

Appointments of new members to Independent Police Complaints Council

The Government today (September 4) announced the appointments of Mr Paul Lam Ting-kwok, SC, and Mrs Helen Yu Lai Ching-ping as new members to the Independent Police Complaints Council (IPCC) for a term of two years with effect from September 4, 2019.

The appointments are made by the Chief Executive according to section 5 of the IPCC Ordinance (Cap. 604). The appointment notice will be published in the Government Gazette.

"We are most grateful for the invaluable contributions of the IPCC in ensuring the effective operation of the two-tier police complaints handling system. We hope that adding new members to the IPCC could assist the Council in performing its functions," a Government spokesman said.

The IPCC, established under the IPCC Ordinance, is an independent statutory body responsible for monitoring and reviewing the investigation of complaints against members of the Police Force. The IPCC Ordinance provides a statutory basis for the IPCC's role and power and the two-tier police complaints handling system. It also imposes a statutory duty on the Police to comply with the Council's requirements. Following the current appointments, the membership of the IPCC will be expanded from 27 to 29 members.