

Oath-taking by District Council members (with photos/video)

The Public Offices (Candidacy and Taking Up Offices) (Miscellaneous Amendments) Ordinance 2021 was gazetted and came into effect on May 21, 2021. The Ordinance amends certain legislation, including requiring District Council (DC) members to take an oath to uphold the Basic Law of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of the People's Republic of China (PRC) and bear allegiance to the HKSAR of the PRC (uphold the Basic Law and bear allegiance to the HKSAR).

The Government today (September 24) held the oath-taking ceremony for DC members from the Yau Tsim Mong District Council, the Sham Shui Po District Council, the Kowloon City District Council, the Wong Tai Sin District Council and the Kwun Tong District Council at North Point Community Hall. During the oath-taking ceremony, the DC members present took oaths individually that they would uphold the Basic Law and bear allegiance to the HKSAR. The oath-taking was administered by the Secretary for Home Affairs, Mr Caspar Tsui, who was authorised by the Chief Executive as the oath administrator.

According to the Interpretation of Article 104 of the Basic Law of the HKSAR of the PRC by the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, the person administering the oath has the duty to ensure that the oath is taken in a lawful manner. He or she shall determine that an oath taken in compliance with the Interpretation and the requirements under the laws of the HKSAR is valid, and that an oath which is not taken in compliance with the Interpretation and the requirements under the laws of the HKSAR is invalid. If the oath taken is determined as invalid, no arrangement shall be made for retaking the oath.

Based on the principles laid down by the Interpretation and the relevant legal provisions, the oath administrator determined that the oaths taken by the following DC members were valid:

Yau Tsim Mong District Council

1. Mr Hung Chiu-wah
2. Mr Lee Wai-fung
3. Mr Hui Tak-leung
4. Mr Chung Chak-fai
5. Mr Lam Kin-man
6. Mr Chu Tsz-lok
7. Mr Ho Fu-wing

Sham Shui Po District Council

1. Mr Mak Wai-ming
2. Mr Li Ting-fung
3. Ms Lau Pui-yuk
4. Mr Yuen Hoi-man

5. Ms Ng Yuet-lan
6. Mr Chum Tak-shing
7. Mr Ho Kwan-chau
8. Ms Ng Mei, Carman

Kowloon City District Council

1. Mr Yeung Chun-yu
2. Mr Yang Wing-kit
3. Mr Wong Kwok-tung
4. Mr Ho Hin-ming
5. Mr Ng Po-keung
6. Miss Leung Yuen-ting
7. Mr He Huahan
8. Mr Cheung King-fan
9. Mr Pun Kwok-wah
10. Ms Lee Wai-king, Starry
11. Mr Lam Tak-shing
12. Mr Cho Wui-hung

Wong Tai Sin District Council

1. Ms Tam Heung-man
2. Mr Liu Sing-lee

Kwun Tong District Council

1. Mrs Poon Yam Wai-chun, Winnie
2. Ms Lai Po-kwai
3. Mr Tam Siu-cheuk
4. Mr Ngan Man-yu
5. Ms Fu Pik-chun
6. Mr Lam Wai
7. Mr Cheung Pui-kong
8. Mr Hsu Yau-wai
9. Mr Chan Yiu-hung, Jimmy
10. Mr Or Chong-shing, Wilson
11. Mr Kan Ming-tung
12. Ms Tse Suk-chun
13. Mr Pang Chi-sang
14. Mr Lui Tung-hai
15. Mr So Koon-chung, Kevin
16. Mr Leung Tang-fung

Mr Lee Man-ho, Leos of the Sham Shui Po District Council was absent and regarded as declining or neglecting to take the oath under section 20A of the Oaths and Declarations Ordinance. Accordingly, he shall vacate his office immediately pursuant to section 21 of that Ordinance. Moreover, as the oath administrator had doubts on the validity of the oaths taken by the following DC members today, letters were issued to the DC members concerned to require them to provide additional information for the oath administrator to decide the validity of their oaths.

Yau Tsim Mong District Council

1. Ms Wu Sui-shan
2. Mr To Kun-sun, James
3. Mr Tsang Tsz-ming
4. Mr Chu Kong-wai

Sham Shui Po District Council

1. Mr Lau Wai-chung

Kowloon City District Council

1. Mr Tsang Kin-chiu
2. Mr Kwok Tin-lap
3. Mr Yum Kwok-tung, Pius

Wong Tai Sin District Council

1. Mr Mock Ho-chit, Sean

Kwun Tong District Council

1. Ms Leung Yik-ting, Edith

