

Brief Information on the 2018 Legislative Council By-election

Polling Date and Hours

- Polling day: 11 March 2018 (Sunday)
- Polling hours: 7:30 a.m. - 10:30 p.m.

Number of Members to be Elected

- One Member each for the Hong Kong Island, Kowloon West and New Territories East Geographical Constituencies
- One Member for the Architectural, Surveying, Planning and Landscape Functional Constituency

Nomination Period

- Nomination period of candidature: 16 - 29 January 2018
- Nomination forms are available at the District Offices, offices of the Returning Officers and offices of the Registration and Electoral Office (“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 REO website (www.reo.gov.hk).

Voting Arrangements

- Registered electors of the Hong Kong Island, Kowloon West and New Territories East Geographical Constituencies and the Architectural, Surveying, Planning and Landscape Functional Constituency whose names have been included in the 2017 Final Register of Electors may cast their vote(s) 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 at least 10 days before the polling day.

- Whether the polling station allocated to an elector is accessible to persons who are wheelchair users or have mobility difficulty will be specified in the location map attached to the poll card. Electors who are wheelchair users or have mobility difficulty and who find 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 or electors who have mobility difficulty by fax (2891 1180), by email (reoenq@reo.gov.hk), by telephone (2891 1001) or by mail (Registration and Electoral Office, 10/F, Harbour Centre, 25 Harbour Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong) not later than **6 March 2018 (Tuesday)**.
- 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 **26 February 2018**.

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

How to vote?

- Bring the original of your Hong Kong Identity Card or other specified alternative document(s) to your designated polling station and present the relevant document(s) to the polling staff. If necessary, please contact the REO for details of the specified alternative document(s) that could be accepted after 1 December 2017.
- You will be given one or two ballot paper(s) depending on your entitlement, a cardboard together with a "✓" (tick) chop. The geographical constituency ballot papers are pre-folded by the polling

staff. You **MUST** use the chop provided to mark your ballot paper(s) inside a voting compartment.

- You must use the chop attached to the cardboard to stamp a "✓" (tick) on the ballot paper in the circle opposite the name of the candidate of your choice. Vote for **ONE** candidate only on each ballot paper. If you make any mistake in affixing the chop on a ballot paper or have advertently spoiled a ballot paper, you may return the ballot paper to the Presiding Officer and ask for a replacement.
- After marking a ballot paper:
 - (a) geographical constituency elector should fold the ballot paper once according to the pre-folding by polling staff so that the marked side is inside to conceal the "✓" (tick) before putting it into the **blue** ballot box;
 - (b) an elector of the Architectural, Surveying, Planning and Landscape Functional Constituency should not fold the ballot paper. Please turn it face down and insert it into the **red** 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 principal residential address) to an electoral officer.