

## **Final register for Rural Representative Election available for public inspection**

The 2018 final register for the Rural Representative Election (RRE) is available for public inspection from today (October 19). The register includes particulars of registered electors of Existing Villages, Indigenous Villages and Composite Indigenous Villages and Market Towns.

A full copy of the register for the RRE is available for inspection at the Electoral Registration Officer's office at the Home Affairs Department, 30/F, Southorn Centre, 130 Hennessy Road, Wan Chai, while the copy of the relevant divisions of the register for a rural area are available for inspection at the offices of the Assistant Electoral Registration Officers in the respective New Territories District Offices.

Members of the public can inspect the register for the RRE during ordinary business hours from 9am to 1pm and 2pm to 6pm, from Monday to Friday (except public holidays).

For enquiries, please call 2152 1521.

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## **Employment (Amendment) (No.2) Ordinance 2018 comes into force today**

The Employment (Amendment) (No.2) Ordinance 2018, which amends the provisions on reinstatement or re-engagement order for unreasonable and unlawful dismissal, came into force today (October 19).

According to the amended provisions, where an employee has been unreasonably and unlawfully dismissed on or after October 19 and the employee makes a claim for reinstatement or re-engagement, and the Labour Tribunal (LT) considers that the order is appropriate and reinstatement or re-engagement of the employee by the employer is reasonably practicable, the LT can make such an order without the employer's agreement.

Should the employer fail to reinstate or re-engage the employee as required by the order, the employer shall pay to the employee a further sum set at three times the employee's average monthly wages, subject to a maximum of \$72,500. This amount is on top of the terminal payments and compensation payable to the employee as ordered by LT as currently provided in the Employment Ordinance (EO). The employer commits a criminal offence if he/she

wilfully and without reasonable excuse fails to pay this further sum.

Unreasonable and unlawful dismissal under the EO refers to the situation where an employee is dismissed other than for a valid reason as specified under the EO and the dismissal is in contravention of labour legislation. Valid reasons for dismissal include the conduct of the employee, his/her capability/qualification for performing the job, redundancy or other genuine operational requirements of the business, compliance with legal requirements, or other reasons of substance. Dismissals in contravention of labour legislation include dismissal during pregnancy and maternity leave, during paid sick leave, after work-related injury and before determination/settlement and/or payment of compensation under the Employees' Compensation Ordinance, or by reason of the employee exercising trade union rights or giving evidence for the enforcement of relevant labour legislation.

To assist employers, employees and members of the public in understanding the new law, the Labour Department has published a Brief Note of the amendments, which may be downloaded from the department's homepage: [www.labour.gov.hk/eng/news/EA\(2\)02018.htm](http://www.labour.gov.hk/eng/news/EA(2)02018.htm) and is available at the branch offices of the department's Labour Relations Division.

For further enquiries, employers and employees may call the Labour Department's 24-hour hotline at 2717 1771 (the hotline is handled by 1823) or approach the branch offices of the Labour Relations Division.

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## **FS concludes visit to Papua New Guinea (with photos)**

The Financial Secretary, Mr Paul Chan, today (October 18) concluded his visit to Papua New Guinea (PNG) and left for Hong Kong via Brisbane, Australia.

This morning in Port Moresby, PNG, Mr Chan called on the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Treasury of PNG, Mr Charles Abel. Mr Chan gave him a brief introduction of Hong Kong's business environment, as well as the latest developments on infrastructure and communications.

Mr Chan also pointed out that Hong Kong is a global financial centre and a hub for offshore Renminbi business. He encouraged PNG enterprises to leverage on the platform of Hong Kong to develop their businesses.

Mr Chan arrived in Brisbane, Australia, in the late afternoon. At a dinner with representatives of the local business sector, he updated the participants on Hong Kong's economic outlook and latest developments on financial services and infrastructure, etc.

Noting that Hong Kong and Australia have all along enjoyed close trade and economic ties with each other, he said that Hong Kong is actively participating in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area's development. He expressed the hope that both places can further enhance collaboration to grasp the vast opportunities brought about by the Bay Area development initiative.

Mr Chan departed Brisbane in the evening and will return to Hong Kong tomorrow morning (October 19).



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## Grants approved for flood victims in Kerala, India

The Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region has accepted the advice of the Disaster Relief Fund Advisory Committee and approved from the Disaster Relief Fund three grants totalling \$8.265 million to three agencies for providing relief to flood victims in Kerala, India.

