## <u>Appointments to Ping Wo Fund Advisory</u> <u>Committee</u>

The Government today (September 15) announced the appointments to the Ping Wo Fund Advisory Committee for a two-year term from September 16, 2021, to September 15, 2023.

Ms Lu Hai has been appointed as the new Chairperson of the Committee, and three members have been newly appointed to the Committee, namely Mr Ko Hiu-wing, Miss Li Ka-yan and Ms Zhang Ti. Mr Adrian Yip Chun-to, the incumbent Chairperson of the Committee, as well as members Mr Mac Chan Hoting, Ms Michelle Cheng and Miss Wong Sze-sze will retire. Other incumbent members have been re-appointed to the Committee.

The Secretary for Home Affairs, Mr Caspar Tsui, expressed his heartfelt thanks to the outgoing Chairperson, Mr Yip, and the three outgoing members for their valuable advice and contributions to the work of the Committee.

The full membership of the Committee with effect from September 16, 2021, is as follows:

Chairperson

Ms Lu Hai

Members

Mr Chan Chun-chung Ms Chan Wing-man Dr Ronald Chen Yuk-lun Mr Sam Chong Yan-kit Miss Cherene Ho Ching-wai Mr Ko Hiu-wing Ms Fonnie Leung Fung-yee Miss Li Ka-yan Mr Ng Chak-hang Dr Johannes Poon Yin-kwong Ms Zhang Ti Secretary for Home Affairs or representative (ex-officio) Secretary for Education or representative (ex-officio) Director of Social Welfare or representative (ex-officio)

The function of the Committee is to advise the Secretary for Home Affairs on the use of the Ping Wo Fund. The Fund is mainly used to finance the following measures:

(a) research and studies into problems and issues relating to gambling;

(b) public education and other measures to prevent or alleviate problems

relating to gambling; and

(c) counselling, treatment and other remedial or support services for gamblers with gambling disorder and those affected by them.