## Senior appointment (with photo)

The Government announced today (March 7) that Mr David Wong Fuk-loi, Administrative Officer Staff Grade B, will succeed Ms Ada Leung Ka-lai as Director of Intellectual Property on March 18, 2019. Ms Leung will proceed on pre-retirement leave on the same day.

Commenting on the appointment of Mr Wong, the Secretary for the Civil Service, Mr Joshua Law, said, "Mr Wong has strong leadership and management skills as well as rich experience in public administration. I am confident that he will be able to lead the Intellectual Property Department to meet the challenges ahead and continue to deliver quality service to the community."

On the retirement of Ms Leung, Mr Law said, "Ms Leung has served with dedication and professionalism in the civil service throughout the past 35 years. As Director of Intellectual Property, she has made exemplary contributions and led the department in taking forward various tasks, including enhancing the legislative framework of Hong Kong's intellectual property (IP) regime and promoting IP protection. I wish her a fulfilling and happy retirement."

Brief biographical notes of the two officers are set out below:

Ms Ada Leung Ka-lai

Ms Leung joined the Government as Executive Officer II in September 1983. She was appointed as Assistant Crown Counsel in July 1990. She was promoted to Assistant Director of Intellectual Property in June 2002 and to Deputy Director of Intellectual Property in June 2012. She has been Director of Intellectual Property since May 2014.

Mr David Wong Fuk-loi

Mr Wong joined the Administrative Service in August 1990 and rose to the rank of Administrative Officer Staff Grade B in April 2013. He has served in various bureaux and departments, including the Transport Department, the former Health and Welfare Branch, the former Trade Department, the Financial Secretary's Office, the Security Bureau, the former Education and Manpower Bureau, the Innovation and Technology Commission, the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau and the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department.

