The Home Affairs Bureau today (May 6) announced the setting up of the Public Libraries Advisory Committee to advise the Government on the overall development strategy of Hong Kong Public Libraries (HKPL).

With the successful completion of its two-year tenure, the Committee on Libraries recommended in its report in May, 2007, the setting up of an advisory body on the overall development strategy of public libraries. To take forward this recommendation, the Public Libraries Advisory Committee has been set up to advise the Government on the following:

(a) The formulation of strategies and measures for the development of library facilities and services to achieve the broader cultural mission of HKPL;

(b) The role, functions and management of the Hong Kong Central Library; and

(c) The encouragement of community support and partnership with different sectors in promoting reading, lifelong learning and literary arts.

The appointments will be for two years from May 1, 2008, to April 30, 2010. Members appointed include professionals, academics, community personalities and government representatives.

The membership list of the Advisory Committee is as follows:

Chairman: Prof John Leong Chi-yan
Vice-Chairman: Mr Cheung Chi-kong
Members: Dr Chan Kin-wai
    Prof Leonard Chan Kwok-kou
    Dr Chan Man-hung
    Ms Yolanda Chiu Wai-kan
    Dr Kan Lai-bing
    Ms Kwan Sau-king
    Prof Lee Kam-keung
    Mr Sunny Lee Wai-kuong
    Prof Lo Wai-luen
    Mr Gerry Ma Kwai-yung
Ms Ng Mei-mei
Mrs Grace Tam Cheung Kit-ying
Mr Dennis Tin Ding-sin
Mr Kenneth Ying Tze-man
Representative of the Education Bureau
Representative of the Government Records Service
Representative of the Home Affairs Bureau
Representative of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department

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