

Senior appointment (with photos)

The Government announced today (February 22) that Miss Vivian Lau Lee-kwan, Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene, will take up the post of Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) on February 23, 2021. She will succeed Mr Philip Yung Wai-hung, who will take up the chairmanship of the Administrative Officer Recruitment Board before commencing his pre-retirement leave in May 2021.

Commenting on the appointment, the Secretary for the Civil Service, Mr Patrick Nip, said, "Miss Lau is a seasoned Administrative Officer with proven leadership and management skills. I have every confidence that she will serve the community with professionalism in her new capacity."

On the retirement of Mr Yung, Mr Nip said, "Mr Yung has rendered 37 years of loyal and dedicated service to the community of Hong Kong. During his tenure as Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food), he has made zealous efforts in helping to formulate and implement policies on agriculture, fisheries, food safety, animal health, animal welfare and environmental hygiene. He has made great contributions in handling major food incidents and safeguarding environmental hygiene. He has also demonstrated exemplary leadership in overseeing matters related to quarantine, including the designated hotel scheme during the outbreak of COVID-19. I wish him a fulfilling and happy retirement."

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

Mr Philip Yung Wai-hung

Mr Yung joined the civil service and the Administrative Service in July 1983 and July 1986 respectively. He rose to the rank of Administrative Officer Staff Grade A1 in April 2016. He has served in various bureaux and departments, including the Housing Department, the former General Duties Branch, the former Constitutional Affairs Branch, the former City and New Territories Administration, the former Chief Secretary's Office, the former Chief Executive (Designate)'s Office, the Chief Secretary for Administration's Office, the Financial Secretary's Office, the Trade and Industry Department, the former Commerce, Industry and Technology Bureau and the former Environment, Transport and Works Bureau. He was Commissioner for Tourism from February 2010 to December 2014, Permanent Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development (Commerce, Industry and Tourism) from December 2014 to April 2018 and has been serving as Permanent Secretary for Food and Health (Food) since April 2018.

Miss Vivian Lau Lee-kwan

Miss Lau joined the Administrative Service in September 1988 and rose to the rank of Administrative Officer Staff Grade A in April 2016. She has

served in various bureaux and departments, including the former City and New Territories Administration, the former Security Branch, the former Economic Services Branch, the former Finance Branch, the former Financial Services Bureau and the former Education and Manpower Bureau. She was Deputy Director-General of Trade and Industry from July 2008 to May 2010, Deputy Secretary for the Environment from May 2010 to March 2014 and has been serving as Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene since March 2014.

