

Appointments to Banking Review Tribunal

The Government announced today (December 28) that the Chief Executive has reappointed Mr Eugene Fung Ting-sek, SC, as Chairperson of the Banking Review Tribunal, and appointed four persons as members of the Tribunal. All appointments will take effect for a term of three years from January 1, 2019.

Two incumbent members of the Tribunal, namely Mrs Dorothy Sit Kwan Yin-ping and Mr Dieter Yih Lai-tak, are reappointed, while Ms Joan Ho Yuk-wai and Professor Tam Kar-yan are newly appointed as members of the Tribunal.

The Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury, Mr James Lau, said, "I welcome the above appointments. I am confident that the appointees' expertise and experience will continue to contribute to the effective operation of the tribunal."

Mr Lau also expressed his gratitude to the outgoing members, Ms Dilys Chau Suet-fung and Professor Japhet Sebastian Law, for their valuable contributions over the past years.

The Banking Review Tribunal was established under the Banking Ordinance to hear appeals against relevant decisions made by the Monetary Authority in relation to capital, liquidity and disclosure requirements that apply to authorized institutions.

The above appointments made under the Banking Ordinance were gazetted today.

Appointment of ACAN Chairman and members

The Government announced today (December 28) that the Chief Executive has re-appointed Dr Ben Cheung Kin-leung as Chairman of the Action Committee Against Narcotics (ACAN) and re-appointed nine members. Seven new members have been appointed.

The re-appointments and new appointments are for a two-year term from January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2020.

The newly appointed members are Dr Cheung Wai-him, Dr Lam Ho-yi, Mr Clifford Leung Siu-on, Professor Anthony Ng Chi-fai, Mr Poon Hing-fai, Mr

Albert Su Yau-on and Professor Tang Wai-kwong.

"The new members come from different sectors including the social services, medical, education and business sectors. With their wealth of experience and expertise, we are confident that they will bring new momentum to the work of the ACAN," a spokesman of the Narcotics Division, Security Bureau, said.

Among the newly appointed ACAN members, Dr Cheung Wai-him is a psychiatrist; Dr Lam Ho-yi is a senior vice president of a company; Mr Clifford Leung Siu-on and Mr Albert Su Yau-on are senior management of charitable organisations; Professor Anthony Ng Chi-fai and Professor Tang Wai-kwong are university medical professors; and Mr Poon Hing-fai is a secondary school principal.

The spokesman also expressed gratitude to the seven outgoing members for their contributions to the work of the ACAN and dedication to the anti-drug cause. They are Professor Cheung Yuet-wah, Dr Susan Fan Yun-sun, Mr Hui Yung-chung, Ms Lisa Lau Man-man, Mr Irons Sze, Dr Tik Chi-yuen and Dr Tse Man-li.

The ACAN is the Government's advisory body on anti-drug matters. It was established in 1965. The membership list of the new term of the ACAN is as follows:

Chairman

Dr Ben Cheung Kin-leung

Members

Mr Chan Man-ho
Mr Chan Wing-kin
Mr Edwin Cheng Shing-lung
Dr Cheung Wai-him
Mr Fan Hoi-kit
Mr Simon Ip Shing-hing
Miss Anna-Mae Koo Mei-jong
Dr Lam Ho-yi
Dr Lee Tin-yan*
Mr Clifford Leung Siu-on
Miss Li Ka-yan*
Dr Annissa Lui Wai-ling
Professor Anthony Ng Chi-fai
Mr Poon Hing-fai
Mr Albert Su Yau-on
Mr Sunny Tan
Professor Tang Wai-kwong
Ms Susan Yeung
Director, Central Narcotics Bureau of Singapore
Secretary for Education or his representative
Commissioner of Police or his representative

Commissioner of Customs and Excise or his representative
Director of Health or his representative
Director of Social Welfare or his representative
Commissioner for Narcotics

*appointed through the Member Self-recommendation Scheme for Youth with a term of appointment from June 1, 2018 to May 31, 2020.

