
Aged 53, Mr Yau was appointed as Under Secretary for Transport and Housing between August 2008 and June 2012, and was reappointed the post on 15 September 2012.

Before joining the HKSAR Government, Mr Yau had been a journalist for 25 years. After having served Radio Television Hong Kong and the Hong Kong Standard, he joined the Hong Kong Economic Times in 1992 and held the post of Executive Chief Editor between 2000 and 2008. He also served on the executive committees of both the Hong Kong Journalists Association and the Hong Kong Press Council.

Mr Yau has received a number of journalist prizes, among them Best Hong Kong Newspaper Reporter (General News) awarded by the Hong Kong Newspapers Society in 1986. He has edited and published books on various social issues such as youth problems and Hong Kong's economic prospects.

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