

Appointments to Harbourfront Commission announced

The Government announced today (June 29) the Chief Executive's appointment of the Chairperson and five members to serve on the Harbourfront Commission (HC) for a two-year term commencing on July 1, 2018.

Mr Vincent Ng Wing-shun, a long-serving HC member, will succeed Mr Charles Nicholas Brooke as the new Chairman. Ms Janice Lai Wai-man and Ms Christina Lee Maisenne will join the HC for the first time as members, while three existing members, Ms Kelly Chan Yuen-sau, Mr Alan Lo Yeung-kit and Mr Ngan Man-yu, have been re-appointed.

The Secretary for Development, Mr Michael Wong, welcomed the appointments and re-appointments.

"With Mr Ng's rich experience in the work of harbourfront enhancement and his outstanding leadership demonstrated as the chairman of the Task Force on Kai Tak Harbourfront Development, I am confident that the good work of the HC can be sustained in the years to come. The HC deliberations will also continue to benefit from the diversity brought about by the different backgrounds of new and existing members," Mr Wong said.

"I wish to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude to the outgoing Chairman, Mr Nicholas Brooke, who has been involved in harbourfront-related matters since the establishment of the former Harbourfront Enhancement Committee (HEC) back in 2004, for his able chairmanship since 2010 and his invaluable contribution to the HC over the past years.

"Harbourfront development and enhancement is a core vision shared by both the Government and the HC. The next few years will be challenging for the HC, which is expected to take forward a number of major harbourfront initiatives including those funded by the \$500 million dedicated funding," Mr Wong added.

To provide enhanced support to the HC in taking forward harbourfront initiatives, the Government will, from July 1, 2018, onwards, re-organise the Harbour Unit under the Development Bureau into a dedicated Harbour Office (HO). The HO will be staffed by a multi-disciplinary team comprising different professional and supporting officers.

The HC was established in July 2010 to succeed the HEC to advise the Government on harbourfront planning, design, management and other related matters with the objective of fostering and facilitating the development of the Victoria harbourfront.

Following is the membership of the HC commencing on July 1, 2018:

Chairperson

Mr Vincent Ng Wing-shun

Vice-Chairperson

Secretary for Development

Non-official Members (Organisations)

Business Environment Council

Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport in Hong Kong

Conservancy Association

Friends of the Earth

Hong Kong Institute of Architects

Hong Kong Institute of Landscape Architects

Hong Kong Institute of Planners

Hong Kong Institute of Surveyors

Hong Kong Institute of Urban Design

Hong Kong Institution of Engineers

Real Estate Developers Association of Hong Kong

Society for Protection of the Harbour

Non-official Members (Individuals)

Mr Chan Ka-kui

Mr Walter Chan Kar-lok

Ms Kelly Chan Yuen-sau

Mr Hans Joachim Isler

Mr Karl Kwok Chi-leung

Ms Janice Lai Wai-man

Ms Christina Lee Maisenne

Ms Vivian Lee Ying-shih

Mr Alan Lo Yeung-kit

Mr Ngan Man-yu

Mr Tony Tse Wai-chuen

Official Members

Permanent Secretary for Development (Planning and Lands) or her representative

Commissioner for Tourism or his representative

Commissioner for Transport or her representative

Director of Civil Engineering and Development or his representative

Director of Leisure and Cultural Services or her representative

Director of Marine or her representative

Director of Planning or his representative

Secretary

Principal Assistant Secretary for Development (Harbour)

Spanish National Ballet to return with “Zaguán & Alento” in September

After a five-year hiatus, the Ballet Nacional de España (Spanish National Ballet) will return to Hong Kong in September to stage three performances of its latest production, "Zaguán & Alento".

"Zaguán & Alento" comprises two renowned pieces and follows a challenging proposition to the Spanish National Ballet from the company's director, Antonio Najarro, through which he aims to showcase the company's new aesthetic and style. The performances will be held at 8pm on September 21 and 22 (Friday and Saturday) and at 3pm on September 23 (Sunday) at the Auditorium of Sha Tin Town Hall.

