<u>Appointments to Appeal Board on Public</u> <u>Meetings and Processions</u>

The Government announced today (December 7) the re-appointment of Ms Betty Chan Ka-wai as Deputy Chairman and Mr Johnny Lau Tze-ming as Member of the Appeal Board on Public Meetings and Processions, made by the Chief Executive under Section 43(3) of the Public Order Ordinance (Cap 245). The above appointments will be effective from December 22 this year for a term of two years and were gazetted today.

The Appeal Board on Public Meetings and Processions comprises a Chairman, two Deputy Chairmen and 13 Members, none of whom are public officers. The Appeal Board is responsible for considering appeals against the decision of the Commissioner of Police to prohibit a public meeting, object to a public procession or impose or amend conditions on a public meeting or public procession under Sections 9, 14, 11 or 15 of the Public Order Ordinance respectively. The Appeal Board is empowered to confirm, reverse or vary the decision being appealed against.