A total of 1,909 voters cast their ballots (provisional figure) in the 2010 nomination exercise of representatives of arts interests for the Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC) when the three-day polling ended at 9pm today (September 19). The voting rate is 27 per cent.

The ballots are being counted at the polling centre in Tsim Sha Tsui District Kai Fong Welfare Association, 136A Nathan Road, Kowloon. The final voting results will be issued once available.

A spokesman for the Home Affairs Bureau said the list of representatives would be submitted to the Chief Executive for consideration of appointment to the HKADC. Members will assist in the planning, promotion and support of the broad development of arts in Hong Kong. The new term will start on January 1, 2011.

A cross-interest voting system has been adopted. Voters from all 10 arts interests cast votes for candidates standing for nomination in the eight contested arts interests, i.e., arts administration, arts education, dance, film arts, literary arts, music, visual arts and Chinese opera (Xiqu). There were no polling for the arts interest of "drama" and "arts criticism" as the candidate for the former had run uncontested and no nomination was received for the latter.

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