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Appointment of independent commission on remuneration and post-office arrangements for CE

A Government spokesman announced today (April 7) that an independent commission had been established to consider and make recommendations on the remuneration package and post-office arrangements for the Chief Executive (CE).

The Independent Commission on Remuneration Package and Post-office Arrangements for the Chief Executive of the HKSAR (the Independent Commission) is chaired by Mr Wong Po-yan, with Mr Vincent Cheng Hoi-chuen, Dr Thomas Leung Kwok-fai and Professor Liu Pak-wai as members. The term of appointment is for one year commencing from today (April 7, 2005).

The Independent Commission is tasked to consider and make recommendations on:

- (a) Whether the remuneration package for the CE should be redesigned such that it would be commensurate with his responsibilities and status as the head of the HKSAR;
- (b) Whether rules should be drawn up and applicable to a former CE in respect of his participation in political or commercial/professional activities after leaving office; and
- (c) Whether provisions should be made for a former CE in respect of personal security, office accommodation and administrative support, as well as medical and dental care for him and his spouse.

The Secretary for Constitutional Affairs, Mr Stephen Lam, thanked the newly appointed chairman and members for agreeing to take on this important task.

"With their wealth of experience and expertise, we are confident that they will make significant contributions to the work of the Independent Commission. We look forward to working closely with the Independent Commission to accomplish its tasks in a timely manner," he said.

The Independent Commission will begin work shortly and is expected to submit its recommendations to the Administration in about two months.

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