

## Senior appointments (with photos)

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

(a) Miss Agnes Wong Tin-yu, Director of Marine, will take up the post of Permanent Secretary for Transport and Housing (Housing)/Director of Housing on February 1, 2021. She will succeed Mr Donald Tong Chi-keung, who has commenced his pre-retirement leave;

(b) Ms Carol Yuen Siu-wai, Deputy Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development (Communications and Creative Industries), will take up the post of Director of Marine on February 1, 2021;

(c) Ms Doris Ho Pui-ling, Deputy Secretary for Development (Planning and Lands), will take up the post of Head, Policy Innovation and Co-ordination Office on January 18, 2021; and

(d) Mr Kevin Siu Ka-yin, Deputy Commissioner of Rating and Valuation, will assume the post of Commissioner of Rating and Valuation on February 8, 2021, when Mr Choi Lap-yiu commences his pre-retirement leave.

Commenting on the appointments of Miss Wong, Ms Yuen and Ms Ho, the Secretary for the Civil Service, Mr Patrick Nip, said, "The three 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."

Commenting on the appointment of Mr Siu, Mr Nip said, "Mr Siu has proven management and leadership skills, as well as rich professional knowledge and experience in rating and valuation work. I am confident that he will be able to lead the Rating and Valuation Department to meet the challenges ahead."

On the retirement of Mr Tong, Mr Nip said, "Mr Tong has rendered 37 years of loyal and dedicated service to the community of Hong Kong. During his tenure as Permanent Secretary for Transport and Housing (Housing)/Director of Housing, he made commendable efforts in formulating and reviewing the Government's policies and strategies relating to the development of public and private housing. He made invaluable contributions in implementing the key aspects of the Long Term Housing Strategy, including ensuring the rational use of public housing resources and promoting good sales practices for private residential properties. I wish him a fulfilling and happy retirement."

Speaking on the retirement of Mr Choi, Mr Nip said, "As Commissioner of Rating and Valuation, Mr Choi has served with professionalism and commitment, and made sustained efforts in enhancing the efficiency and service quality of the Department. I wish him a fulfilling and happy retirement."

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

Mr Donald Tong Chi-keung

Mr Tong joined the Administrative Service in July 1987 and rose to the rank of Administrative Officer Staff Grade A1 in April 2018. He has served in various bureaux and departments, including the Transport Department, the former Trade and Industry Branch, the former City and New Territories Administration, the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Washington, the former New Airport Projects Co-ordination Office, the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Toronto, the former Environment and Food Bureau, the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department and the Home Affairs Bureau. He was Commissioner for Economic and Trade Affairs, USA, from October 2008 to February 2014, Commissioner for Labour from March 2014 to September 2016, Permanent Secretary for the Environment/Director of Environmental Protection from September 2016 to May 2019 and has been serving as Permanent Secretary for Transport and Housing (Housing)/Director of Housing since October 2019.

Miss Agnes Wong Tin-yu

Miss Wong joined the Administrative Service in November 1989 and rose to the rank of Administrative Officer Staff Grade A in April 2019. She has served in various bureaux and departments, including the former City and New Territories Administration, the former Chief Secretary's Office, the former Trade Department, the former Industry Department, the Innovation and Technology Commission, the Civil Service Bureau, the Home Affairs Department and the Chief Secretary for Administration's Office. She was Deputy Secretary for Transport and Housing (Housing)/Deputy Director of Housing (Strategy) from October 2012 to August 2017, Director-General of Communications from August 2017 to May 2019 and has been serving as Director of Marine since May 2019.

Ms Carol Yuen Siu-wai

Ms Yuen joined the Government in June 1986 as a Chinese Language Officer. She later joined the Administrative Service in June 1988 and rose to the rank of Administrative Officer Staff Grade B1 in April 2014. She has served in various bureaux and departments, including the former Royal Hong Kong Police Force, the former City and New Territories Administration, the former Planning, Environment and Lands Branch, the former Education and Manpower Branch, the Civil Service Bureau, the Trade and Industry Department and the Security Bureau. She was Deputy Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development (Commerce and Industry) from October 2012 to September 2016, Deputy Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Treasury) from October 2016 to July 2019, and has been serving as Deputy Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development (Communication and Creative Industries) since May 2020.

Ms Doris Ho Pui-ling

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Ms Ho joined the Administrative Service in August 1991 and rose to the rank of Administrative Officer Staff Grade B1 in April 2019. She has served in various bureaux and departments, including the former City and New Territories Administration, the former Health and Welfare Branch, the former Civil Service Branch, the former Finance Branch, the former Constitutional Affairs Bureau and the Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau. She was Deputy Director of Administration from January to March 2013, the Head of Policy and Project Co-ordination Unit from April 2013 to June 2017 and has been serving as Deputy Secretary for Development (Planning and Lands) since July 2017.

Mr Choi Lap-yiu

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Mr Choi joined the Government as Student Rating and Valuation Surveyor in November 1984. He was appointed as Assistant Rating and Valuation Surveyor in February 1986, and promoted to Principal Valuation Surveyor in November 2004, to Assistant Commissioner of Rating and Valuation in July 2008 and to Deputy Commissioner of Rating and Valuation in July 2015. He has been Commissioner of Rating and Valuation since January 2019.

Mr Kevin Siu Ka-yin

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Mr Siu joined the Government as Assistant Valuation Surveyor in December 1994. He was promoted to Principal Valuation Surveyor in August 2012, to Assistant Commissioner of Rating and Valuation in July 2016 and to Deputy Commissioner of Rating and Valuation in April 2020.



