

Senior appointments (with photos)

The Government announced today (June 15) the following senior appointments:

(a) Mr Andrew Lai Chi-wah, Deputy Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Treasury), will take up the post of Director of Lands on August 5, 2020; and

(b) Mr Daniel Cheng Chung-wai, Deputy Secretary for Food and Health (Food), will take up the post of Director of Administration on July 20, 2020.

The Secretary for the Civil Service, Mr Patrick Nip, said, "The two appointees are seasoned Administrative Officers with proven leadership and management skills. I have every confidence that they will serve the community with professionalism in their new capacities."

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

Mr Andrew Lai Chi-wah

Mr Lai joined the Administrative Service in July 1992 and rose to the rank of Administrative Officer Staff Grade B1 in April 2018. He has served in various bureaux and departments, including the former City and New Territories Administration, the former Planning, Environment and Lands Branch, the Housing Department, the Civil Service Bureau and the Home Affairs Department. He was Deputy Commissioner for Innovation and Technology from February 2009 to April 2012 and Deputy Director of Environmental Protection from April 2012 to July 2016, and has been serving as Deputy Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Treasury) since August 2016.

Mr Daniel Cheng Chung-wai

Mr Cheng joined the Administrative Service in July 1989 and rose to the rank of Administrative Officer Staff Grade B1 in April 2018. He has served in various bureaux and departments, including the former Finance Branch, the former City and New Territories Administration, the former Health and Welfare Branch, the former Trade and Industry Branch, the Office of the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region in Beijing, the former Planning and Lands Bureau and the former Commerce, Industry and Technology Bureau. He was Principal Assistant Secretary for Education and Manpower (Manpower Infrastructure) (later renamed Principal Assistant Secretary for Education (Further Education)) from March 2006 to July 2010 and Deputy Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs from July 2010 to September 2016, and has been serving as Deputy Secretary for Food and Health (Food) since September 2016.

