

Voluntary Water Efficiency Labelling Scheme extended to cover water closets

The Water Supplies Department (WSD) today (May 25) extended the voluntary Water Efficiency Labelling Scheme to cover water closets and invited applications for registration.

The WSD launched the scheme in 2009 to further promote water conservation. Plumbing fixtures and water-consuming devices registered under the scheme are classified into four grades, with Grade 1 being the most water-efficient. Registered products bear a label that states their level of water consumption and water efficiency to help consumers choose water-efficient products to save water. Apart from covering water closets, the scheme has covered showers for bathing, water taps, washing machines, urinal equipment and flow controllers. As at May 15 this year, about 1 600 products were registered under the scheme.

The WSD encourages manufacturers, importers and related parties in the water closet business to join the scheme. For registration, applicants just need to submit a test certificate issued by a recognised laboratory that proves the level of water consumption of their water closets together with relevant documents to the WSD.

For details of the scheme, please visit the WSD's website (www.wsd.gov.hk/en/plumbing-engineering/water-efficiency-labelling-scheme/index.html) or call the WSD's hotline at 2824 5000.

Puxian opera performances to showcase musical heritage in June

The Chinese Opera Festival presented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department will showcase the ancient Puxian opera genre in June.

Initially known as Xinghua opera, Puxian opera originated from the region of Putian and Xianyou and became one of the five major opera genres of Fujian. Puxian opera has a long history and a traditional stock repertoire of more than 5 000 titles, with about 80 of the works retaining all of the elements of the original Southern opera as the cultural provenance. Therefore, the genre is known as the "living fossil" of Southern opera from the Song and Yuan dynasties. The genre was inscribed onto the first national list of intangible cultural heritage in 2006. Puxian opera is influenced by puppetry, and much of the gesturing reminds the audience of the style of

marionettes. In terms of music, the genre features a rich repertoire of set tunes and unique vocal styles. It is sung in the dialect of Puxian and has preserved much of the musical heritage of Southern opera from the Song and Yuan dynasties, full of local style and colour.

Fujian Puxian Theatre will come to Hong Kong to perform traditional repertoire of Puxian opera. Winner of the Plum Blossom Award for Chinese Theatre and National Class One Performer Wang Shaoyuan will join Wu Qinghua and Huang Yanyan, the director and vice director respectively of Fujian Puxian Theatre, and lead a fine cast to perform "The Imperial Scholar and the Beggar", "Thrice Begging Fan Lihua" and an excerpt performance. In these performances, the unique nuance of Puxian opera will be demonstrated through the special body movements of the genre, such as "sedan chair carrying", the "chair routine", "floor-sweeping skirt", "the three-legged cane" and the "hoe routine".

Details of the performances are as follows:

June 29 (Friday), 7.30pm

"The Imperial Scholar and the Beggar"

Main cast: Huang Yanyan, Wu Qinghua, Ma Yanyu, Yang Junsheng, Zheng Rensen

June 30 (Saturday), 7.30pm

"Thrice Begging Fan Lihua"

Main cast: Wang Shaoyuan, Wu Qinghua, Zheng Rensen, Yu Lixiang, Lin Chunhong, Zheng Chaofan

July 1 (Sunday), 2.30pm

Excerpts: "Gualao Grows Gourds", "'Mourning' from 'The Butterfly Lovers'", "'Bearing the Sedan Chair' from 'Chuncao Barging into the Court Room'", "'Cosmetics Shop' from 'Guo Hua'", "'Rescuing Brother-in-law' from 'Li Yangui'", "'Great News from the Capital City' from 'Lu Mengzheng'"

Main cast: Wang Shaoyuan, Wu Qinghua, Huang Yanyan, Zheng Rensen, Yu Zhi, Yu Lixiang

All performances will be staged at the Theatre of Hong Kong City Hall. Tickets priced at \$150, \$250 and \$320 are now available at URB TIX (www.urbtix.hk).

For telephone credit card bookings, please call 2111 5999. For programme enquiries and concessionary schemes, please call 2268 7325 or visit www.cof.gov.hk.

Meet-the-Artists sessions (in Putonghua) entitled "'Living Fossil' of Song and Yuan Southern Opera – Artistic Charm and Heritage Development of Puxian Opera" and featuring Wu Qinghua, Huang Yanyan and Wang Shaoyuan will be held at 7.30pm on June 28 (Thursday) at AC2, Level 4, Administration Building, Hong Kong Cultural Centre. The moderator will be Chinese opera researcher Chan Chun-miu. Admission is free. Limited seats will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Appointments to industry advisory committees to advise Insurance Authority

The Government announced today (May 25) the appointments to two industry advisory committees (IACs) to advise the Insurance Authority (IA) on industry-related issues.

