

Advisors for survey on public attitudes towards homosexuals appointed

The Home Affairs Bureau today (February 16) announced the appointment of an Independent Advisory Group which will advise on the questionnaire design of the bureau's telephone survey on public attitudes towards homosexuals.

Members of the Advisory Group are:

* Mr Christopher Chan Yiu-chong, Solicitor & Senior Partner, Notary Public, Chan & Cheng Solicitors & Notaries

* Professor Fanny Cheung Mui-ching, Chairperson and Professor of Psychology, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

* Dr Priscilla Leung Mei-fun, Associate Dean of the School of Law, City University of Hong Kong

Announcing the appointment today, a spokesman for the bureau said: "We plan to conduct the telephone survey in the second quarter of 2005."

The bureau has commissioned MVA Hong Kong Limited to conduct the survey which will have a sample size of 2 000. The survey will cover as target population all persons aged 18-64 in Hong Kong.

"We would consult various concern groups on the overall design and structure of the questionnaire of the survey.

"To ensure fairness and impartiality of the questionnaire, the independent Advisory Group will advise on the questionnaire design before finalising the questionnaire for data collection," the spokesman said.

The Advisory Group will hold its first meeting shortly.

The survey on public attitudes towards homosexuals will assess public awareness of different sexual orientations, public acceptance of homosexuals, and public attitudes towards homosexuals and the rights of homosexuals; and find out what can be done to address the problem of discrimination faced by homosexuals.

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