"Zaguán" is a flamenco ballet that seeks to portray transitional space from an array of perspectives, in which three young artists will showcase their personal dance vocabulary, approach and style. The company will also perform "Soleá del Mantón" by Blanca del Rey, one of the grand dames of Spanish flamenco.

"Alento" is presented as a living reflection of Najarro's style as a creator, as well as of his personal vision of classic Spanish dance. It is a reminder of his choreographic trajectory, inspired by the scores of the great composer and guitarist Fernando Egozcue, who has created music full of rhythm and sensitivity.

Founded in 1978, the Spanish National Ballet is one of the original projects of the National Institute for the Stage Arts and Music. The Ballet has evolved with the times but has preserved its interest in all styles of Spanish dance, performing choreographies, flamenco and stylised Spanish dance. It combines tradition and modernity while not forgetting key aspects such as training and performing new projects.

Antonio Najarro is an accomplished dancer and choreographer. He began his career at 15, performing in many prominent Spanish dance companies. He was accepted into the Spanish National Ballet in 1997 and three years later ascended to the rank of Principal Dancer under the direction of Aida Gomez. Najarro was appointed the ballet's director in 2011.

"Zaguán & Alento" by the Spanish National Ballet is presented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department. Tickets ranging from \$160 to \$460 are now available at URBTIX (www.urbtix.hk). For telephone credit card bookings, please call 2111 5999. For programme enquiries and concessionary

schemes, please call 2268 7323 or visit
www.lcsd.gov.hk/CE/CulturalService/Programme/en/dance/programs_572.html.

Schedule for issuing press releases on statistical data

Following is a reminder of the press releases on statistical data to be issued between July and September 2018. The schedule for issuing press releases on statistical data in 2018 was provided to the media in September 2017. No change has been made to the original schedule.

July 2018

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Date	Press Release
3	Retail sales statistics for May 2018
19	Unemployment and underemployment statistics for April – June 2018
19	Volume and price statistics of external merchandise trade for May 2018
20	Business expectations for third quarter 2018
23	Consumer Price Index for June 2018
26	External merchandise trade statistics for June 2018

August 2018

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Date	Press Release
1	Retail sales statistics for June 2018
3	Restaurant receipts and purchases statistics for second quarter 2018
9	Volume and price statistics of external merchandise trade for June 2018
10	Gross Domestic Product for second quarter 2018: data contained in the press release entitled "Economic Situation in the Second Quarter of 2018 and Latest GDP and Price Forecasts for 2018" issued by The Office of the Government Economist under the Financial Secretary's Office (Note)
14	Mid-year population for 2018
17	Unemployment and underemployment statistics for May – July 2018
21	Consumer Price Index for July 2018
27	External merchandise trade statistics for July 2018

September 2018

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Date	Press Release
6	Statistics on vessels, port cargo and containers for second quarter 2018
10	Quarterly business receipts indices for service industries for second quarter 2018
11	Construction output statistics for second quarter 2018
11	Statistics on trade involving outward processing in the mainland of China for second quarter 2018
13	Index of industrial production and producer price index for industrial sector for second quarter 2018
14	Gross National Income and external primary income flows for second quarter 2018
18	Unemployment and underemployment statistics for June – August 2018
19	Chain volume measures of Gross Domestic Product by economic activity for second quarter 2018
20	Consumer Price Index for August 2018
20	Volume and price statistics of external merchandise trade for July 2018
20	Employment and vacancies statistics for June 2018
21	Balance of Payments and International Investment Position statistics for second quarter 2018
27	External merchandise trade statistics for August 2018
27	Wage and payroll statistics for June 2018

Note: The Office of the Government Economist under the Financial Secretary's Office will issue a press release on the Half-yearly Economic Report 2018 and second update of the GDP and prices forecasts for 2018 as a whole. The GDP for the second quarter of 2018 will also be released there. No separate press release on the GDP for the second quarter of 2018 will be issued by the Census and Statistics Department on that day.

The schedule for regular press releases in the other months of 2018 can be downloaded from the website of the Census and Statistics Department (www.censtatd.gov.hk/press_release/index.jsp).

