

Appointment of Judiciary Administrator

The following is issued on behalf of the Judiciary:

The Chief Justice of the Court of Final Appeal, Mr Geoffrey Ma Tao-li, announced today (June 15) the appointment of Ms Esther Leung Yuet-yin to the post of Judiciary Administrator with effect from July 20, 2020. She will succeed Miss Emma Lau Yin-wah, who will proceed on pre-retirement leave on July 16, 2020.

The Judiciary Administrator assists the Chief Justice in the overall administration of the Judiciary. Being the head of the Judiciary Administration, she has to ensure that proper support is provided to Judges and Judicial Officers in the administration of justice, and that court operation is being carried out effectively and smoothly.

Ms Esther Leung was selected for the post through an open recruitment exercise. "Ms Esther Leung has extensive administrative and management experience and wide exposure in public administration during her civil service career. I am confident that she will be able to assist me in the effective administration of the Judiciary," the Chief Justice said.

The Chief Justice also thanked Miss Emma Lau for her long and sterling service as the Judiciary Administrator in the past 15 years. He said, "Miss Lau has excelled in the post of Judiciary Administrator. She has worked tirelessly and with considerable skill for the benefit of the Judiciary. All Judges and Judicial Officers and I wish her a very happy retirement."

Brief biographical notes on Miss Lau and Ms Leung are as follows:

Miss Emma Lau Yin-wah, JP

Miss Lau joined the Administrative Officer Grade of the Government in September 1982. She was promoted to the rank of Administrative Officer Staff Grade B1 in April 2007. She was appointed as the Judiciary Administrator in the Judiciary in June 2005. She left the Administrative Service of the Government in June 2008 and continues to serve as the Judiciary Administrator in the Judiciary until her retirement in July 2020.

Ms Esther Leung Yuet-yin, JP

Ms Leung joined the Administrative Officer Grade of the Government in July 1989 and rose to the rank of Administrative Officer Staff Grade A in April 2020.

Over the years, Ms Leung has held a number of senior posts in the Government including Deputy Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury (Treasury) (2012-2016), Private Secretary to the Chief Executive (2016-2017), Deputy Secretary for Transport and Housing (Housing) and Deputy Director of

Housing (Strategy) (2017-2019). She has taken up the post of Director of Administration, Chief Secretary for Administration's Office since April 2019.