Nomination of candidates for 2019 Rural Ordinary Election to end today

The Home Affairs Department (HAD) had received a total of 1 858 nomination forms for the 2019 Rural Ordinary Election when the period for nomination of candidates ended at 5pm today (November 22). They comprise 1 016 nominations for Indigenous Inhabitant Representative elections, 759 nominations for Resident Representative elections, and 83 nominations for Kaifong Representative Election.

A spokesman for the HAD said that the name list of nominated candidates would be uploaded onto the Rural Representative Election website (www.had.gov.hk/rre) for public inspection. After vetting and verifying the eligibility of the candidates, the Returning Officers will publish a gazette notice on valid nominations on December 6.

The Village Representative (including Indigenous Inhabitant Representative and Resident Representative) Election will be conducted on two consecutive Sundays on January 6 and 13, 2019, while the Kaifong Representative Election for Market Towns will be held on January 20, 2019 (Sunday). There are 195 476 and 9 542 registered electors in total for the Village Representative Election and the Kaifong Representative Election respectively.

The Elections involve a total of 709 villages and two market towns (i.e. Cheung Chau and Peng Chau) listed in the schedules of the Rural Representative Election Ordinance (Chapter 576). There are 1 484 Village Representative seats in total, including 695 Resident Representative seats and 789 Indigenous Inhabitant Representative seats. In addition, there are 39 and 17 Kaifong Representative seats for Cheung Chau and Peng Chau respectively.