

Appointments to Cantonese Opera Advisory Committee announced

The Home Affairs Bureau today (April 16) announced the appointment of Mr Charles Chow Chan-lum as Chairman of the Cantonese Opera Advisory Committee (COAC). The appointment of nine new members and re-appointment of 16 serving members were also announced.

The committee is appointed for a two-year term, effective from May 1, 2010, to April 30, 2012.

A spokesman for the Home Affairs Bureau said Cantonese opera had become the first item of world intangible cultural heritage in Hong Kong. The Government will allocate more resources to further support the preservation, promotion and development of Cantonese opera.

The spokesman thanked the outgoing chairman, Dr Stephen Chow Chun-kay, and six outgoing members (Mr Leung Hon-wai, Mr Ip Sai-hung, Mr Wen Choy-bon, Ms Shi Fung-ling, Ms Wan Fai-yin and Prof Andrew Chan Chi-fai) for their valuable contributions to the work of the COAC. In particular, Dr Chow has served as the chairman of the committee for six years since its inception and provided strenuous support for the development of Cantonese opera. Under his able leadership, the committee has rendered the Government valuable advice on the development of Cantonese opera. The Home Affairs Bureau is grateful to Dr Chow for his important contributions to the development of Cantonese opera and the work of the committee. The bureau looks forward to working closely with the new COAC to promote the development of Cantonese opera.

The membership list of the committee is as follows:

Chairman

Mr Charles Chow Chan-lum

Members

Ms Brenda Chan Yuen-hung

Ms Choi Yuen-ling

Mr Lau Kam-yiu

Ms Lau Wai-ming
Mr Law Hang-tong (Law Ka-ying)
Ms Candice Leung Wai-yee
Mr Li Hon-kwong
Mr Li Kin-hung
Ms Eliza Li Pui-yan
Mr Lui Hung-kwong
Mr Mo Yu-tin (Sun Kim Long)
Dr Dorothy Ng Fung-ping
Mr Ludwig Ng Siu-wing
Mr Seto Yok (Loong Koon-tin)
Dr Kitty Tai Suk-yan
Mr Tam Wing-pong
Ms Marilyn To Wai Sau-ming
Mr Frankie Yeung Wai-chung (Yeung Wai-shing)
Prof Yu Siu-wah
Representative of the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts
Representative of the Hong Kong Arts Development Council
Representative of the Hong Kong Tourism Board
Representative of the Education Bureau
Representative of the Home Affairs Bureau
Representative of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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