

Emily Lau

The First Woman Directly Elected to the Legislative Council in Hong Kong (1991)



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Source: The Hon. Emily LAU

The Hon. Emily Lau originated from the Nanhai prefecture, Guangdong Province and was born in Hong Kong in the 1950s. She was a journalist and had worked in various media institutions, including the South China Morning Post, the Hong Kong Television Broadcasts Limited and the British Broadcasting Company. She had also been the President of the Hong Kong Journalists Association. In 1991, Ms. Lau ran for a seat in the first Legislative Council geographical constituency election and was elected, becoming the first female directly elected to the Legislative Council in Hong Kong.

Ms. Lau was awarded the Bruno Kreisky Human Rights Award by the Bruno Kreisky Foundation in Austria in 1998 and the Monismanien Prize in Sweden in 2003 in recognition of her efforts in advocating for the freedom of speech and democracy.

Anson Chan

The First Woman Appointed as the Chief Secretary in Hong Kong (1993 and 1997)



Source: Information Services Department



Source: The Hon. Mrs. Anson CHAN

The Hon. Mrs. Anson Chan, originated from Anhui Province, was born in Shanghai in 1940. Mrs. Chan entered the Faculty of Arts of the University of Hong Kong after graduating from the Sacred Heart Canossian College, and received a Bachelor's degree in 1962.

She joined the Government in the same year as an Administrative Officer, becoming one of the first three female administrative officers in the Government. She had served in different departments, including as the Director of Social Welfare, Secretary for Economic Services and Secretary for the Civil Service. She was the first woman to hold the post of Assistant Financial Secretary, the first woman Assistant Director and Director, and the first woman official at Secretary level. In 1993, Mrs. Chan was appointed as the Chief Secretary, the first Chinese and the first woman to undertake such a prominent position in Hong Kong. After the reunification of Hong Kong with the Mainland, Mrs. Chan was appointed as the Chief Secretary for Administration of the HKSAR Government. She retired in 2001.

In 1992, Mrs. Chan was awarded the Commander of the Most Excellent Order of British Empire (CBE) and she was awarded the Grand Bauhinia Medal (GBM) in 1999 in recognition of her distinguished contribution to Hong Kong.

The First Women in ...

Felicia Wong

The First Woman Assistant Commissioner of Police in Hong Kong (1995)



Mrs. Felicia Wong joined the Hong Kong Police Force as a Probationary Inspector in 1963. The Police Force at that time was a male dominant profession. Women officers played a complementary role and their duties were confined to women and juvenile affairs. The Force subsequently became to realise that women officers were equally capable of other duties and had therefore broadened the range of duties for woman officers. Mrs. Wong was the first local woman Senior Superintendent and Chief Superintendent, and also the first woman in the Force to attain the commands of Deputy District Commander, District Commander, and Deputy Regional Commander. She was promoted to Assistant Commissioner of Police in 1995, the most senior post a woman officer ever attained in the Force at the time.

Mrs. Felicia Wong had received numerous honors in recognition of her exceptional accomplishment in the Hong Kong Police Force. She was awarded the Colonial Police Long Service Medal in 1981, the Colonial Police Medal for Meritorious Service in 1986, and the Queen's Police Medal for Distinguished Service in 1996. In 1988, she was awarded the Bronze Bauhinia Star for Dedicated and Meritorious Service by the HKSAR Government.

Regina Ip

The First Female Head of a Disciplined Service and First Female Secretary for Security (1996 and 1998)



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Mrs. Regina Ip originated from the Nanhai prefecture, Guangdong Province and was born in 1951 in Hong Kong. She was educated at the St. Stephen's Girls' College and later at the Faculty of Arts of the University of Hong Kong. She obtained a Master of Letters degree from the University of Glasgow in the UK.

Mrs. Ip joined the Hong Kong Government as an Administrative Officer in 1975 and had taken up various important posts, including Assistant Secretary for the New Territories and Director General of Industry, etc. She was later sponsored by the Government to pursue a Master's degree in Management at the Stanford University. In 1983, Mrs. Ip was the first female appointed as the Principal Assistant Secretary for Security. In 1996, she was appointed the Director of Immigration, the first female head of a disciplined service. In 1998, Mrs. Ip was the first female appointed as Secretary for Security. She left the Government in 2003.

In 2002, Mrs. Ip was awarded the Gold Bauhinia Star by the HKSAR Government.

Lee Lai-shan

The First Hong Kong Athlete to Win a Gold Medal in the Olympic Games (1996)



Dr. Lee Lai-shan was born in Cheung Chau. She learned windsurfing from her Uncle Mr. Lai Gun since her early years, and became a member of the Hong Kong Windsurfing Team at the age of 19. Undergoing extensive training under the guidance of her coach Mr. Rene Appel, she won in many international events and was widely known for coming first in the World Championships thrice.

Dr. Lee won the first Olympic Games gold medal in Hong Kong history in the 1996 Atlanta Olympics and was nicknamed "the Queen of Wind". She had been elected the best Hong Kong Athlete many times and received the 'Ten Outstanding Young Persons Award' in 1996. In 1997, she was appointed a Member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (MBE) and in 1997, she was awarded the Bronze Bauhinia Star by the HKSAR Government.

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