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**Voter Registration for HKADC Nomination Exercise Approaches Deadline  
HAB Urges Specified Arts Organisations to Submit Voter Registration Forms**

(9 July 2010 – Hong Kong) Registration of voters for the Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC) nomination exercise will close on 19 July. The Home Affairs Bureau (HAB) today urged arts organizations specified as members of the nominating bodies to submit voter registration forms for their members as soon as possible so that they may nominate their representatives into the HKADC via a polling at later stage.

Established to promote the development of arts in Hong Kong, the HKADC will see the departure of its council members on 31 December 2010 with the expiry of their current term of office. The HAB is therefore conducting an exercise to nominate representatives of 10 arts interests for the next term of the HKADC commencing 1 January 2011.

With the completion of the first phase of the nomination exercise, a total of 733 arts organisations were specified as organisational members of the nominating bodies and recorded in the Gazette G.N. 3329 published on 11 June 2010. On the same date, the nomination agent informed these arts organisations in writing that they may help their eligible members and employees to register as voters in the second phase of the nomination exercise. Guidelines and forms for voter registration were enclosed in the letters. Arts organisations registered as nominating bodies in 2007 or before have also been reminded that they must submit voter registration forms for their members afresh this year.

A spokesperson for the HAB said, “We call upon arts organisations specified as members of the nominating bodies to help their members register as voters in the last week of the registration so that they may participate in the subsequent phases of the nomination exercise including nomination of candidates, electioneering and voting for promoting arts development in Hong Kong.”

Eligible arts organisations should submit duly completed voter registration forms to the nomination agent appointed by the HAB — PR Concepts Asia Limited before 5:00 pm on 19 July 2010 (Monday). The related guidelines and forms are available for download at the website: [www.voteforhkadc2010.hk](http://www.voteforhkadc2010.hk)

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

- Phase 1: Registration of eligible organisations / individual arts workers as members of the nominating bodies of the respective arts interests (30 March to 10 May 2010)
- Phase 2: Voter registration (11 June to 19 July 2010)
- Phase 3: Candidate nomination (early August to mid-August 2010)
- Phase 4: Electioneering and polling (late August to mid-September 2010)

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