

Government appoints Executive Director of Urban Renewal Authority

The Government announced today (June 11) that the Chief Executive has, on the recommendation of a selection panel, appointed Mr Eric Poon Shun-wing as Executive Director of the Urban Renewal Authority (URA) for a term of three years with effect from July 15, 2020.

Mr Poon will assist the Managing Director of the URA in formulating and implementing policies and initiatives on matters relating to planning and design, property and land, and corporate services.

Mr Poon was selected through an internal recruitment exercise and considered by a selection panel set up by the Development Bureau.

The Secretary for Development, Mr Michael Wong, said, "Mr Poon is a professional quantity surveyor and has worked for more than 20 years in the former Land Development Corporation and the URA. He has extensive experience in project and contract management for the implementation of redevelopment projects. We look forward to working closely with him in his new capacity in furthering the important task of urban renewal in Hong Kong.

"I would also like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to Mr Michael Ma Chiu-tsee, who is retiring upon completion of his term of office, for his invaluable contributions towards the URA over the years. Since taking up the position of Executive Director in 2016, with his profound knowledge and extensive experience, Mr Ma has made significant contributions to the URA's work, in particular in forging a district-based and planning-led urban renewal approach."

The selection panel, chaired by the Permanent Secretary for Development (Planning and Lands), comprises the Chairman of the URA, Mr Chow Chung-kong; the Managing Director of the URA, Mr Wai Chi-sing; the Director of Planning (Official Non-Executive Director of the URA Board); and Non-Executive Director of the URA Board Dr Lawrence Poon Wing-cheung.

Under the existing establishment of the URA, there are two Executive Directors underpinning the Managing Director of the URA in taking forward the work of urban renewal.

A brief biography of Mr Eric Poon is set out below:

Mr Eric Poon Shun-wing

Mr Poon is a professional quantity surveyor. He joined the former Land Development Corporation in 1997 and has been working in the URA since its establishment in 2001. In 2017, he assumed the position of Director (Works and Contracts) of the URA to take charge of project and contract management

for all of the redevelopment projects. He is currently a Director of the Hong Kong Green Building Council, and a member of the Committee on Building Information Modelling as well as the Committee on Environment of the Construction Industry Council.