

## Second phase of Nomination of Representatives of Arts Interests for Hong Kong Arts Development Council begins

The Hong Kong Arts Development Council (HKADC) announced today (June 28) the launch of the second phase of the 2019 Nomination of Representatives of Arts Interests for the HKADC (the Nomination Exercise) on June 28. In the coming six weeks till August 9, arts organisations eligible to participate in the 2019 Nomination Exercise can register their members/employees as voters. Registered voters may take part in the subsequent phases of the 2019 Nomination Exercise including nomination of candidates, electioneering and polling.

The first phase of the 2019 Nomination Exercise – registration by arts organisations and individual arts workers – ended on March 29, and 742 arts organisations and 2,596 individual arts workers are eligible to participate in this year's Nomination Exercise. A full list of the specified organisations and individuals has been published in the Gazette today and can be downloaded from the Nomination Exercise [website](#).

Arts organisations specified in the above-mentioned Gazette Notice (the eligible arts organisations) may register their members/employees if they are aged 18 years or above with a valid Hong Kong identity card and fulfil one of the following criteria as voters:

- (i) be a member who has joined the organisation for not less than one year prior to January 7, 2019; or
- (ii) be an employee of the organisation and has been directly involved in arts creation, direction or performance in the organisation for not less than one year prior to January 7, 2019; or
- (iii) be a full-time employee of the organisation who has been responsible for co-ordination or promotion of arts events or stage management (not including employees involved in general administration, finance, human resources and other technical support duties) in the organisation for not less than one year prior to January 7, 2019.

The eligible arts organisations should submit the Voter Registration Form for their members/employees and return it to the Nomination Agent on or before August 9. The Guidelines for Voter Registration and the Voter Registration Form can be downloaded from the [website](#). Even if arts organisations had submitted voter registration forms in past Nomination Exercises, they must submit voter registration forms for their members/employees afresh this year.

Individual arts workers whose names appear in the Government Gazette Notice on June 28 will be eligible to take part in the 2019 Nomination Exercise and are not required to register through the eligible arts organisations in this phase.

Tri-Leaves Promotion Limited has been appointed by the HKADC as the Nomination Agent of the 2019 Nomination Exercise. All arts organisations and individual arts workers submitting applications in the first phase and individual arts workers whose names appear in the Government Gazette Notice on June 28 will soon receive letters from the Nomination Agent. Letters to eligible arts organisations will also contain guidelines and application forms for voter registration.

The HKADC is a statutory body set up to promote the development of the arts in Hong Kong. Under section 3 of the Hong Kong Arts Development Council Ordinance (Chapter 472), the Chief Executive may appoint up to 10 persons nominated by the specific arts interests as members of the HKADC. The 10 specified arts interests are Arts Administration, Arts Criticism, Arts Education, Chinese Opera (Xiqu), Dance, Drama, Film Arts, Literary Arts, Music and Visual Arts. The current term of office of the HKADC members will expire on December 31, 2019. An exercise is being conducted to nominate arts interests representatives for the Chief Executive's consideration of appointment as members of the HKADC for the next term.

The 2019 Nomination Exercise is being conducted in four phases as follows:

Phase 1: Registration of Arts Organisations and Individual Arts Workers (January 7 to March 29)

Phase 2: Voter Registration by Arts Organisations (June 28 to August 9)

Phase 3: Nomination of Candidates (August to September) (Tentative)

Phase 4: Electioneering and Polling (October) (Tentative)

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