

Senior appointment (with photo)

The Government announced today (August 8) the following senior appointment:

Mr Li Kin-yat, Deputy Director of Fire Services, will take up the post of Director of Fire Services on August 15, 2016, when Mr Lai Man-hin will proceed on pre-retirement leave.

On the appointment of Mr Li, Mr Cheung said, "With abundant experience of 33 years in the Fire Services Department, Mr Li possesses profound and comprehensive knowledge about the operation of the department and human resource management. I am confident that he will rise to the challenges ahead."

On the retirement of Mr Lai, Mr Cheung said, "During his tenure as Director of Fire Services, Mr Lai has striven to enhance the capabilities of the department in its core functions of providing fire-fighting and ambulance services, and has successfully built a professional and capable team. I wish him a happy retirement."

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

Mr Lai Man-hin

Mr Lai, aged 56, joined the Fire Services Department as an Assistant Station Officer in June 1979 and was promoted to Deputy Chief Fire Officer in December 2004, to Chief Fire Officer in March 2007 and to Deputy Director of Fire Services in April 2012 before being appointed as the Director of Fire Services in June 2014.

Mr Li Kin-yat

Mr Li, aged 51, joined the Fire Services Department as a Station Officer in August 1983, was promoted to Deputy Chief Fire Officer in May 2009 and to

Chief Fire Officer in October 2011, and became Deputy Director of Fire Services in June 2014.

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