EAC expresses concern on Register of Electors case

The following is issued on behalf of the Electoral Affairs Commission:

The Electoral Affairs Commission (EAC) today (April 5) made the following statement on a case in which the Registration and Electoral Office (REO) has not located a Register of Electors of a polling station in Kwai Tsing in the 2016 Legislative Council General Election.

The EAC is very concerned about the incident. The EAC has instructed the REO to confirm as soon as possible whether that Register of Electors is missing, and to launch a comprehensive review on the handling of voter registration information, electoral materials during election, and the actual execution. A detailed report should be submitted to the EAC.

The EAC understands that whenever a public election is held by the REO, a lot of manpower and resources to be deployed in the process, including venues arrangement, training of polling staff, as well as transportation and storage of electoral materials. However, it should be very cautious when implementing details such as handling and storage of voter registration information, with security and honesty as the paramount principle.