Government launches Phase 1 of Trade Single Window

The Government today (December 28) launched Phase 1 of the Trade Single Window (TSW), which initially covers five types of import and export trade documents for specific types of commodities and is aimed to be progressively extended to cover some 13 types of trade document in the first half of 2019 at the earliest. Phase 1 of the TSW provides a voluntary e-option for the trade to lodge the relevant types of documents through a single electronic platform.

The five types of import and export trade documents initially covered by Phase 1 of the TSW are set out as follows:

	Type of Trade Document	Responsible Government Department
(a)	Import and Export Permit for Radiocommunications Transmitting Apparatus	Office of the Communications Authority
(b)	Transshipment Notification for Radiocommunications Transmitting Apparatus	Office of the Communications Authority
(c)	Import/Export Licence for Pesticides	Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department
(d)	Licence for Scheduled Chemicals	Environmental Protection Department
(e)	Licence for Ozone Depleting Substances	Environmental Protection Department/ Trade and Industry Department

A Government spokesman said, "By making use of the TSW platform, members of the trade can lodge the relevant types of trade document round the clock and check the status of their applications and the validity of the licences or permits at any time. Re-use of data for future applications is also more

convenient. Trade members are encouraged to register on-line as TSW users and submit paperless applications for the relevant documents through the platform."

The new service can be accessed through the TSW website (www.tradesinglewindow.hk). During Phase 1 of TSW, an option remains open for trade members to make use of the existing counter services operated by relevant Government departments to submit trade documents.

The TSW will be implemented in three phases. Phase 1 will be progressively extended to cover some 13 types of trade document and Phase 2 will cover some 28 additional types of trade document. Trade documents covered by these two phases are mainly those for specific types of commodities (e.g. licences for the import and export of specific controlled products). Phase 3 will cover trade documents required or proposed to be required for all cargoes (e.g. Import and Export Declaration, Advance Cargo Information and Cargo Report). Subject to satisfactory progress of all the preparatory work, the Government plans to roll out Phase 2 in 2022 and Phase 3 in 2023 the earliest.

"The Government will continue to engage the trade and collect feedback with a view to enhancing the TSW system and service. The experience gained in Phase 1 will also provide us with useful reference for the system design and development of future phases," the spokesman said.

To tie in with the launch of Phase 1 of TSW, the Customs and Excise Department has set up a dedicated office to oversee the operation of the TSW system and provide support to TSW users through training, help-desk and hotline services. For enquiries, please contact the Office of Trade Single Window Operation at 2117 3348 or by email to enquiry@tradesinglewindow.hk.

Commissioning of Central-Wan Chai Bypass and Island Eastern Corridor Link to take place on January 20

The Central-Wan Chai Bypass and Island Eastern Corridor Link (CWB) will be commissioned on January 20 (Sunday).

The CWB is 4.5 kilometres long of which 3.7km is in form of a tunnel, and connects the Rumsey Street Flyover in Central and the Island Eastern Corridor (IEC) in North Point. It will become a strategic highway running along the northern part of Hong Kong Island and will substantially alleviate the traffic congestion along the northern part of Hong Kong Island. Upon commissioning, it will take only 5 minutes to drive between Central and the

IEC in North Point, making the traffic between the eastern and western part of Hong Kong Island more direct and smoother. To assist road users, three slip roads in Wan Chai and one slip road in Tin Hau have been constructed to connect the CWB with the local road network.

In addition, the CWB Tunnel will introduce the first air purification system for use in road tunnels in Hong Kong, which can effectively remove at least 80 per cent of the respirable suspended particulates and nitrogen dioxide, resulting in air purification. This air purification system represents the largest scale of such application in the world.

As the alteration work for connecting the CWB westbound carriageway with the Rumsey Street Flyover needs to be carried out after the opening of the CWB eastbound carriageway, the CWB will be commissioned in two stages. The major traffic arrangement involved is summarised below (see appendix):

* Stage 1 Commissioning (from January 20 onwards)

The CWB Tunnel will be commissioned except the westbound carriageway where the alteration work will be required to connect with the Rumsey Street Flyover. Closure of all eastbound traffic lanes of the Rumsey Street Flyover down ramp leading to Connaught Road Central, and the alteration works for connecting the westbound carriageway from the CWB Tunnel with the Rumsey Street Flyover, will last for about one month. At that time, eastbound traffic of Rumsey Street Flyover may travel to all districts via the CWB Tunnel eastbound and Man Po Street.

