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The Hon CHEUNG Kin-chung, Matthew GBM, GBS, JP was the **Chief Secretary for Administration (CS)** of the **Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government (HKSARG)** from **January 2017 to June 2021** when he retired after **serving Hong Kong for nearly 50 years**, making him the **longest serving government official in Hong Kong's history**.

Mr Cheung is **currently Adjunct Professor** of the **Faculty of Social Sciences** at **The University of Hong Kong**; **Honorary Professor** of the **Faculty of Social Sciences** at **The Chinese University of Hong Kong**; **Honorary Professor** of the **Department of Social Sciences and Policy Studies** at **The Education University of Hong Kong**; **Adjunct Professor** of the **Department of Public and International Affairs** at **The City University of Hong Kong (CityU)** and **International and Professional Advisor** of **CityU's Research Centre for Sustainable Hong Kong** as well as **Adjunct Professor** of the **Asia-Pacific Institute of Ageing Studies** at **Lingnan University Hong Kong**.

Mr Cheung **joined** the Hong Kong Government as an **Information Officer** in the **Government Information Services (GIS)** in **July 1972** on graduation from **The University of Hong Kong**. He served in GIS for seven years during which he **spent a 15-month stint in London**. He received two rapid promotions to **Senior Information Officer** and was appointed **Overseas Liaison Editor** in **1978**.

In search of wider challenges and opportunities for contributing to Hong Kong's good governance, Mr Cheung **transferred to** the **Administrative Service** in **September 1979**. He rose to **Administrative Officer (AO) Staff Grade A1** in **2004**.

Among his earlier postings as an AO were **Assistant District Officer (Eastern)**; **Assistant Private Secretary to the Governor**; **Secretary, Industry Development Board**; **District Officer (North)**; **Assistant Director-General of Trade**; and **Administrative Assistant to the Financial Secretary**.

As a **senior directorate officer**, Mr Cheung served as **Deputy Judiciary Administrator**; **Deputy Head, Central Policy Unit**; and **Deputy Secretary for Education and Manpower**. He became **Commissioner for Labour** in **1999**; **Director of Education** in **2000**; and **Permanent Secretary for Economic Development and Labour** in **2002**.

Mr Cheung took up the political appointment of **Secretary for Labour and Welfare in July 2007 and served** for almost 10 years **until January 2017** when he was **appointed CS**. He **served** as CS **till June 2021**. During his tenure as CS, he **acted as the Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region on 68 occasions (amounting to 205 days)**.