

25 valid nominations received for the Hong Kong Arts Development Council nomination exercise

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A spokesman of the Home Affairs Bureau today (September 2) said that a total of 25 eligible candidates had been nominated for the 10 arts interests in the current nomination exercise for the Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC). Electioneering will start tomorrow (September 3).

Seats for four of the ten arts interests (Arts Administration, Arts Education, Drama and Film Arts) are uncontested and no polling is necessary. Nominations for the following six arts interests (Arts Criticism, Dance, Literary Arts, Music, Visual Arts and Chinese Opera (Xiqu)) will be determined by polling. Candidates for the ten arts interests are -

Arts Interest	Candidate	Remarks
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Arts Administration	Mr WU Shou Nan (NG Kang Fai)	Uncontested
Arts Criticism	Mr John Stuart BATTEN Mr CHAN Ching Kiu, Stephen	
Arts Education	Ms WONG So Lan	Uncontested
Dance	Mr HO Ho Chuen Ms SIT Chin Wa Mr PO Kwong Hon Mr CHOW Man Fai Ms LEUNG Chui Yan, Janny Mr TSAO Sing Yuen, Willy	
Drama	Mr KO Tin Lung	Uncontested
Film Arts	Mr TO Kei Fung	Uncontested
Literary Arts	Mr HAN Shan Bi (HON Man Po) Mr WONG Chi Wa	

Music	Ms FEI Barbara
	Mr WONG Shing Hoi
	Ms CHEN Chia Lu, Sylvia
	Ms CHENG Wai
	Mr TO Wang Hei
	Mr CHING Sau Wing
Visual Arts	Mr LEE Kam Yin
	Mr FONG Kin Sang
Chinese Opera (Xiqu)	Mr YUEN Siu Fai
	Ms WONG Yee Man
	Mr YEUNG Ming

Polling is scheduled to take place from September 28 to 30 at the Permanent Exhibition Gallery, 1/F, Hong Kong Heritage Discovery Centre, Kowloon Park, Haiphong Road, Tsimshatsui. A cross-interest voting system, which was used in the previous nomination exercises, will continue to be adopted this year. Voters from all ten arts interests may cast votes for candidates standing for nomination in the six contested arts interests. A list of the nominated representatives will be submitted to the Chief Executive for consideration of appointment to the Council for the next term, which will begin on January 1, 2008.

To enable voters to learn more about the candidates, a Candidate Forum will be organised on September 15 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm at the Lecture Hall, Hong Kong Heritage Discovery Centre, Kowloon Park, Haiphong Road, Tsimshatsui. At the forum, candidates will present their platforms and answer questions from voters.

The Nomination Agent has sent letters containing candidates' platforms to all voters. If voters do not receive the letters by the end of this week, please make inquiries with the nomination agent (Tel: 2520 2857, Fax: 2527 8996). The candidates' platforms can also be downloaded from the Home Affairs Bureau website [www.hab.gov.hk](http://www.hab.gov.hk).

The nomination exercise this year started in May. It is divided into the following four phases -

Phase 1: Registration of members of nominating bodies (May 2 to June 5, 2007 - Completed)

Phase 2: Voter registration (June 29 to August 3, 2007 - Completed)

Phase 3: Nomination of candidates for the respective arts interests (August 14 to August 27, 2007 - Completed)

Phase 4: Electioneering and polling (September 3 to September 30, 2007)

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

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