

## **Appointments to Football Betting and Lotteries Commission**

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The Chief Executive has re-appointed the incumbent Chairman and 11 members to the Football Betting and Lotteries Commission under the Betting Duty Ordinance. The appointments are for two years with effect from August 1, 2005.

According to the ordinance, the function of the commission is to advise the Secretary for Home Affairs on matters relating to:

- (a) Regulation of the conduct of football betting and lotteries;
- (b) The issuance and revocation of licences and the variation of the licensing conditions;
- (c) Compliance with the licensing conditions and the handling of complaints that relate to the non-compliance with the conditions of the licence; and
- (d) The imposition of financial penalties on the licensees.

Mr Moses Cheng Mo Chi, re-appointed as the Chairman of the commission, is a practising solicitor active in the field of education and civic education. He is currently Chairman of the Citizens Advisory Committee on Community Relations of the Independent Commission Against Corruption and Council of the Hong Kong Baptist University. He is also a member of the Council of the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts.

The commission must include representatives from the fields of social work, education and religion and the following members have been re-appointed:

- \* Mr Paul Chan Kam Cheung (registered social worker);
- \* Mr Ho Hon Kuen (member from the education sector); and
- \* Father Peter John Newbery (member from the religious sector)

The other five re-appointed in their personal capacity are:

\* Mr Paul Fan Chor Ho;

\* Mr Felix Fong Wo;

\* Mrs Fanny Lai Ip Po Ping;

\* Mr Albert Hung Chao Hong; and

\* Mr Wong Kwan Yu

The three public officers re-appointed to the commission are the Commissioner of Police or representative, Permanent Secretary for Education and Manpower or representative, and Director of Home Affairs or representative.

The Secretary for Home Affairs, Dr Patrick Ho welcomed the appointments. He thanked outgoing member, Miss Lee Wing-yun, for her valuable contributions to the commission during the past two years. Miss Lee has expressed her wish to retire from the commission for personal reasons.

Dr Ho said the commission comprised a balanced composition of individuals from different sectors. They should be able to address the wide range of public concerns regarding authorised football betting and lotteries, as well as advise the Government on matters relating to regulation of betting activities.

"We will continue to work closely with the commission to ensure that it can properly discharge its statutory functions," he said.

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