

Appointment to Board of Governors of Hong Kong Arts Centre

The Chief Executive has appointed Professor Francis Lui Ting-ming as a Member of the Board of Governors of the Hong Kong Arts Centre for a period of three years from August 1, 2020, to July 31, 2023. The appointment is published in the Government Gazette today (July 17).

Government announces appointments to Hong Kong Tourism Board

The Government today (July 17) announced the appointments of Ms Rebecca Kwan Shuk-wah and Ms Lavinia Lau Hoi-zee as new members of the Hong Kong Tourism Board (HKTb) for a term of two years. The tenure of Ms Kwan's appointment is from July 19, 2020, to July 18, 2022, while that of Ms Lau's appointment is from August 16, 2020, to August 15, 2022.

"We welcome the two new members in joining the Board and are grateful to the other members for their valuable advice on various aspects of the HKTb's work. With their expertise and experience in different areas, we are confident that they will help the HKTb in enhancing Hong Kong's position as a premier tourist destination," a spokesman for the Commerce and Economic Development Bureau said.

"We would also like to thank the outgoing members, Mr Victor Chan Kok-wai and Mr James Tong Wai-pong, for their contribution to the Board in the past six years," the spokesman added.

Appointments to the HKTb are made by the Financial Secretary under section 9 of the Hong Kong Tourism Board Ordinance (Chapter 302), under authority delegated by the Chief Executive.

LegCo Finance Committee meeting

The following is issued on behalf of the Legislative Council Secretariat:

The meeting of the Legislative Council (LegCo) Finance Committee

originally scheduled for 3pm today (July 17) in Conference Room 1 of the LegCo Complex will be held at 2.30pm.

Census and Statistics Department **appeals to households to support Pilot** **Survey for 2021 Population Census**

The Census and Statistics Department (C&SD) is conducting a pilot survey from June 23 to August 4 to test the questionnaire design and operational arrangements for the 2021 Population Census to be conducted in mid-2021.

A spokesman for the C&SD today (July 17) appealed to households to participate in the pilot survey by means of online questionnaires, telephone interviews or paper questionnaires in order to reduce face-to-face contact, given the emergence of a number of local cases of COVID-19 recently. The spokesman added, "Completing the online questionnaire is convenient and secure. It enables households to submit the requested information anytime and anywhere through the dedicated and secured website using their computers or mobile devices."

Starting from tomorrow (July 18), the C&SD's census officers will visit households who have not completed the survey to collect the requested information by mobile tablets. Each census officer will carry a staff identity card and a certificate issued by the C&SD for conducting the survey. The staff identity card will bear the photo, name and identity number of the census officer concerned. The census officer will also carry a red satchel printed with the logo of the C&SD and the label "Pilot Survey for the 2021 Population Census". Census officers will, in general, visit households from 1pm to 10pm on any day (including Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays) during the survey period.

The spokesman reminded households to carefully check the identity of census officers before allowing them to enter their premises for interview. In case of doubt, households may call the Census Service Centre hotline at 182021. The spokesman appealed to households to support the survey by co-operating with census officers.

The pilot survey covers some 40 000 quarters in four selected District Council districts, namely Wan Chai, Sham Shui Po, Kwai Tsing and Sha Tin. Letters were sent out to households in the sampled quarters earlier inviting them to participate in the pilot survey.

The spokesman reiterated that information collected in the pilot survey

regarding individuals and households will be kept in strict confidence and will not be released to any unauthorised parties including government departments. All questionnaires will be destroyed within 12 months after the completion of the survey.

It is an established practice for Hong Kong to conduct a population census every 10 years. The next population census will be conducted in 2021. The aim is to obtain up-to-date benchmark information on the demographic and socio-economic characteristics of the Hong Kong population and its geographical distribution. Such information is vital to the Government for planning and policy formulation, and to the private sector and academia for business and research purposes.

For more details about the Pilot Survey for the 2021 Population Census, please visit www.census2021.gov.hk.

Nomination period for Legislative Council General Election starts tomorrow

The nomination period for the 2020 Legislative Council General Election will start tomorrow (July 18) and run until July 31.

The Legislative Council General Election will be held on September 6. A total of 70 members, 35 from geographical constituencies and 35 from functional constituencies, will be returned.

