

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

The Government announced today (December 24) that the Chief Executive has re-appointed 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 and Mr Lau Chin-shek as non-official members of the Honours and Non-official Justices of the Peace Selection Committee.

"All members will serve for a one-year term, from January 1 to December 31, 2021," a Government 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 contributions 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 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

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Chief Secretary for Administration

Non-official Members

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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
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Official Members

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