

Appointment of Secretary General of Committee for Safeguarding National Security of HKSAR (with photo)

As required by Article 13 of the Law of the People's Republic of China on Safeguarding National Security in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (the National Security Law), the State Council today (August 8), on the nomination and suggestion of the Chief Executive, Mr John Lee, approved the appointment of Mr Sonny Au Chi-kwong, as the Secretary General of the Committee for Safeguarding National Security of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) and the removal of Mr Chan Kwok-ki from the post of the Secretary General of the Committee for Safeguarding National Security of the HKSAR.

Commenting on the appointment of Mr Au, Mr Lee said, "Mr Au has been Under Secretary for Security over the past five years. He possesses a strong sense of national security and is well versed in national security affairs. He is capable of taking up the post of Secretary General to lead the Secretariat in supporting the Committee to fulfil its crucial responsibility to safeguard national security."

It is stipulated in the National Security Law that a Committee for Safeguarding National Security of the HKSAR chaired by the Chief Executive shall be established and be responsible for affairs relating to and assume primary responsibility for safeguarding national security. The Committee shall be under the supervision of and accountable to the Central People's Government. The Secretariat established under the Committee is to be headed by the Secretary General.

Following is the biographical note on Mr Sonny Au Chi-kwong:

Aged 60. Mr Au was Under Secretary for Security between 2017 and 2022.

Mr Au joined the Hong Kong Police Force in 1980 as a Police Constable and was appointed as an Inspector in 1986. He was promoted to Chief Superintendent in 2007, Assistant Commissioner of Police in 2011 and Senior Assistant Commissioner of Police in 2015. He has held a variety of posts including Director of Personnel and Training, and Director of Crime and Security.

