

# Interim register of Election Committee to be released on September 27

The interim register of the Election Committee, which contains the names of members-elect of the new term of the Election Committee, will be released on September 27 (Monday).

The Improving Electoral System (Consolidated Amendments) Ordinance 2021 (the Ordinance) has been published in the Gazette and came into effect on May 31. The Ordinance stipulates that the Election Committee shall be composed of ex-officio members, members to be nominated and members to be elected. The Election Committee members shall come from the following five sectors: (a) industrial, commercial and financial sectors; (b) the professions; (c) grassroots, labour, religious and other sectors; (d) members of the Legislative Council, representatives of district organisations and other organisations; and (e) Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) deputies to the National People's Congress, HKSAR members of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference and representatives of Hong Kong members of relevant national organisations.

The interim register of the Election Committee will be made available for inspection by specified persons from September 27 (Monday) to October 21 (Thursday) at the two offices of the Registration and Electoral Office (REO). The addresses of the two offices are 10/F, Harbour Centre, 25 Harbour Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong, and 13/F, Kowloonbay International Trade & Exhibition Centre, 1 Trademart Drive, Kowloon Bay, Kowloon, respectively. According to the judgment handed down by the Court of Appeal on May 21, 2020, and the order made at the hearing on May 27, 2020 (Case No.: CACV 73/2020), the interim register is made available for inspection from 9am to 6pm from September 27 to October 21 (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays) at the aforesaid two offices by members of the press (the REO adopts the list of subscribers of the Government News and Media Information System) and political parties (i.e. political bodies/organisations which meet the specified requirements).

A spokesman for the REO said today (September 23) that four inspection time slots (one hour and 30 minutes for each time slot) will be provided on each working day (Monday to Friday, excluding public holidays) during the period from September 27 to October 21. Eligible organisations may make appointments for inspection on a first-come, first-served basis. Each eligible organisation may reserve one time slot per day.

Applicants may make appointments to inspect the register by calling 2891 4082/2891 2070 (from 9am to 12.30pm and from 1.30pm to 6pm) starting from tomorrow (September 24). Upon the completion of the initial reservation by phone, applicants are required to fill in and return a reservation form to the REO by a specified deadline to confirm the reservation.

The REO will publish the final register of the Election Committee on or before October 22.