The Government today (March 27) announced the appointment of Mr Bunny Chan Chung-bun as Chairman of the Commission on Youth (COY) for a two-year term starting from April 1, 2009.

A government spokesman said Mr Chan was a dedicated and reputable community leader with significant contributions in the promotion of youth affairs and other community services. He has been a member of the COY since April 2004.

"Mr Chan founded the Hong Kong Association of Youth Development in April 2007 which aimed to bring the community together in support of the all-round development of youths. Mr Chan is also the current Chairman of the Kwun Tong District Council. With his rich experience and commitment in youth development matters, the COY, under Mr Chan's chairmanship, will continue to provide valuable advice to the Government on the overall strategy and specific measures for promoting youth development in Hong Kong," the spokesman said.

The spokesman also extended the Government's gratitude to the outgoing chairman, Mr Joseph Lee Chung-tak, for his valuable contributions to the work of the COY. Mr Lee has served in the COY for eight years.

"We have to thank Mr Lee, a veteran in the field of youth development, for his devotion to the work of the COY. Under his steer in the past two years, the commission has made significant strides in promoting the sense of national identity among youth. The COY has launched a new Youth National Education Funding Scheme to subsidise and support large-scale activities to promote national education," the spokesman said.

The Government has also appointed seven new members for a two-year term starting from April 1.

New members
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Mr George Lung Chee-ming
Professor Nicole Cheung Wai-ting
Mr Tang Kwong-shing
Miss Au Hoi-yan
Mr Lam Cheung-chi
Mr Jaime Sze Wine-him
Ms Lu Hai

The Government has also re-appointed the following 20 serving members:

Re-appointed members (for a one-year term starting from April 1)
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Mr Fong Ping
Mr Lo Ping
Dr Elaine Au Liu Suk-ching
The commission also includes representatives from the Home Affairs Bureau, the Education Bureau, the Labour and Welfare Bureau and the Security Bureau.

The COY is a non-statutory advisory body to advise the Government on matters pertaining to youth development. It commissions research studies on different aspects of youth matters, works in partnership with other non-governmental organisations, and operates funding schemes to sponsor non-governmental organisations in carrying out youth development projects. It also sponsors youth exchange programmes with the Mainland and overseas exchanges under the International Youth Exchange Programme.

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