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**Deadline of the First Phase of the HKADC Nomination Exercise Approaching
HAB Urges Arts Organisations and Individual Art Workers to Register**

(29 April 2010 – Hong Kong) The Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) today called on interested arts organizations and individual art workers to register as members of the nominating bodies for the specified arts interests in the Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC) nomination exercise on or before 10 May 2010.

The current term of office of the HKADC members will expire on 31 December 2010. The HAB is now conducting an exercise to nominate representatives of 10 arts interests for the next term of the HKADC commencing 1 January 2011.

The first phase of the nomination exercise— Registration as members of the nominating bodies will close on 10 May 2010 (Monday). A spokesperson for the HAB said, “We very much hope that members of our arts community would support this nomination exercise and register before the deadline. It is of paramount importance to do so as only members of those arts organisations which have been registered as members of the nominating bodies, and individual arts workers who have so registered can participate in the subsequent phases of the nomination exercise including voter registration, nomination of candidates, electioneering and voting.”

Eligible arts organisations and individual arts workers are invited to submit applications for registration as members of the nominating bodies to the nomination agent appointed by the HAB for this nomination exercise — PR Concepts Asia Limited before 5:00 pm on 10 May 2010 (Monday). The application guidelines and registration forms are available at the following website and venues:

Website :

<http://www.voteforhkadc2010.hk>

Venues:

HAB; HKADC; Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts; Hong Kong Arts Centre; Jockey Club Creative Arts Centre; civic centres, museums and major libraries of the Leisure and Cultural Services Department; and Public Enquiry Services Centres of the 18 District Offices.

Following the close of the first phase, the membership list of the nominating bodies will be promulgated by gazette. The HAB will start the voter registration in the next phase afterwards.

This year's nomination exercise will be conducted in four phases as follows -

- Phase 1: Registration of eligible organizations / individual arts workers as members of the nominating bodies of the respective arts interests (30 March to 10 May 2010)
- Phase 2: Voter registration (4 June to 15 July 2010)
- Phase 3: Candidate nomination (end of July to mid-August 2010)
- Phase 4: Electioneering and polling (late August to mid-September 2010)

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