

Candidate Eligibility Review Committee announces one registration of ex-officio member of Election Committee valid

The Candidate Eligibility Review Committee (CERC) published a notice in the Gazette today (May 5) to declare one registration of an ex-officio member of Election Committee (EC) as valid.

In accordance with section 5J of the Schedule to the Chief Executive Election Ordinance (Cap. 569), a person holding a specified office under Part 2A of the Schedule may register as an ex-officio member of the EC. If the specified person is not eligible to be registered as an ex-officio member or is the holder of more than one specified office, he/she may designate another person who is holding an office in a relevant body in relation to the specified office to be registered as an ex-officio member.

The Registration and Electoral Office had received one registration of an ex-officio member arising from a change of a holder of a specified office. After review, the CERC determined that this registration is valid. The subsector and specified office involved are listed below:

Subsector	Specified office
Architectural, surveying, planning and landscape subsector	The Chairman of the Advisory Committee for the Fire Safety (Buildings) Ordinance and the Fire Safety (Commercial Premises) Ordinance

The CERC is chaired by the Financial Secretary, Mr Paul Chan Mo-po, with three official members (the Secretary for Education, Mr Kevin Yeung Yun-hung; the Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs, Mr Erick Tsang Kwok-wai and the Secretary for Security, Mr Tang Ping-keung) and three non-official members (Miss Elsie Leung Oi-sie, Mrs Rita Fan Hsu Lai-tai and Professor Lawrence Lau Juen-ye). In accordance with Annex I to the Basic Law, the CERC is responsible for reviewing and confirming the eligibility of candidates for the membership of the EC (including ex-officio members). The CERC will decide whether the person concerned complies with the legal requirements and conditions of upholding the Basic Law of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of the People's Republic of China (PRC) and bearing allegiance to the HKSAR of the PRC.