The two IACs focus on long-term business and general business. The Financial Secretary has reappointed and appointed 12 non-official members to each IAC for a term of two years from June 1, 2018, to May 31, 2020.

The Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury, Mr James Lau, said, "Members of the two IACs have expertise in different lines of insurance business and some come from related fields such as consumer protection, accounting, insurance law and compliance, academia and banking. Their diverse backgrounds will provide the IA with valuable advice on various matters pertaining to the development of the insurance industry."

The IACs are statutory committees established on June 1, 2016, under the Insurance Ordinance (Cap. 41), which stipulates that other than the chairperson, the chief executive officer and not more than two other executive directors of the IA, members of an IAC should include not less than eight but not more than 12 other persons with knowledge of or experience in the insurance industry, the conduct of regulated activities and consumer affairs. They are appointed by the Financial Secretary after consultation with the IA.

The IA, a statutory body established by the Ordinance, is a new insurance regulator independent of the Government. On June 26, 2017, the IA took over the statutory functions of the former Office of the Commissioner of Insurance on the regulation of insurance companies. It plans to take over the regulation of insurance intermediaries from the three Self-Regulatory Organisations and administer a statutory licensing regime for insurance intermediaries by mid-2019.

Following is the list of non-official members of the IACs with effect from June 1, 2018:

Non-official Members of the IAC on Long Term Business

Mr David Alexander
Ms Charity Au Chi-san
Ms Jo Jo Chan Shuk-fong
Mr Chan Yim-kwong

Mrs Estella Chiu Sheun-fun
Mr Garth Brian Jones
Mr Mike Lee Siu-chuen
Professor Li Jingyuan
Mr Jeremy Robert Porter
Mr Martin Tam Chi-wai
Mr Harold Wong Tsu-hing
Mr Jonathan Zhao Xiaojing

Non-official Members of the IAC on General Business

Mr Cheng Kwok-ping
Mr Michael Fung Lik-yeung
Ms Angela Leung Wai-tuen
Mr Liu Shihong
Mr Andrew Mak Kin-ting
Professor Angela Ng Lai-ping
Ms Rebecca Poon Chui-ngor
Mr Martin Stephan Rueegg
Dr Michael Tsui Fuk-sun
Mr Peter Anthony Whalley
Mr Harry Wong Kwok-tim
Professor Jason Yeh Jia-hsing

[Appointments to Airport Authority Hong Kong](#)

The Government today (May 25) announced the re-appointment of the incumbent Chairman, Mr Jack So Chak-kwong, and three incumbent members, as well as the appointment of two new members, to the Airport Authority Hong Kong (AA) with effect from June 1, 2018.

The Chairman of the AA, Mr So, has been re-appointed for a term of three years until May 31, 2021.

The three incumbent members re-appointed are Ms Anita Fung Yuen-mei, Mr Billy Wong Wing-hoo and Dr Allan Zeman. Ms Fung has been re-appointed for a term of one year ending May 31, 2019 while Mr Wong and Dr Zeman have been re-appointed for a term of three years ending May 31, 2021.

The two new members, Ms Linda Chan Ching-fan and Mr Adrian Wong Koon-man, have been appointed for a term of three years until May 31, 2021.

Mr Andrew Fung Hau-chung will be leaving the AA on June 1, 2018. He has

served as a member of the AA since June 2015. During his tenure, Mr Fung offered valuable advice to the AA on various issues concerning the services and expansion of Hong Kong International Airport. The Secretary for Transport and Housing, Mr Frank Chan Fan, expressed his heartfelt thanks to Mr Fung for his contributions to the work of the AA.

Under the Airport Authority Ordinance, the Chairman and members of the AA are appointed by the Chief Executive. The appointments are published in the Government Gazette today.

The following is the full membership of the AA with effect from June 1, 2018:

Chairman:

Mr Jack So Chak-kwong

Members:

Ms Linda Chan Ching-fan

Ms Anita Fung Yuen-mei

Mr Steven Ho Chun-yin

Mr Franklin Lam Fan-keung

Mr Jeffrey Lam Kin-fung

Mr Lee Shing-see

Mr Peter To

Mr Carlson Tong

Mr Adrian Wong Koon-man

Mr Billy Wong Wing-hoo

Mr Frankie Yick Chi-ming

Dr Allan Zeman

Secretary for Transport and Housing

Secretary for Financial Services and the Treasury

Director-General of Civil Aviation

Chief Executive Officer, Airport Authority (ex officio)

Kai Tak Development infrastructure works authorised

The Chief Executive in Council has authorised the works of Road D3 (Metro Park Section) Infrastructure Works under Kai Tak Development – Remaining Infrastructure Works for Developments at the Former Runway. The notice was gazetted today (May 25).

Details of the works are set out in the Annex.