

Appointments to Rehabilitation Advisory Committee announced

The Government today (December 14) announced the appointment of three new members and the re-appointment of four incumbent members to the Rehabilitation Advisory Committee (RAC) for a term of two years with effect from January 1, 2019.

The three new members are Mr Kuo Chun-chuen, Mr Edwin Lam Man-wing and Dr William Lo Tak-lam. Mr Kuo Chun-chuen is the Secretary General of the Hong Kong Joint Council for People with Disabilities. Mr Edwin Lam Man-wing is the General Secretary of Hong Chi Association. Dr William Lo Tak-lam is the Chairman of the Mental Health Association of Hong Kong and Hospital Chief Executive of Kwai Chung Hospital.

The four incumbent members re-appointed are Ms Shirley Chan Suk-ling, Ms Elaine Lam Yee-li, Miss Julia Lau Pui-g and Ms Yu Tung-mui.

The Secretary for Labour and Welfare, Dr Law Chi-kwong, welcomed the appointments. He also thanked the three outgoing members, Dr Cheng Lai-ling, Dr Leung Nai-kong and Mrs Cynthia Luk Ho Kam-wan, for their valuable contributions to the RAC during their tenure.

The RAC was set up in 1977 to serve as the principal advisory body to the Government on the development and implementation of rehabilitation services and matters pertaining to the well-being of persons with disabilities in Hong Kong. With the application of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities to Hong Kong since August 31, 2008, the RAC also took on the role of assisting the Government in promoting and monitoring the implementation of the Convention in Hong Kong.

Following is the membership list of the RAC from January 1, 2019:

Chairperson

Mr Anthony Yeung Kwok-ki

Vice-chairperson

Mr Fung Pak-yan

Non-official Members

Ms Shirley Chan Suk-ling

Ms Chan Wing-yan

Mr Cheng Ka-ho

Mr Fong Cheung-fat

Ms Heidi Hui Sim-kiu

Mr Kuo Chun-chuen

Mr Joseph Kwan Kwok-lok
Mr Leo Lam Cheung-wai
Mr Edwin Lam Man-wing
Ms Elaine Lam Yee-li
Ms Lau Lai-fong
Miss Julia Lau Pui-g
Mr Willy Law Wai-cheung
Mr Eric Lee Sai-kit
Dr Raymond Leung Cheong-ming
Mr Lo Siu-kit
Dr William Lo Tak-lam
Mr Billy Man
Ms Shirley To Shuk-yi
Dr Janice Tsang Wing-hang
Ms Wendy Tse Yik-chu
Mr Tsui Yu-hang
Ms Elaine Wu Siu-ling
Dr Loretta Yam Yin-chun
Ms Yu Tung-mui

Agreement on Trade in Goods signed under framework of CEPA

The Chief Executive, Mrs Carrie Lam, witnessed the signing of the Agreement on Trade in Goods by the Financial Secretary, Mr Paul Chan, and the China International Trade Representative and Vice Minister of Commerce, Mr Fu Ziying, today (December 14).

The Agreement is a new agreement signed between the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government (HKSARG) and the Ministry of Commerce under the framework of the Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (CEPA).

The Agreement consolidates and updates the commitments on liberalisation and facilitation of trade in goods under CEPA, and further enhances the level of liberalisation for trade in goods under CEPA. Starting from January 1, 2019, goods of Hong Kong origin imported into the Mainland will fully enjoy zero tariff through the enhanced arrangement for rules of origin (ROOs). In addition to the existing product-specific ROOs (PSRs), a general ROO based on the calculation of the value added to the products in Hong Kong is introduced under the Agreement, thus allowing products currently without PSRs to instantly enjoy zero tariff upon importation into the Mainland subject to the fulfilment of the general ROO.

The Agreement also establishes principles of trade facilitation,

including stipulation of commitment of the two sides in facilitating trade between the two places, simplifying customs procedures, enhancing transparency of related measures and strengthening co-operation in the relevant areas, and in particular sets out measures to expedite customs clearance of goods with a view to facilitating movement of goods in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, thereby enhancing the customs clearance capacity and efficiency of the control points in Guangdong and Hong Kong. The Agreement came into effect on the day of signing and shall be implemented on January 1, 2019.

Upon signing the Agreement, the two sides have completed in advance the objective of promoting the CEPA Upgrade under the National 13th Five-Year Plan, thus enabling CEPA to become a comprehensive and modern-framework free trade agreement covering four major areas, namely trade in goods, trade in services, investment, and economic and technical co-operation.

Details and latest information on CEPA can be found on the Trade and Industry Department website at www.tid.gov.hk/english/cepa/index.html.

Labour Advisory Board members appointed

The Government today (December 14) announced the appointment of 12 members to the Labour Advisory Board (LAB) for a term of two years starting on January 1, 2019.

