## <u>Appointment of Controller, Government</u> <u>Flying Service (with photo)</u>

The Government announced today (September 3) that Captain West Wu Waihung, Chief Pilot, will assume the post of Controller, Government Flying Service on September 8, 2019, when Captain Michael Chan Chi-pui commences his pre-retirement leave.

Commenting on the appointment of Captain Wu, the Secretary for the Civil Service, Mr Joshua Law, said, "Captain Wu possesses proven leadership skills and rich professional knowledge. I am confident that he will be able to lead the Government Flying Service to meet the challenges ahead."

On the retirement of Captain Chan, Mr Law said, "As Controller, Government Flying Service, Captain Chan has made sustained efforts in enhancing the efficiency and professional excellence of the department to provide emergency search and rescue operations as well as aviation support for the community and the government departments. I wish him a fulfilling and happy retirement."

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

Captain Michael Chan Chi-pui

Captain Chan joined the Civil Aviation Department as an Air Traffic Control Assistant III in August 1983. He was appointed as a Pilot in the then Royal Hong Kong Auxiliary Air Force (renamed as the Government Flying Service in 1993) in August 1990. He was promoted to Senior Pilot in November 2000 and to Chief Pilot in January 2006. He has been Controller, Government Flying Service since March 2008.

Captain West Wu Wai-hung

Captain Wu joined the then Royal Hong Kong Auxiliary Air Force (now the Government Flying Service) as an Observer/Crewman in March 1988. He was appointed as a Cadet Pilot in August 1990. He was promoted to Pilot II in September 1992, to Pilot I in September 1995, to Senior Pilot in November 2000 and to Chief Pilot in October 2008.