"To run for a seat in a geographical constituency or a functional constituency, a nominee must be a registered geographical constituency elector aged 21 or above," a spokesman for the Registration and Electoral Office (REO) said today (July 17).

"A nominee for the geographical constituency election or the functional constituency election must also have ordinarily resided in Hong Kong for the three years immediately preceding the date of his nomination, and must be a Chinese citizen who is a Hong Kong permanent resident with no right of abode in a foreign country," he said.

However, the candidature in 12 functional constituencies is open to Hong Kong permanent residents who are not Chinese nationals or who have the right of abode in a foreign country. These constituencies are: legal; accountancy; engineering; architectural, surveying, planning and landscape; real estate and construction; tourism; commercial (first); industrial (first); finance; financial services; import and export; and insurance.

Except in the District Council (first) and District Council (second) functional constituencies, a nominee for the functional constituency election must be a registered elector for, or have a substantial connection with, the relevant functional constituency. Nominees running for a seat in the District Council (first) functional constituency must be a registered elector for the constituency, and for the District Council (second) functional constituency, nominees must be elected District Council members.

"Details on the eligibility to be nominated as a candidate, disqualification from being nominated as a candidate and from being nominated as a Member, and the requirements to be complied with by persons nominated as candidates are set out in sections 37, 39 and 40 respectively of the Legislative Council Ordinance," the spokesman said.

For the geographical constituency election, each list of candidates has to be subscribed by not less than 100 registered electors of the constituency concerned and the number of subscribers on a nomination form must not exceed 200. An elector may subscribe only one nomination as regards a particular geographical constituency election.

Except in the District Council (second) functional constituency, each nominee for the functional constituency election must be subscribed by 10 registered electors of the constituency concerned and the number of subscribers on a nomination form must not be more than 20. An elector may subscribe any number of nomination forms up to the number of seats in any functional constituency.

For the District Council (second) functional constituency election, each list of candidates must be subscribed by not less than 15 registered electors of the District Council (first) functional constituency. An elector of the District Council (first) functional constituency may subscribe one nomination only for either a candidate of the District Council (first) functional constituency election or a candidate list of the District Council (second) functional constituency election.

The Returning Officers for the five geographical constituencies and 29 functional constituencies in the election have been appointed by the Electoral Affairs Commission. They will deal with the nomination of candidates and other electoral matters for the constituency concerned.

"Completed nomination forms and the election deposit must be submitted by the nominees in person to the respective Returning Officers within the nomination period. Nominations are accepted between 9am and 5pm from Mondays to Fridays and between 9am and noon on Saturdays. A deposit of \$50,000 must be paid by each list of candidates for the geographical constituency election. Each nominee for the functional constituency election or each list of candidates for the District Council (second) functional constituency has to pay an election deposit of \$25,000. Nominees are also encouraged to pay the election deposit by cashier order or cash to avoid unwarranted complications arising from a cheque not being honoured," the spokesman said.

Nomination forms are available at the District Offices, the relevant

Returning Officer's office, and the offices of the REO at 10/F, Harbour Centre, 25 Harbour Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong, or Unit 2301-03, 23/F, Millennium City 6, 392 Kwun Tong Road, Kwun Tong, Kowloon. They can also be downloaded from the election website (www.elections.gov.hk).

"Nominees are advised to submit their nominations as early as possible to allow time to correct mistakes, if any, in the nomination forms before the deadline. In addition, in view of public health considerations, prevention and crowd management measures will be implemented at the offices of the Returning Officers. Candidates can refer to the 'Points to Note for Submission of Nomination Forms' ([www.eac.hk/pdf/legco/2020lc/Points_to_Note_for_Submission_of_Nomination_Forms\(Eng\).pdf](http://www.eac.hk/pdf/legco/2020lc/Points_to_Note_for_Submission_of_Nomination_Forms(Eng).pdf)) for details," the spokesman said.

Copies of the nomination forms are available for public inspection at the offices of the Returning Officers for geographical constituencies and functional constituencies during ordinary business hours after the start of the nomination period. Members of the public may also inspect copies of the nomination forms of all the functional constituency elections at the REO office at Unit 2301-03, 23/F, Millennium City 6, 392 Kwun Tong Road, Kwun Tong, Kowloon.

â€œFor enquiries, please call the election hotline on 2891 1001.