The appointed members include five employee representatives elected by registered employee unions, namely:

- * Mr Chau Siu-chung
- * Mr Charles Chan Yiu-kwong
- * Mr Tang Ka-piu
- * Mr Lee Kwok-keung
- * Mr Leung Chau-ting

and five employer representatives nominated by major employer associations, namely:

- * Mr Ho Sai-chu (representing the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce)
- * Dr Kim Mak Kin-wah (representing the Employers' Federation of Hong Kong)
- * Mr Irons Sze (representing the Chinese Manufacturers' Association of Hong Kong)
- * Mr Emil Yu Chen-on (representing the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce)
- * Mr Jimmy Kwok Chun-wah (representing the Federation of Hong Kong Industries)

In addition, Ms Shea Wai-man and Mr Cheung Sing-hung have been appointed on an ad personam basis as an employee member and an employer member of the LAB respectively.

With the exception of Mr Lee Kwok-keung, Mr Leung Chau-ting and Ms Shea Wai-man, all appointed members are incumbent members. Mr Lee is the Labour Research Department Officer of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Trades Union Council, Mr Leung is the Chief Executive Officer of the Hong Kong Federation of Civil Service Unions, and Ms Shea is the Administrative Assistant of the Cathay Pacific Airways Local Staff Union.

The Commissioner for Labour and Chairman of the LAB, Mr Carlson Chan, welcomed the above appointments and said he looked forward to close co-operation with all LAB members in the new term to address issues of concern to both employees and employers.

Mr Chan paid warm tribute to the three outgoing members, namely Ms Wong Siu-han, Mr Daniel Lau Yuk-fai and Ms Chan So-hing, for their significant contributions to the LAB. "During their term of office, the three outgoing members, in the capacity as LAB employee representatives, actively offered constructive and valuable advice on various labour issues to the Government. This helped the Government formulate labour legislation and policies to improve employees' rights and benefits," he said.

The LAB is a high-level and representative tripartite consultative body comprising representatives of employees and employers to advise the Commissioner for Labour on labour matters.

Tenders invited for Central Kowloon Route – Central Tunnel

The Highways Department (HyD) today (December 14) invited tenders for the Central Kowloon Route – Central Tunnel (Contract No. HY/2018/08).

The works are scheduled to commence in June 2019 and will take about 60 months to complete. The works mainly include:

- construction of an approximately 2.8-kilometre dual 3-lane Central Kowloon Route central tunnel;
- construction of an approximately 1.5km pilot tunnel with minimum size of 5-metre internal diameter by tunnel boring machine connecting the vertical access shafts at Ho Man Tin and Ma Tau Kok;
- construction of approximately 41m and 33m cut-and-cover tunnels at Yau Ma Tei and Ma Tau Kok respectively;
- construction of foundation for a ventilation building, a ventilation

- shaft and an adit for the Central Kowloon Route project at Ho Man Tin;
- slope maintenance and upgrading works;
 - associated drainage and geotechnical instrumentation and monitoring work;
 - associated ground investigation work;
 - provision of civil engineering works and coordination work for installation of electrical and mechanical system as well as traffic control and surveillance system inside the central tunnel; and
 - arrange and implement cross-boundary disposal of construction and demolition material.

The HyD has appointed Arup-Mott MacDonald Joint Venture as the consultant to design and supervise the construction works. Interested contractors can obtain the tender forms and other particulars from Arup-Mott MacDonald Joint Venture at 3/F, Mapletree Bay Point, 348 Kwun Tong Road, Kwun Tong.

The invitation to tender was gazetted today. Submission of tenders will close at noon on March 8, 2019 (Friday). Tender submissions should be placed in the Government Secretariat Tender Box located at the lobby of the Public Entrance on G/F, East Wing, Central Government Offices, 2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar.

For enquiries, please call the consultant at 2828 5757.

[Appointments to Mandatory Provident Fund Industry Schemes Committee](#)

The Government announced today (December 14) that the Financial Secretary, in exercise of his authority under the Mandatory Provident Fund Schemes Ordinance, has appointed Mr Eddie Lam Kin-wing as a member of the Mandatory Provident Fund Industry Schemes Committee (ISC). His term of office is from December 17, 2018 to August 24, 2020, both dates inclusive.

The Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury, Mr James Lau, said, "We welcome Mr Lam to the ISC as an employer representative of the construction industry. I believe the ISC will continue to provide valuable advice to ensure the effectiveness of Mandatory Provident Fund Industry Schemes and to improve their administration and operation in the interest of scheme members."

The membership of the ISC is as follows:

Chairman

Dr Roy Chung Chi-ping

Members

Mr Chan Pat-kan

Mr Cheung Tat-fai

Mr Rayman Chui Man-wai

Mr Kwok Wang-hing

Mr Eddie Lam Kin-wing (new appointee)

Mr Lee Yuen-hong

Mr Adrian Li Man-kiu

Mr Johnson Wong Ho-shun

Mr Wong Ping

Mr Yu Chak-ming

Mr Cheng Yan-chee