



Senate endorses state attorney

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The chief of the Department of Special Litigation under the Office of the Attorney-General has won the Senate's endorsement as the new attorney-general.

Senate Speaker Pornpetch Wichitcholchai yesterday chaired a meeting to consider the nomination of Wongsakul Kittipromwong submitted by the State Attorney Commission.

The nomination was approved with 215 votes in favour and nine abstentions.

The vote was held after a Senate committee chaired by Gen Ood Buengbon finished checking the nominee's background, conduct and integrity.

Meanwhile, a source at the Transport Ministry said that yesterday's cabinet meeting approved the transfers and appointments of various C-10 level

officials proposed by the ministry.

They include Sarawut Songsivilai, the director-general of the Department of Rail Transport, who was appointed as the director-general of the Department of Highways, replacing Anon Luangboriboon, who was moved to become deputy permanent secretary for transport in charge of infrastructure.

Chirute Visalachitra, deputy permanent secretary for transport, was made the director-general of the Department of Land Transport, replacing Peraphon Thawornsupacharoen, who was transferred to be a deputy permanent secretary.

Witthaya Yamuang, the Transport Ministry's inspector-general, was appointed as the director-general of the Marine Department, replacing the incumbent, Somsak Hommuang, who will retire at the end of this month.

Another source, from the Finance Ministry, also said the cabinet approved a number of transfers and appointments of high-ranking officials.

Yuttana Yimgarund, deputy finance permanent secretary, was appointed as Treasury Department director-general.

Poomsak Aranyakasemsuk, the director of the Public Debt Management Office, was appointed as the director-general of the Comptroller General's Department, while Patricia Mongkhonvanit, the ministry's inspector-general, was appointed as Mr Poomsak's replacement.

Pantip Sripimol, ministry adviser on state enterprise development, was made deputy finance permanent secretary, while Yanee Sangsrichun, adviser on fiscal and financial system development, was made ministry inspector-general.