

Arts organisations and arts workers urged to register

The Home Affairs Bureau today (May 28) called on interested arts organisations and individual arts workers to register as members of the nominating bodies for the specified arts interests in the Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC) nomination exercise on or before June 5.

The current membership of the HKADC will expire on December 31 and the bureau has launched the nomination exercise to return representatives of the specified arts interests for the HKADC for the term commencing January 1, 2008.

The first phase of the nomination exercise - registration as members of the nominating bodies of the respective arts interests - will end on June 5 (Tuesday).

"The first phase of the nomination exercise is crucial as only members of those arts organisations registered as members of the nominating bodies, and individual arts workers who have likewise registered can participate in the subsequent phases of the nomination exercise including voter registration, nomination of candidates, candidature and voting" a bureau spokesman said.

The relevant application guidelines and registration forms are available at the following websites and venues -

Websites:

<http://www.hab.gov.hk>

<http://www.lcsd.gov.hk>

<http://www.hkadc.org.hk>

Venues:

Culture Division of HAB; the HKADC; the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts; the Hong Kong Arts Centre; civic centres, museums and major libraries of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department; and Public Enquiry Services Centres of the 18 District Offices

He urged all eligible arts organisations and individual arts workers who had not yet registered as members of the nominating bodies to submit application for registration to "PR Concepts Company Limited", the nomination agent appointed for this nomination exercise, as soon as possible.

Members of the nominating bodies as specified in the gazette notice G.N. 5143 dated August 13, 2004, do not need to apply again unless they wish to update their particulars or change the arts interests for which they were registered in 2004.

For enquiries, please call 2520 2857 or 2520 2697.

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