

## Senior appointments (with photos)

The Government announced today (April 9) the following senior appointments:

(a) Mr Joe Wong Chi-cho, Commissioner for Tourism, will be seconded to the Ocean Park Corporation (OPC) to take up the position of Chief Executive (CE) with effect from May 1, 2021, for about six months; and

(b) Ms Irene Young Bick-kwan, Deputy Secretary for the Environment, will take up the post of Director of Food and Environmental Hygiene on April 14, 2021.

The Government arranged the secondment of Mr Wong while the OPC conducts an open recruitment to identify a new CE.

Commenting on the secondment of Mr Wong, the Secretary for the Civil Service, Mr Patrick Nip, said, "Mr Wong is a seasoned Administrative Officer with proven leadership and management skills, as well as profound experience in the policy making of tourism development. I have every confidence that he will continue to serve the community with dedication and professionalism during his secondment to the OPC."

Commenting on the appointment of Ms Young, Mr Nip said, "Ms Young 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."

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

Mr Joe Wong Chi-cho

Mr Wong joined the Administrative Service in July 1987 and rose to the rank of Administrative Officer Staff Grade A in April 2018. He has served in various bureaux and departments, including the former Health and Welfare Branch, the former City and New Territories Administration, the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in New York, the former Economic Services Branch, the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Washington DC, the Financial Services and the Treasury Bureau and the Housing Department. He was Deputy Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development (Communications and Technology) (later retitled as Deputy Secretary for Commerce and Economic Development (Communications and Creative Industries)) from October 2011 to July 2016, Director of Information Services from July 2016 to February 2018 and has been serving as Commissioner for Tourism since February 2018.

Ms Irene Young Bick-kwan

Ms Young joined the Administrative Service in August 1990 and rose to the rank of Administrative Officer Staff Grade B1 in April 2016. She has

served in various bureaux and departments, including the former Civil Service Branch, the former Transport Branch, Home Affairs Department, the former Office of the Telecommunications Authority, the former Finance Branch, the former Finance Bureau, the former Economic Services Bureau, the former Economic Development and Labour Bureau, the former Education and Manpower Bureau, and Labour and Welfare Bureau. She was Deputy Representative in the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in Geneva from January 2013 to May 2014, Permanent Representative of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region of China to the World Trade Organization from May 2014 to January 2019 and has been serving as Deputy Secretary for the Environment since January 2019.

