

# 2019 Rural Ordinary Election completed

The 2019 Rural Ordinary Election (ROE), covering Village Representative (including Indigenous Inhabitant Representative and Resident Representative) (VR) Election and Kaifong Representative (KFR) Election, held over three consecutive Sundays, concluded successfully yesterday (January 20) with an overall turnout of 60.68%.

Rounding up the VR Election held on January 6 and 13, a total of 771 candidates from 301 villages contested 397 VR seats, including 264 Indigenous Inhabitants Representatives (IIRs) and 133 Resident Representatives (ReRs). The overall turnout rate was 61.57%, of which the respective turnouts for the IIR and the ReR Elections were 60.21% and 63.67%, with 52 611 voters casting their votes.

For the KFR Election held yesterday, 65 candidates contested 39 Cheung Chau KFR seats. The overall turnout rate was 50.01%, with 3 553 voters casting their votes.

Prisoners or remanded unconvicted persons, who have registered as electors, can vote at dedicated polling stations. In the three polling days, 36 prisoners or remanded unconvicted persons casted their votes.

There were 1 540 seats for the 2019 ROE, with 998 candidates returned uncontested and 106 seats left vacant with no nomination. This year, there were a total of 195 476 and 9 542 eligible registered electors in the VR Election and KFR Election respectively.

The tenure of office for the new term of VRs and KFRs will run from April 1, 2019 to March 31, 2023.