

Appointments to Honours and Non-official Justices of the Peace Selection Committee

The Government announced today (December 24) that the Chief Executive has appointed Mrs Laura Cha Shih May-lung, Mr Chow Chung-kong, Mr Martin Liao Cheung-kong, Dr Moses Cheng Mo-chi and Dr Ng Chau-pei as non-official members of the Honours and Non-official Justices of the Peace Selection Committee.

The Chief Executive has also re-appointed Mr Bernard Charnwut Chan, Mrs Regina Ip Lau Suk-yea, Miss Elsie Leung Oi-sie and Mr Lau Chin-shek as non-official members of the Selection Committee.

"All members will serve for a one-year term, starting from January 1 to December 31, 2020," a Government spokesman said.

Professor Arthur Li Kwok-cheung, Mrs Fanny Law Fan Chiu-fun, Mr Joseph Yam Chi-kwong and Mr Cheng Yiu-tong, serving members of the Selection Committee, will retire on December 31, 2019.

"We wish to express our gratitude to Professor Li, Mrs Law, Mr Yam and Mr Cheng for their invaluable advice rendered to the Selection Committee during their term of office," the spokesman said.

The Selection Committee is tasked to consider nominations for various honours as well as for the appointment of Non-official Justices of the Peace (JPs) and make recommendations to the Chief Executive.

Honours and awards are awarded to individuals in recognition of their significant contribution to Hong Kong or dedicated public and community service. The appointment of JPs is governed by the Justices of the Peace Ordinance (Cap. 510). JPs are required to perform certain functions, including visiting custodial institutions or detention centres to ensure that such facilities are effectively managed and that no inmate is unfairly treated or deprived of his or her rights.

The annual Honours List and the list of new JP appointments are normally published in the Government Gazette on the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Establishment Day (July 1).

The Selection Committee is chaired by the Chief Secretary for Administration. Other official members include the Financial Secretary, the Secretary for Home Affairs, the Chairman of the Public Service Commission and the Director of the Chief Executive's Office.

The Selection Committee's full membership for the new term is as

follows:

Chairman

Chief Secretary for Administration

Non-official Members

Mr Bernard Charnwut Chan
Mrs Laura Cha Shih May-lung
Mr Chow Chung-kong
Mr Martin Liao Cheung-kong
Mrs Regina Ip Lau Suk-yee
Miss Elsie Leung Oi-sie
Dr Moses Cheng Mo-chi
Dr Ng Chau-pei
Mr Lau Chin-shek

Official Members

Financial Secretary
Secretary for Home Affairs
Chairman, Public Service Commission
Director, Chief Executive's Office