

## **Brief Information on the 2018 Legislative Council Kowloon West**

### **Geographical Constituency By-Election**

#### **Polling Day and Hours**

- Polling day: 25 November 2018 (Sunday)
- Polling hours: 7:30 a.m. - 10:30 p.m. (except for dedicated polling stations situated in prisons where the polling hours will be from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.)

#### **Number of Member to be elected**

- One

#### **Nomination Period**

- Nomination period of candidature: 2 - 15 October 2018
- Nomination forms can be downloaded from the REO website ([www.reo.gov.hk](http://www.reo.gov.hk)), or collected at the following offices:
  - District Offices
  - Office of the Returning Officer
  - 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.

## Voting Arrangements

- Registered electors of the Kowloon West Geographical Constituency whose names have been included in the 2018 Final Register of Electors may cast their vote in the by-election.
- Each elector will be assigned to a designated polling station.
- A poll card showing information about the designated polling station of an individual elector 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 electors with special needs (wheelchair users or persons with mobility difficulty) will be specified in the location map attached to the poll card. If the designated polling station is considered not accessible, these electors may apply to the **REO** to vote at other 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 20 November 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 from 12 to 16 November and from 19 to 25 November 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 (“HKID”) or other specified alternative document(s) to your designated polling station and present the relevant document(s) to the polling staff, who will verify your information against the final register. If necessary, please contact the REO for details of the specified alternative document(s) that could be accepted.
- You will be given one ballot paper, a cardboard together with a "✓" (tick) chop. The ballot paper is pre-folded by the polling staff. You **MUST** use the chop provided to mark your ballot paper 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 the 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 it to the Presiding Officer and ask for a replacement.
- After marking the ballot paper, please 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 ballot box.

## Clean Elections

According to the Elections (Corrupt and Illegal Conduct) Ordinance (Cap. 554) enforced by the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC), 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.

ICAC has a dedicated website on clean elections and provides relevant information (in both English and Chinese). The link is:

<https://www.icac.org.hk/en/ce/index.html>