

# Appointments of members to Consumer Council announced

The Government announced today (December 27) the appointments of Miss Veronica Fung Kit-ming, Mr Raymond Mak Ka-chun, Mr Tony Pang Chor-fu and Mr Yuen Hoi-man, and the re-appointments of Dr Wilton Fok Wai-tung, Mr Marvin Hsu Tsun-fai, Ms Kitty Lee Wing-lan and Mr Siu King-wai as members of the Consumer Council for a term of two years from January 1, 2020.

Meanwhile, two members, Mr Clement Chan Kam-wing and Ms Amy Fung Dun-mi, will retire from the Council upon completion of their terms on December 31, 2019. A Government spokesman expressed gratitude for their contribution to the Council's work on various fronts.

With effect from January 1, 2020, the composition of the Council is as follows:

## Chairman

Mr Paul Lam Ting-kwok, SC

## Vice-Chairman

Mr Antonio Kwong Cho-shing

## Members

Mr Holden Chow Ho-ding  
Dr Wilton Fok Wai-tung  
Miss Veronica Fung Kit-ming  
Mr Edward Ho Man-tat  
Mr Marvin Hsu Tsun-fai  
Mr Victor Lam Hoi-cheung  
Mr Matthew Lam Kin-hong  
Mr Ambrose Lam San-keung  
Mr Kevin Lam Sze-cay  
Ms Vanessa Lau Chi-wan  
Ms Kitty Lee Wing-lan  
Mr Alan Lui Siu-lun  
Dr Lui Wing-cheong  
Mr Raymond Mak Ka-chun  
Mr Tony Pang Chor-fu  
Mr Siu King-wai  
Professor Nora Tam Fung-yee  
Mr Kent Wong Siu-kee  
Miss Iris Wan Lai-sze  
Mr Yuen Hoi-man

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## **Amendments to merchant shipping prevention of air pollution regulation proposed**

The Government proposes to amend the Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Air Pollution) Regulation to incorporate the latest requirements of the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships of the International Maritime Organization into local legislation.

A spokesman for the Transport and Housing Bureau today (December 27) said, "The amendments mainly involve the extension of application of sulphur content limits from the fuel oil used on board ships to those carried for use on board ships."

The Legislative Council Panel on Economic Development and the Hong Kong Fleet Operation Advisory Committee of the Marine Department have been consulted on the legislative proposal. Members supported the proposal.

The proposed legislative amendment was gazetted today and will be tabled at the Legislative Council on January 8, 2020, for negative vetting.

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## **Service of Commandant of Hong Kong Auxiliary Police Force extended**

The Government today (December 27) announced the approval of the extension of the service of Mr Yang Joe-tsi, as the Commandant of the Hong Kong Auxiliary Police Force (HKAPF) for two years up to January 6, 2022.

Mr Yang first joined the HKAPF in April 1989 and was appointed as the Commandant in April 2016.

Mr Yang has led the HKAPF with excellence. He is deeply committed to the HKAPF and has been providing stable leadership for the HKAPF to cope with the increasingly diverse responsibilities.

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## [Employment \(Amendment\) Bill 2019](#) [gazetted today](#)

â€‹The Government published the Employment (Amendment) Bill 2019 in the Gazette today (December 27).

"The Bill seeks to increase the statutory maternity leave (ML) under the Employment Ordinance (EO) (Cap 57) from the current 10 weeks to 14 weeks, and to require employers to pay the maternity leave pay (MLP) in respect of the extension of ML (additional MLP) to their eligible employees on the normal pay day at the existing statutory rate of MLP (viz. four-fifths of the employees' average daily wages) subject to a cap of \$36,822 per employee," a spokesman for the Labour Department said.

"Certain technical amendments will also be introduced, including updating the definition of 'miscarriage' from 'before 28 weeks of pregnancy' to 'before 24 weeks of pregnancy' which will entitle a female employee whose child is incapable of survival after being born at or after 24 weeks of pregnancy to ML; and entitling employees who have attended medical examination in relation to pregnancy to sickness allowance if they are able to produce, other than a medical certificate, a certificate of attendance.

"The other arrangements concerning maternity protection under EO shall continue to operate as they currently do," the spokesman added.

The spokesman pointed out that the proposed additional MLP would be funded by the Government on a reimbursement basis by way of an administrative scheme.

The Bill will be introduced into the Legislative Council on January 8 next year.

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## [Firing practice for January 2020](#)

Firing practice will take place at two military sites, namely the San Wai/Tai Ling Firing Range and the Tsing Shan Firing Range, next month (January).

Red flags or red lamps will be hoisted at the firing areas before and during firing practice. For their safety, people are advised not to enter the firing area.

Following are the dates and times for the firing practice sessions in January 2020:

San Wai/Tai Ling Firing Range

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Date	Time
January 2 (Thursday)	8am-9pm
January 3 (Friday)	8am-9pm
January 6 (Monday)	8am-9pm
January 7 (Tuesday)	8am-9pm
January 8 (Wednesday)	8am-9pm
January 9 (Thursday)	8am-9pm
January 10 (Friday)	8am-9pm
January 13 (Monday)	8am-9pm
January 14 (Tuesday)	8am-9pm
January 15 (Wednesday)	8am-9pm
January 16 (Thursday)	8am-9pm
January 17 (Friday)	8am-9pm
January 20 (Monday)	8am-9pm
January 21 (Tuesday)	8am-9pm
January 22 (Wednesday)	8am-9pm
January 23 (Thursday)	8am-9pm
January 24 (Friday)	8am-9pm
January 29 (Wednesday)	8am-9pm
January 30 (Thursday)	8am-9pm
January 31 (Friday)	8am-9pm

Tsing Shan Firing Range

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