Services Department in February 1989 and was promoted to Senior Superintendent of Correctional Services in January 2011 and to Assistant Commissioner of Correctional Services in May 2012. Mr Woo has been Deputy Commissioner of Correctional Services since August 2017.

