

Appointment of Director of Public Prosecutions (with photos)

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The Department of Justice (DoJ) announced today (May 20) the appointment of Mr Anthony Chau Tin-hang, Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions, to succeed Ms Maggie Yang Mei-kei as the Director of Public Prosecutions with effect from tomorrow (May 21). Ms Yang will proceed on pre-retirement leave on the same day after 32 years of distinguished service with the DoJ.

Welcoming the appointment, the Secretary for Justice, Mr Paul Lam, SC, said, "Mr Chau is a seasoned lawyer deeply committed to the pursuit of justice. I have every confidence that, with his solid professional knowledge and experience in criminal law and leadership prowess, he will steer the Prosecutions Division through the challenges ahead and continue to discharge his role with utmost professionalism."

Mr Lam also expressed his gratitude to Ms Yang for her dedication and significant contributions during her term of service and wished her a fulfilling and happy retirement.

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

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

Ms Maggie Yang Mei-kei

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Ms Yang was admitted as a solicitor in the United Kingdom and Hong Kong in 1992 and 1993 respectively, and was subsequently called to the Bar in 2021. She joined the DoJ in 1994 as Crown Counsel, and was promoted to Senior Crown Counsel in 1996, Deputy Principal Government Counsel in 2012 and Principal Government Counsel in 2019. She was appointed Law Officer in 2021 and has since held the position of Director of Public Prosecutions. She has served largely in the Prosecutions Division during her service in the DoJ.

Mr Anthony Chau Tin-hang

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Mr Chau was admitted as a solicitor in Hong Kong in 2001, and was subsequently called to the Bar in 2026. He was appointed as Government Counsel in 2007 and promoted to Senior Government Counsel in 2010, Assistant Principal Government Counsel in 2019, Deputy Principal Government Counsel in 2020 and Principal Government Counsel in 2022. He has been serving in the Prosecutions Division since joining the DoJ in 2007.

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