

Justices of the Peace appointments

The Government published this year's appointments of Justices of the Peace (JPs) in the Government Gazette today (July 1).

A total of 78 persons have been appointed, including 41 JPs appointed under section 3(1)(b) of the Justices of the Peace Ordinance (Chapter 510) (commonly referred to as "Non-official JPs") and 37 JPs appointed under section 3(1)(a) of the same ordinance (commonly referred to as "Official JPs").

The main function of JPs is to visit prisons, detention centres and other institutions to ensure their effective management and that no individual is unfairly treated or deprived of his or her rights. JPs will ensure that complaints lodged by individuals are handled in a fair and transparent manner.

The name list of JPs appointed under section 3(1)(b) and section 3(1)(a) of the Justices of the Peace Ordinance is provided in the Appendix.