

Appointment of Director of Public Prosecutions

The Department of Justice announced today (August 1) the appointment of Mr Keith Yeung Kar-hung, SC, as the Director of Public Prosecutions, the head of the Prosecutions Division of the Department of Justice.

Mr Yeung was selected for the position through a promotion-cum-open recruitment exercise. He will assume duty on September 9, 2013.

Welcoming the appointment, the Secretary for Justice, Mr Rimsky Yuen, SC, said that Mr Yeung has solid professional knowledge and experience in criminal law and good leadership skills to lead the important work of public prosecutions.

"Mr Yeung enjoys a very good reputation in the Bar. I am confident that he will bring a wealth of experience and expertise to the Department of Justice, and that he will discharge his role as the Director of Public Prosecutions in a fair and balanced manner. I very much look forward to working with him," said Mr Yuen.

Mr Yuen also expressed his deep gratitude to the outgoing Director of Public Prosecutions, Mr Kevin P Zervos, SC, for his great and valuable contribution over the years.

The Director of Public Prosecutions, who is ranked at Law Officer (DL6) level, is responsible for directing public prosecutions and advising on the development of enforcement and implementation of the criminal law.

A brief biographical note on Mr Yeung is set out below:

Mr Keith Yeung Kar-hung, SC, aged 48, was called to the Hong Kong Bar in 1987. Since 1988, he has been in private practice as barrister in Hong Kong. In 2009, he was appointed as Senior Counsel. He sat as Deputy Judge of the Court of First Instance of the High Court between January and February 2013. With 25 years' experience in a wide spectrum of areas of law covering criminal, civil and regulatory matters, Mr

Yeung specialises in commercial crime and securities related matters.

Mr Yeung has also been actively involved in various public (legal and non-legal) services. He has been extensively involved in various areas of the work of the Bar Council of the Hong Kong Bar Association. He has also had long-standing involvement in different public services. More recent public services include Chairman, Non-local Higher and Professional Education Appeal Board (since December 2012); Deputy Chairman, Appeal Board Panel (Town Planning) (since December 2011); Member, Criminal and Law Enforcement Injuries Compensation Board (since June 2011); Member, Dumping at Sea Appeal Board Panel and Waste Disposal Appeal Board Panel (since February 2010); and Chairman, Appeal Tribunal (Buildings) (since 2007).

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