

Appointment of Law Draftsman (with photo)

The Department of Justice (DoJ) announced today (March 11) the appointment of Mr Michael Lam Siu-chung as Law Draftsman, to head the Law Drafting Division of the department.

Mr Lam was selected for the position through a promotion-cum-open recruitment exercise. He will assume duty on March 16.

Welcoming the appointment, the Secretary for Justice, Ms Teresa Cheng, SC, said that Mr Lam is a seasoned legislative draftsman with sound professional experience and proven leadership.

"Mr Lam is a distinguished lawyer with in-depth legal knowledge and impressive professional competence. I have full confidence that he will aptly lead the Law Drafting Division to meet the challenges ahead and to continue to deliver professional and quality service to the people of Hong Kong," Ms Cheng said.

Ms Cheng also expressed her gratitude to Ms Theresa Ann Johnson, who formally completed her four-year tenure as Law Draftsman on January 3, 2020, for her sterling contributions. Upon Ms Johnson's departure, Ms Fanny Ip Fung-king, Principal Government Counsel, has acted as Law Draftsman for administrative convenience until the commencement of her pre-retirement leave on March 16. Ms Cheng conveyed her appreciation for Ms Ip's dedicated and meritorious service for 27 years and wished her a fulfilling and happy retirement.

Ranked at the Law Officer (DL6) level, the post of Law Draftsman is responsible for overseeing the drafting of all government legislation and advising on complex and important legal issues identified in the course of developing draft legislation.

Brief biographical notes on Mr Lam are set out below:

Mr Michael Lam Siu-chung was admitted as solicitor in Hong Kong in 1994. He joined the Law Drafting Division of the DoJ in 1995 as Crown Counsel, and was promoted to Senior Government Counsel in 2000 and Deputy Principal Government Counsel in 2006. He has been serving in the Law Drafting Division for most of his service with the department except for a short stint in the Civil Division.

