

Electors reminded to bring original of Hong Kong identity card to vote in Yau Tsim Mong District Council by-election tomorrow

Electors of the Yau Tsim Mong District Council Tai Nan Constituency are urged to vote in the by-election in their constituency tomorrow (March 24).

One polling station will be open to electors from 7.30am to 10.30pm. It is located at the Fresh Fish Traders' School, 33 Sycamore Street, Tai Kok Tsui, Kowloon.

"Electors must bring the original of their Hong Kong identity card or other specified alternative documents to the designated polling station to collect their ballot paper to cast their vote. Voting is very simple. Electors must use the chop provided by the polling station to stamp the ballot paper with a tick in the circle opposite the name of the chosen candidate, and fold the ballot paper inward in half before putting it into the ballot box," a spokesman for the Registration and Electoral Office said today (March 23).

If any Tai Nan Constituency electors who are remanded or detained by law enforcement agencies other than the Correctional Services Department (CSD) on the polling day wish to vote in this by-election, they will be arranged to cast their votes at the dedicated polling station located at Cheung Sha Wan Police Station, 880 Lai Chi Kok Road, Kowloon. The polling hours will be from 7.30am to 10.30pm.

Should there be any electors of the Tai Nan Constituency imprisoned or remanded in the CSD's custody on the polling day, arrangements will be made for them to vote at dedicated polling stations set up at their respective penal institutions. For security reasons, polling hours for the dedicated polling stations at penal institutions will be from 9am to 4pm.

The voting procedure for electors and the venue setup at the dedicated polling stations will be basically the same as those of the ordinary polling station.

The spokesman reminded the public that according to the law, the polling stations are restricted areas accessible only by electors and authorised persons.

"Unauthorised persons are strictly prohibited from using mobile phones or any other device for electronic communication, taking photographs, filming, and making video or audio recordings at the polling stations," he said.

Enquiries about the by-election can be made to the election hotline at 2891 1001, which will operate from 7am to 11pm tomorrow.

A complaints hotline (2827 7251) will be in service from 7.30am to 11pm tomorrow to handle complaints about breaches of electoral rules or guidelines.

Once the poll is closed, the polling station at the Fresh Fish Traders' School will be converted into a counting station. The public will be able to watch the vote counting within the designated area at the counting station.

To protect the secrecy of votes, the ballot boxes at the dedicated polling stations will be delivered to the counting station at the Fresh Fish Traders' School for opening after the close of polling. The ballot papers concerned will be mixed with the ballot papers cast at the Fresh Fish Traders' School before counting of votes begins.

The election result will be announced at the counting station at the Fresh Fish Traders' School.

The two candidates contesting this by-election are Lee Kwok Kuen (No. 1) and Li Sze Man (No. 2).

The elected candidate will fill the vacant seat of the elected member of the Yau Tsim Mong District Council.