

Candidate forum for the HKADC nomination exercise on Saturday

The Hong Kong Arts Development Council's (HKADC) nomination exercise 2007 has entered the final two weeks of electioneering. To enable voters to learn more about the candidates, a forum will be held on Saturday (September 15) for candidates to present their platforms and to answer questions from voters. Nineteen candidates standing for nomination will attend. Interested parties are welcome to participate.

The Candidate Forum will be held from 10am to 5pm in the Lecture Hall, Hong Kong Heritage Discovery Centre, Kowloon Park. Seats for four of the 10 arts interests (Arts Administration, Arts Education, Drama and Film Arts) are uncontested and no dedicated candidate forum sessions for these arts interests will be arranged at the forum. Candidate forum sessions for the six contested arts interests (Arts Criticism, Dance, Literary Arts, Music, Visual Arts and Chinese Opera (Xiqu)) will be as follows:

10am to 10.30am	Arts Criticism
10.30am to 11.30am	Dance
11.30am to noon	Literary Arts
Noon to 1pm	Music
2.30pm to 3pm	Visual Arts
3pm to 3.35pm	Xiqu (Chinese Opera)

(Each session above includes: 1. Candidate Platform Presentation; 2. Question and answer session with the floor; 3. Debating session among the candidates of the respective arts interests)

3.50pm to 5pm	Question and Answer Session for Candidates
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Maximum three minutes for each candidate in each segment.

The list of candidates who will attend the forum is as follows:

Arts Interest	Candidate
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Arts Criticism	Mr John Stuart Batten

	Mr Stephen Chan Ching Kiu
Arts Education	Ms Wong So Lan
Dance	Mr Ho Ho Chuen
	Ms Sit Chin Wa
	Mr Po Kwong Hon
	Mr Chow Man Fai
	Ms Janny Leung Chui Yan
	Mr Willy Tsao Sing Yuen
Literary Arts	Mr Han Shan Bi (Hon Man Po)
	Mr Wong Chi Wa
Music	Ms Barbara Fei
	Mr Wong Shing Hoi
	Ms Sylvia Chen Chia Lu
	Ms Cheng Wai
Visual Arts	Mr Lee Kam Yin
	Mr. Fong Kin Sang
Chinese Opera (Xiqu)	Mr Yuen Siu Fai
	Mr Yeung Ming

Polling for the 2007 HKADC Nomination Exercise is scheduled to take place from September 28 to 30. Following the previous nomination exercises, a "cross-interest voting" system will be adopted this year. Voters from all the 10 arts interests may cast votes for candidates standing for nomination in the six contested arts interests.

Since its establishment as a statutory body in June, 1995, there have been HKADC nomination exercises for the arts interest representatives held in 1995, 1997, 1999, 2001 and 2004 with this year marking the sixth such occasion.

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