Announcing the grants today (October 18), a spokesman for the Government said that endured heavy rain has increased the number of flood victims in Kerala to more than 5.4 million. The three grants – one of HK\$1.786 million to Save the Children Hong Kong, one of HK\$2.555 million to Plan International Hong Kong and one of HK\$3.924 million to Habitat for Humanity Hong Kong, will be used to provide hygiene, household and kitchen items as well as shelter kits and education kits, to benefit around 61 890 flood victims. As the targeted localities of the three relief agencies are different, there will be no overlapping of resources. The Committee hopes the grants will facilitate the provision of timely relief to the victims and help them restore their

normal living. The grant, together with those approved earlier for this flooding in Kerala of India, will take the accumulative value of grants and number of beneficiaries to \$23.986 million and 170 390 respectively.

"To ensure that the money is used for the designated purposes, the relief agencies will be asked to submit evaluation reports and audited accounts on the use of the grants after the relief projects have been completed," the spokesman said.

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## **Chinese Film Panorama – A Showcase of Co-production Films 2018 opens tonight (with photos)**

An opening ceremony for the Chinese Film Panorama – A Showcase of Co-production Films 2018 was held tonight (October 18) at Hong Kong City Hall, followed by the screening of the opening film "Where Has Time Gone?" (2017), a collaboration between Chinese director Jia Zhangke and filmmakers from Brazil, Russia, India and South Africa.

Showcasing 12 outstanding films co-produced by the Mainland and Hong Kong or foreign countries, the programme is jointly presented by the Leisure and Cultural Services Department and the South China Film Industry Workers Union in association with Sil-Metropole Organisation Ltd, Southern Film Co Ltd and the China Film Foundation. The films will be screened from today until November 30 at the Theatre of Hong Kong City Hall and the lecture halls of the Hong Kong Space Museum and the Hong Kong Science Museum.

Speaking at the opening ceremony, the Secretary for Home Affairs, Mr Lau Kong-wah, noted that the co-production films have witnessed the continuing exchanges between China and the rest of the world and also signify the progress made by Chinese films to "go global". Through these films audiences can gain a better understanding of the cultural interactions between various places, he added.

Other officiating guests at the opening ceremony included Deputy Director-General of the Publicity, Culture and Sports Department of the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Mr Zhu Ting; leader of the Chinese film delegation Mr Li Qiankuan; the Director of Leisure and Cultural Services, Ms Michelle Li; the Chairman of the Hong Kong Film Development Council, Mr Ma Fung-kwok; the Chairman of the South China Film Industry Workers Union, Mr Yu Luen; and the Chairman of Sil-Metropole Organisation Ltd, Mr Chen Yiqi.

The opening film, "Where Has Time Gone?", is the first co-production

involving the BRICS countries. It consists of five short films made by the five directors using different angles to present the passage of time. The film won the "Golden Silkroad" Media Honor Special Jury Award at the 4th Silk Road International Film Festival.

Other selected films include "Pali Road" (2016) directed by Jonathan Lim, "Miss Granny" (2015) directed by Leste Chen, "Wolf Totem" (2015) directed by Jean-Jacques Annaud, "The Nightingale" (2014) directed by Philippe Muyl, "A Wedding Invitation" (2013) directed by Oh Kihwan, "Aftershock" (2010) directed by Feng Xiaogang, "Hanoi, Hanoi" (2006) directed by Zhang Jing, Li Wei and Yan Junyong, "Zhou Yu's Train" (2003) directed by Sun Zhou, "Red Rose White Rose" (1994) directed by Stanley Kwan, "The Last Emperor" (1987) directed by Bernardo Bertolucci and "The Go Masters" (1982) directed by Duan Jishun and Junya Sato.

"Where Has Time Gone?" is in Portuguese, Russian, Hindi, English and Putonghua; "Pali Road" and "The Last Emperor" are in English and Putonghua; "Hanoi, Hanoi" is in Vietnamese and Putonghua; "The Go Masters" is in Japanese and Putonghua while the other films are in Putonghua. All films have Chinese and English subtitles. "Red Rose White Rose" is classified as Category III, only persons aged 18 and above will be admitted.

Tickets priced at \$55 are now available at URB TIX ([www.urbtix.hk](http://www.urbtix.hk)). For credit card telephone bookings, please call 2111 5999. For programme enquiries, please call 2734 2900 or visit [www.lcsd.gov.hk/fp/en\\_US/web/fpo/programmes/2018cfp/index.html](http://www.lcsd.gov.hk/fp/en_US/web/fpo/programmes/2018cfp/index.html).