[Firing practice for July 2018](#)

Firing practice will take place at two military sites, namely the San Wai/Tai Ling Firing Range and the Tsing Shan Firing Range, next month (July).

Red flags or red lamps will be hoisted at the firing areas before and during firing practice. For their safety, people are advised not to enter the firing area.

Following are the dates and times for the firing practice sessions in July 2018:

San Wai/Tai Ling Firing Range

Date	Time
July 3 (Tuesday)	8am-9pm
July 4 (Wednesday)	8am-9pm
July 5 (Thursday)	8am-9pm
July 6 (Friday)	8am-9pm
July 7 (Saturday)	8am-9pm
July 9 (Monday)	8am-9pm
July 10 (Tuesday)	8am-9pm
July 11 (Wednesday)	8am-9pm
July 12 (Thursday)	8am-9pm
July 13 (Friday)	8am-9pm
July 14 (Saturday)	8am-9pm
July 16 (Monday)	8am-9pm
June 17 (Tuesday)	8am-9pm
July 18 (Wednesday)	8am-9pm
July 19 (Thursday)	8am-9pm
July 20 (Friday)	8am-9pm
July 21 (Saturday)	8am-9pm
July 23 (Monday)	8am-9pm
July 24 (Tuesday)	8am-9pm
July 25 (Wednesday)	8am-9pm
July 26 (Thursday)	8am-9pm
July 27 (Friday)	8am-9pm
July 28 (Saturday)	8am-9pm
July 30 (Monday)	8am-9pm
July 31 (Tuesday)	8am-9pm

Tsing Shan Firing Range

Date	Time
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July 3 (Tuesday)	8am-9pm
July 4 (Wednesday)	8am-9pm
July 5 (Thursday)	8am-9pm
July 6 (Friday)	8am-9pm
July 7 (Saturday)	8am-9pm
July 9 (Monday)	8am-9pm
July 10 (Tuesday)	8am-9pm
July 11 (Wednesday)	8am-9pm
July 12 (Thursday)	8am-9pm
July 13 (Friday)	8am-9pm
July 14 (Saturday)	8am-9pm
July 16 (Monday)	8am-9pm
June 17 (Tuesday)	8am-9pm
July 18 (Wednesday)	8am-9pm
July 19 (Thursday)	8am-9pm
July 20 (Friday)	8am-9pm
July 21 (Saturday)	8am-9pm
July 23 (Monday)	8am-9pm
July 24 (Tuesday)	8am-9pm
July 25 (Wednesday)	8am-9pm
July 26 (Thursday)	8am-9pm
July 27 (Friday)	8am-9pm
July 28 (Saturday)	8am-9pm
July 30 (Monday)	8am-9pm
July 31 (Tuesday)	8am-9pm

[Proposed artificial reef deployment in Brothers Marine Park](#)

The Government intends to deploy a number of artificial reefs in the Brothers Marine Park to provide an artificial habitat for marine and fisheries resources enhancement. The extent of the area of foreshore and seabed affected is described in a notice published in the Government Gazette today (June 29).

The proposed works will collectively occupy a footprint area of less than 0.7 hectares within an area of approximately 66 hectares of foreshore and seabed in the Brothers Marine Park. The proposed works are tentatively scheduled to commence at end-2018 for completion in 2019.

The notice and the related plan are posted near the site. The plan is also available for inspection at:

* Survey and Mapping Office of the Lands Department (23/F, North Point Government Offices, 333 Java Road, North Point, Hong Kong) (where copies can be purchased on order);

* Tuen Mun Home Affairs Enquiry Centre of the Tuen Mun District Office (2/F,

Tuen Mun Government Offices, 1 Tuen Hi Road, Tuen Mun, New Territories); and

* Lands Department's website (www.landsd.gov.hk) under Government Notices.

Any person who considers that he or she has an interest, right or easement in or over the foreshore and seabed involved may submit a written objection to the Director of Lands, 20/F, North Point Government Offices, 333 Java Road, North Point, Hong Kong, within two months from the above-mentioned date, i.e. on or before August 29, 2018. The notice of such an objection shall describe the interest, right or easement of the objector and the manner in which he or she will be allegedly affected.