

# Appointment of Chairman of Legal Aid Services Council

The Government announced today (August 16) that the Chief Executive has appointed Dr William Leung Wing-cheung as the Chairman of the Legal Aid Services Council (the Council) for a term of two years with effect from September 1, 2019.

"We would like to thank the outgoing Chairman, Dr Eric Li Ka-cheung, for his exemplary leadership and sterling contribution to the work of the Council during his term of service, ensuring quality and efficient legal aid services for the public," a Government spokesman said.

Established under the Legal Aid Services Council Ordinance (Cap. 489), the Council is responsible for overseeing the administration of the legal aid services provided by the Legal Aid Department and advising the Chief Executive on legal aid policy. The Council comprises a chairman and members who are not connected with the practice of law, barrister members and solicitor members nominated by the Hong Kong Bar Association and the Law Society of Hong Kong respectively, and the Director of Legal Aid. The membership list is attached at Annex.