<u>Appointment to two appeal panels on</u> <u>civil service retirement benefits</u>

The Government announced today (April 1) that the Chief Executive (CE) has appointed Ms Teresa Ko Yuk-yin as the convenor-cum-member of the Pensions Appeal Panel (PAP) and the Appeal Panel on Government's Voluntary Contributions under the Civil Service Provident Fund Scheme (APGVC) for a term of three years with effect from April 8, 2022.

The Government also expressed gratitude to the retiring convenor, Mr Walter Chan Kar-lok, for his dedicated service and invaluable contribution to the two appeal panels over the years.

The PAP is a statutory body established under the Pension Benefits Ordinance responsible for advising the CE on petitions made by civil servants against decisions to cancel, suspend, reduce or refuse to grant pension benefits. The APGVC is an administrative panel set up to tender advice to the CE on representations made by civil servants against decisions to forfeit or recover their accrued benefits attributable to government voluntary contributions under the Civil Service Provident Fund Scheme.

The other two members of the appeal panels are Mr Henry Wu King-cheong and Ms Connie Lam Tsui-wa.