

Commission on Youth chairman appointed

The Government today (March 26) announced the appointment of Mr Joseph Lee Chung-tak as Chairman of the Commission on Youth for a two-year term starting from April 1, 2007.

A government spokesman said Mr Lee was a dedicated and eminent leader in the field of youth and community services. "Mr Lee established the Wofoo Foundation (a non-profit charitable fund) to provide financial funding to sponsor worthy projects, including youth development projects. With his long experience and dedication, the Commission on Youth will continue to provide valuable advice to the Government on the overall strategy and specific measures for promoting youth development in Hong Kong," the spokesman said.

The spokesman also extended the Government's gratitude to the outgoing Chairman, Dr Philemon Choi Yuen-wan, for his valuable contributions to the work of the commission. Dr Choi has served as Chairman of the commission since 2001.

"We have to thank Dr Choi, a veteran in youth development, for devoting so much of his precious time and efforts to the work of the commission in the last six years. Under his leadership, the commission organised the annual Youth Summit which provides a platform for young people to have direct and interactive exchanges with the Chief Executive and senior government officials on selected topics of concern to them. The Commission on Youth has taken up a very active role in youth development and provided very useful advice to the Government on youth-related issues," the spokesman said.

The Government has also appointed six new members and re-appointed nine serving members for a two-year term starting from April 1. A list of the re-appointed and new appointed members is as follows:

Re-appointed members:

- * Professor Jimson Chan Wing-tai
- * Mr Chan Yung
- * Ms Louise Chan Chin-ha

- * Mr Adrian Yip Chun-to
- * Mr Yip Chee-tim
- * Dr Ho Kit-wan
- * Mr Billy Leung Ting-yu
- * Mr Yiu Tze-leung
- * Miss Cheng Wai-hing

New members:

- * Mr Dick Lee Ming-kwai
- * Mr Ricky Wong Wai-kay
- * Mr Edward Leung Wai-kuen
- * Mr Lai Pui-wing
- * Ms Julia Lau Man-kwan
- * Mr Geng Chun-ya

The other non-official members of the commission are as follows:

- * Dr Larry Chow Chuen-ho
- * Mr Fong Ping
- * Mr Lo Ping
- * Mr Bunny Chan Chung-bun
- * Mr Lo Yan-lai
- * Mr Raphael Tong Tai-wai
- * Dr Elaine Au Liu Suk-ching
- * Mr Chan Kai-ming
- * Dr Sandra Tsang Kit-man
- * Dr Carol Ma Hok-ka
- * Miss Alice Fong Yee-lam
- * Mr William Chan Chun-ho

The Commission also includes official representatives from the Home Affairs Bureau; the Education and Manpower Bureau; the Health, Welfare and Food Bureau and the Security Bureau.

The Commission on Youth is a non-statutory advisory body to advise the Government on matters pertaining to youth. It commissions research studies on different aspects of youth matters, works in partnership with other non-governmental

organisations on youth matters, and operates funding schemes to sponsor non-governmental organisations in carrying out youth development projects. It also sponsors youth for overseas exchange under the International Youth Exchange Programme, as well as exchanges with Mainland youth.

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