

Appointment to the Committee on Performing Arts and Funding Committee for the Performing Arts

The Home Affairs Bureau today (November 20) announced the appointment/re-appointment of members to the Committee on Performing Arts and the establishment of a new Funding Committee for the Performing Arts.

The Committee on Performing Arts was established in November 2004 to advise the Government on the provision of performing arts service including:

- ★ the promotion of appreciation, expression and creativity in the performing arts;
- ★ the formulation of strategies and plans for the development of performing arts facilities and services, with reference to the Culture and Heritage Commission Policy recommendations; and
- ★ the encouragement of community support and partnership with different sectors in arts education, cultural exchange and other matters pertaining to the promotion of the performing arts.

A spokesman for Home Affairs Bureau said that the first term of the Committee had submitted its Recommendation Report (I) in June 2006, which put forward recommendations on funding, venue and programming for the performing arts. The new term of the Committee would continue to examine topics like promotion, marketing, ticket-pricing, audience building, arts education and festivals. The new term of the Committee would serve for two years with effect from November 1, 2006.

To follow up on the recommendation of the Committee on Performing Arts on funding for performing arts organisations, a Funding Committee for the Performing Arts will also be established.

"The new Funding Committee will advise the Government on funding major performing arts groups currently receiving annual subvention from the Leisure and Cultural Services Department and the three-year grant from the Hong Kong Arts Development Council, including working out a consolidated grant, developing a new funding system and mechanism with reference to the parameters recommended in the Committee on Performing Arts Recommendation Report (I); and considering the need to establish 'flagship' performing companies in Hong Kong," the spokesman said.

The new Committee will also serve a two-year term from November 1, 2006 to October 31, 2008.

The full membership lists of the two Committees are as follows:

Committee on Performing Arts

Chairman	: Dr Darwin Chen, SBS
Vice-chairman	: Mr Chang Ching-po, Clarence
Members	: AU Yeung Fung-chun Mr Chan Chung-bun, Bunny, BBS, JP Mr Jolland Chan Mr Chen Chung-nin, Rock Mr Cheng Kam-chung, Eric, MH Dr Cheung Ping-kuen, MH Dr Saimond Ip Mr Ip Sai-hung Mr Ko Chi-sum, MH Mr Koo Yee-yin, Irving, SBS, JP Mr Lam Kin-ko, Stewart Dr. Lam Pun-lee Mrs Lau Kun Lai-kuen, Stella, JP Miss Lau Man-man, Lisa, MH, JP Prof Lo King-man, BBS, JP Mr Ng Hing-yin Mr Pun Siu-fai Dr Shen Shir-ming The Rt. Rev Soo Yee-po, Thomas, JP Miss Tang Lok-yin Miss Tang Shuk-tak, Karen Mrs Too So Kwok-chun Ms Wong Ying-kay, Ada, JP Mr Yeung Wai-chung, Frankie Dr Yu Siu-wah Mr Cheuk Yat-fan
Ex-officio members	: Representative of Hong Kong Arts Development Council Representative of Hong Kong Academy for the Performing Arts Representative of Home Affairs Bureau Representative of Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Funding Committee for the Performing Arts

Chairman : Dr Darwin Chen, SBS

Members : Mr Lee Wai-man, Maurice, JP

Prof Lo King-man, BBS, JP

Mr Ma Fung-kwok, SBS, JP

Dr Ma Ka-fai

Ex-officio : Chairman of the Committee on Venue Partnership

members Chairman of the Programme and Development Committee

Representative of Home Affairs Bureau

Representative of Leisure and Cultural Services Department

Ends/Monday, November 20, 2006