* Stage 2 Commissioning

The westbound carriageway of the CWB Tunnel connected with Rumsey Street Flyover westbound will be opened. The CWB Tunnel will then be fully commissioned.

At present, the works for the CWB are in the final stage, such as the replacement of existing traffic signs to match with commissioning of the CWB. The Highways Department (HyD) is also co-ordinating with different departments and organisations (such as the tunnel operator) to prepare for the commissioning of the related road sections including conducting relevant training and drills. Regarding the water seepage identified previously, it has not affected structural integrity and safety. In fact, different from the requirements of some waterproof facilities (e.g. service reservoirs), the CWB Tunnel is designed to allow a limited extent of seepage; also, the design of the CWB Tunnel includes suitable drainage to drain off the seepage. The seepage identified previously was minor. The project team has properly carried out the necessary rectification works and the commissioning of the CWB will not be affected.

The Transport Department, together with the HyD and the relevant department, will announce the detailed arrangements for the two-stage commissioning in due course. The commissioning ceremony for the CWB will be held at the Central Portal of the CWB Tunnel on January 19.

Government appoints Antiquities Advisory Board Chairman and members

The Government today (December 28) announced that the Chief Executive has appointed Mr Douglas So Cheung-tak as Chairman of the Antiquities Advisory Board (AAB).

The Chief Executive also re-appointed 11 incumbent AAB members and appointed the following nine new members to the Board: Ms Vanessa Cheung Tih-lin, Professor Chu Hoi-shan, Mr Ho Kui-yip, Mr Tony Ip Chung-man, Dr Jane Lee Ching-yee, Ms Phyllis Li Chi-miu, Mr Shum Ho-kit, Miss Theresa Yeung Wing-shan and Ms Alice Yip Ka-ming.

The appointments and re-appointments were made under section 17(1) of the Antiquities and Monuments Ordinance (Cap. 53) for a term of two years with effect from January 1, 2019, and are published in the [Gazette](#) today.

The Secretary for Development, Mr Michael Wong, welcomed the appointments and re-appointments.

"The AAB is the Government's important partner in heritage conservation. Over the years, it has made notable contributions to the promotion of heritage conservation in Hong Kong. In particular, it has given constructive views on the grading assessment of historic buildings and related conservation proposals.

"The new term of the AAB comprises members from different fields and professions. I am confident that this new composition will bring in innovative ideas to the work of the AAB and I look forward to working with the new Board," Mr Wong said.

Mr Wong also expressed gratitude to the outgoing Chairman, Mr Andrew Lam, and the 10 outgoing members for their outstanding services on the AAB.

"Mr Lam has been a member of AAB since 2007 and the Chairman of the Board since 2013. Under his effective and visionary leadership, the AAB has provided invaluable and insightful advice to the Government," he said.

The AAB is a statutory body established under the Antiquities and Monuments Ordinance to advise the Antiquities Authority on matters relating to antiquities and monuments. The new term of the AAB comprises 21 members (including the Chairman), who are all appointed in their personal capacity.

The membership of the AAB with effect from January 1, 2019 is set out below:

Chairman

Mr Douglas So Cheung-tak

Members

Ms Vanessa Cheung Tih-lin

Professor Ching May-bo

Professor Chiu Yu-lok

Professor Chu Hoi-shan

Mr Ho Kui-yip

Mr Tony Ip Chung-man

Mr Peter Lau Man-pong

Mr Christopher Law Kin-chung

Dr Jane Lee Ching-yee

Mr Lee Ping-kuen

Ms Phyllis Li Chi-miu

Mr Ronald Liang

Dr Annissa Lui Wai-ling

Ms Theresa Ng Choi-yuk

Mr Shum Ho-kit

Mr Rex Wong Siu-han

Dr Sharon Wong Wai-yee

Professor Yau Chi-on

Miss Theresa Yeung Wing-shan

Ms Alice Yip Ka-ming