

Appointment of Commissioner of Customs and Excise (with photos)

The Central People's Government, on the nomination and recommendation of the Chief Executive, Mr John Lee, has approved today (December 31) the appointment of Mr Chan Tsz-tat, formerly Deputy Commissioner of Customs and Excise, as Commissioner of Customs and Excise and the removal of Ms Louise Ho Pui-shan from the post of Commissioner of Customs and Excise. Ms Ho proceeded on pre-retirement leave today after serving the Customs and Excise Department for 33 years.

Commenting on the appointment of Mr Chan, Mr Lee said, "Mr Chan has served in the Customs and Excise Department for 30 years and has extensive experience in departmental operations. He possesses solid management and leadership skills. I am confident that he will lead the Customs and Excise Department in meeting the challenges ahead."

Speaking on Ms Ho who reached the retirement age and proceeded on pre-retirement leave, Mr Lee said, "Since taking up the appointment as Commissioner of Customs and Excise in October 2021, Ms Ho has made sustained efforts in leading the Department with distinguished results on the prevention of smuggling activities, the protection of Government revenue on dutiable goods, the detection and deterrence of narcotics trafficking and abuse of narcotic drugs, the protection of intellectual property rights and consumer interests and the combat of money laundering and counter-financing of terrorism. During her tenure, she has also been committed to maintaining close collaboration with international and regional partners to uphold the position of Hong Kong as an international trade centre and logistics hub. On behalf of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government, I convey my heartfelt appreciation to Ms Ho for her contribution to the HKSAR and I wish her a happy retirement."

The following are biographical notes of Ms Ho and Mr Chan:

Ms Louise Ho

Ms Ho joined the Customs and Excise Department as Inspector of Customs and Excise in February 1991. She was promoted to Superintendent of Customs and Excise in 2010, to Senior Superintendent of Customs and Excise in 2013, to Assistant Commissioner of Customs and Excise in 2017 and to Deputy Commissioner of Customs and Excise in 2019. She took up the Commissioner of Customs and Excise post in October 2021.

Ms Ho has been awarded three Assistant Commissioner of Customs and Excise's Commendations in 1999, 2003 and 2005 respectively; Hong Kong Customs and Excise Long Service Medal in 2009, with the first clasp and second clasp in 2016 and 2021 respectively; Hong Kong Customs and Excise Medal for

Meritorious Service in 2017; and Hong Kong Customs and Excise Medal for Distinguished Service in 2022.

Mr Chan Tsz-tat

Mr Chan joined the Customs and Excise Department as Inspector of Customs and Excise in August 1994. He was promoted to Superintendent of Customs and Excise in 2015, to Senior Superintendent of Customs and Excise in 2017, to Assistant Commissioner of Customs and Excise in 2020 and to Deputy Commissioner of Customs and Excise in 2022.

Mr Chan has been awarded Hong Kong Customs and Excise Long Service Medal in 2012, with the first clasp in 2019; and Hong Kong Customs and Excise Medal for Distinguished Service in 2023.

