

Brief Information on the 2016 Legislative Council

New Territories East Geographical Constituency By-election

Polling Date and Hours

- 28 February 2016 (Sunday)
- 7:30 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.

Nomination Period

- 5 – 18 January 2016

Eligibility for Nomination

- A registered elector in a geographical constituency who has reached 21 years of age
- Has ordinarily resided in Hong Kong for the three years immediately preceding the nomination
- Fulfilled other nomination criteria set out in section 37 of the Legislative Council Ordinance (Cap. 542)

Nomination Procedures

- Nomination forms are available at the District Offices and the Registration and Electoral Office (REO) at 10/F, Harbour Centre, 25 Harbour Road, Wan Chai. They can also be downloaded from the REO website (www.reo.gov.hk).
- A nomination form must be subscribed by at least 100, but not more than 200, registered electors of the New Territories East Geographical Constituency. Each elector may subscribe only one nomination.

Voting

- Registered electors of the New Territories East Geographical Constituency may cast their vote in the by-election.
- Each elector will be assigned to a designated polling station.
- A poll card showing the designated polling station will be issued to the respective electors about 10 days before the polling day.
- Whether the polling station allocated to an elector is accessible to persons with mobility difficulty will be specified in the location map attached to the poll card. Electors with disability finding that the designated polling station is not accessible may apply to the REO to vote at a designated special polling station accessible to wheelchair users by fax (2891 1180) or by telephone (2891 1001) not later than 23 February 2016.
- If electors need assistance in interpreting the information on voting, they can call the Centre for Harmony and Enhancement of Ethnic Minority Residents (CHEER) through the following hotline with effect from 15 February 2016.

Language	Hotline No.
Bahasa Indonesia	3755 6811
Tagalog	
Thai	
Hindi	3755 6822
Nepali	
Urdu	3755 6833
Punjabi	

How to vote?

- Bring your HKID card to your designated polling station and present it to the polling staff.
- You will be given a ballot paper, a paper board together with a chop bearing a "✓" (tick). You **MUST** use the chop provided to mark your ballot paper.
- Inside the voting compartment, affix the chop on the ballot paper in the circle next to the name of the candidate of your choice. Vote for **ONE** candidate only. If you make any mistake, please return the ballot paper to the Presiding Officer and ask for a replacement.
- Fold the ballot paper once to conceal the "✓" (tick) before putting it into the ballot box.

Clean Elections

According to the Elections (Corrupt and Illegal Conduct) Ordinance (Cap. 554) enforced by the Independent Commission Against Corruption, an elector **MUST NOT**:

- solicit or accept any advantage (including money, gift, etc.), food, drink or entertainment from any person for not voting at an election, or voting or not voting for a particular candidate;
- use or threaten to use force or duress to influence anyone's voting decision;
- vote at an election knowing that he/she is not entitled to do so; or after having knowingly or recklessly given false or misleading information (e.g. false residential address) to an electoral officer.