

New Director General to represent Hong Kong in London

The Hong Kong Government has a new chief representative in London. On 14 September Mrs Agnes Allcock, JP (HK) became the new Director General of the Hong Kong Economic and Trade Office in London, replacing the retired Director General, Ms Sarah Wu.

Mrs Allcock has served in the Hong Kong civil service since 1974 and was most recently the Deputy Secretary for the Civil Service, a post she held since 2009. As the chief representative of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government in London, Mrs Allcock will play a key role in bilateral relations between the UK and Hong Kong, as well as with the eight other countries that the London office is responsible for: Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Latvia, Lithuania, Norway, Russia and Sweden.

Mrs Allcock said “I am delighted to take up this new role, and I look forward to helping to build upon our long-standing economic, business and cultural ties with the many countries this office is responsible for. There are so many opportunities ahead, and we will do our best to strengthen our working relationship in the years to come.”

In her valedictory message, Ms Wu said “I am very honoured to have spent such a busy, fruitful and pleasant time in London over the past nearly four and a half years, and I am thrilled to have seen my office build on the economic and cultural relationships between us. It has been my pleasure to work with colleagues to come up with new initiatives in the areas of business, music, arts, film and sports to strengthen the links between us.”

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Mrs Agnes Allcock, Biography

Mrs Allcock joined the Hong Kong civil service in 1974. After spending six years with the former Royal Hong Kong Police Force as Inspector of Police, she joined the Administrative Service in 1980. She was District Officer (Kwai Tsing) in the former City and New Territories Administration in 1992, Assistant Political Adviser in the former Political Adviser's Office in 1994. She was appointed Assistant Director in the Home Affairs Department and Principal Assistant Secretary in the former Education and Manpower Bureau in 1995. She was Principal Assistant Secretary in the former Transport Branch in 1997, Deputy Director in the Home Affairs Department in 2000, Commissioner of Official Languages in 2001, Deputy Director in Social Welfare Department in 2004 and Deputy Secretary in the Home Affairs Bureau in 2006. Mrs Allcock became the Deputy Secretary for the Civil Service 3 in November 2009.

She is married to Mr Bob Allcock with two children.