The Home Affairs Bureau today (September 26) urge voters to actively take part in the polling for the nomination of representatives of arts interests in the 2007 Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC) nomination exercise, which will be held from Friday to Sunday (September 28-30). Through this nomination exercise, 10 representatives will be nominated to participate in the work of the HKADC.

A spokesman for the Home Affairs Bureau said that 7,029 voters had registered this year, representing an increase of approximately 32% when compared to 2004.

"I look forward to the active participation of voters in the three-day poll, as their votes will determine the list of representatives to be submitted to the Chief Executive for consideration of appointment to the HKADC for the next term, which will begin on January 1, 2008," the spokesman said.

Under the HKADC Ordinance, HKADC members will be responsible for planning, promoting and developing the arts in Hong Kong. They will also determine the use of the annual HKADC budget to support local arts organisations and arts workers.

A "cross-interest voting" system, which was used in the previous nomination exercises, will be adopted. Voters from all 10 arts interests may cast votes for candidates standing for nomination in the six contested arts interests (Arts Criticism, Dance, Literary Arts, Music, Visual Arts and Chinese Opera (Xiqu)). There is only one candidate standing for nomination in each of the four arts interests (Arts Administration, Arts Education, Drama and Film Arts). Accordingly, there will be no polling for these four arts interests.

Candidates for the 10 arts interests are as follows:

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Arts Criticism  Mr BATTEN John Stuart  2 candidates
Mr CHAN Ching Kiu, Stephen

Arts Education  Ms WONG So Lan  Uncontested

Dance  Mr HO Ho Chuen  6 candidates
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  2 candidates
(HON Man Po)
Mr WONG Chi Wa

Music  Ms FEI Barbara  6 candidates
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  2 candidates
Mr FONG Kin Sang

Chinese Opera (Xiqu)  Mr YUEN Siu Fai  3 candidates
Ms WONG Yee Man
Mr YEUNG Ming

Polling will take place from 9am to 9pm daily from September 28 - 30, 2007 at the Permanent Exhibition Gallery, 1/F, Hong Kong Heritage Discovery Centre, Kowloon Park.