

Appointment of Law Officer (International Law) (with photo)

The Department of Justice (DoJ) announced today (October 3) that Principal Government Counsel, Mr Paul Tsang Keung, will succeed Ms Amelia Luk Siu-ping as Law Officer (International Law) with effect from October 17.

Ms Luk will proceed on pre-retirement leave on the same day after 35 years of distinguished service with the Government and the DoJ.

Welcoming the appointment, the Secretary for Justice, Mr Rimsky Yuen, SC, said that with his in-depth legal knowledge, high professional competence and proven leadership skills, Mr Tsang is well qualified to take forward the important work of the DoJ's International Law Division.

"Mr Tsang is a lawyer of outstanding ability and integrity. I have every confidence that he will ably lead the International Law Division to meet the challenges ahead and will act in the best interest of Hong Kong," said Mr Yuen.

Mr Yuen also expressed his utmost gratitude to Ms Luk for her dedication and outstanding service over the years.

"Ms Luk has rendered over 35 years of exemplary service to the DoJ and has commanded great respect from both the legal fraternity and within the civil service. In her eight years as Law Officer (International Law), she has been an inspiring leader of the International Law Division and has made significant contributions to the building up of bilateral and international networks as well as the development of law in Hong Kong. We wish her a happy retirement and all the best in her future endeavours."

The post of Law Officer (International Law), which is ranked at Law Officer (DL6) level, is responsible for

(amongst others) advising on the international law aspects of a wide range of complex issues of government policy and overseeing the implementation of bilateral and multilateral agreements, particularly on the surrender of fugitive offenders and mutual legal assistance in criminal matters.

Brief biographical notes on the two officers are set out below:

Ms Amelia Luk Siu-ping

Ms Luk, aged 59, was admitted as a solicitor in Hong Kong in 1981 and in the United Kingdom in 1984. She joined the then Legal Department (now Department of Justice) as an Assistant Crown Counsel in 1981 and was appointed Crown Counsel in the same year. She was promoted to Senior Crown Counsel in 1985, Deputy Principal Crown Counsel in 1991, and Principal Government Counsel in 1997. She was appointed Law Officer in 2008 and has since held the position of Law Officer (International Law). Ms Luk was awarded the Silver Bauhinia Star in 2016.

Mr Paul Tsang Keung

Mr Tsang, aged 58, was admitted as a solicitor in Hong Kong in 1992 and in the United Kingdom in 1995. He was appointed Government Counsel in 1998 and promoted to Senior Government Counsel in 2001, Deputy Principal Government Counsel in 2007, and Principal Government Counsel in 2012. Mr Tsang has served in different divisions of the department for 18 years and has been a Deputy Law Officer in the International Law Division since 2011.



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