

Appointments to Ping Wo Fund Advisory Committee

The Government today (September 10) announced the appointments to the Ping Wo Fund Advisory Committee.

Chairman

Dr Yau Wing-kwong

Members (re-appointed)

Ms Au Yuet-ching

Ms Elaine Ho Yee-lin

Mr Billy Lam Chek-yau

Ms Angela Lee Ching-nga

Mr Alfred Lee Tak-kong

Mr Lo Wing-hung

Dr Yuen Man-tak

Members (newly appointed)

Dr Chiu Cheung-ki

Mrs Grace Lam Wong Pik-har

Mr Ng Cheung-shing

Dr Wong Chung-kwong

Ms Yu Sau-chu

The ex-officio membership of the committee includes a representative each of the Secretary for Home Affairs, Secretary for Education and Director of Social Welfare.

The Secretary for Home Affairs, Mr Tsang Tak-sing, said the committee was a partner of the Government in devising and implementing measures to address gambling-related problems. The Government will continue to count on the wise counsel of committee members.

"We thank Professor Tam Sheung-wai, the outgoing committee chairman, and

six outgoing members for their contribution to the committee," Mr Tsang said.

The committee was established to advise the Secretary for Home Affairs on the use of the Ping Wo Fund.

The Home Affairs Bureau established the Ping Wo Fund in 2003 to finance preventive and remedial measures to address gambling-related problems. The main objects of the fund are to finance the following measures -

- (a) research and studies into problems and issues relating to gambling;
- (b) public education and other measures to prevent or alleviate problems relating to gambling; and
- (c) counselling, treatment and other remedial or support services for problem and pathological gamblers and those affected by them.

The term of the new appointments and re-appointments will end on September 7, 2011.

Ends/Thursday, September 10, 2009

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