

Nomination period for Chief Executive Election starts on February 20

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

Notices on the nomination and appointment of the Returning Officer for the sixth term Chief Executive Election were published in the Gazette today (January 27).

The Chief Executive Election will be held on March 27. The nomination period will run from February 20 to March 5.

A Hong Kong Special Administrative Region permanent resident who is a Chinese citizen, with no right of abode in any foreign country, has reached 40 years of age and has ordinarily resided in Hong Kong for a continuous period of not less than 20 years, is eligible for nomination as a candidate. Details on the eligibility and disqualification for nomination as a candidate are set out in sections 13 and 14 respectively of the Chief Executive Election Ordinance.

A candidate's nomination must be subscribed by not less than 188 members of the Election Committee (EC), with not less than 15 members of the EC in each of the five sectors.

Mr Justice Keith Yeung Kar-hung, Judge of the Court of First Instance of the High Court, has been appointed by the Electoral Affairs Commission as the Returning Officer for the election.

A candidate must submit the completed nomination form in person to the Returning Officer at City Gallery, 3 Edinburgh Place, Central, from 9am to 5pm on Mondays to Fridays, and from 9am to noon on Saturdays, during the nomination period. Nomination forms are available at the Registration and Electoral Office (REO), on 10/F, Harbour Centre, 25 Harbour Road, Wan Chai, and can be downloaded from the REO website (www.reo.gov.hk). Nomination forms are also available at City Gallery during the nomination period.

Separately, pursuant to section 4A(5)(b) of the Electoral Procedure (Chief Executive Election) Regulation (Cap. 541J), in deciding whether a candidate is validly nominated, the Candidate Eligibility Review Committee (CERC) may require the candidate to furnish any other information that the CERC considers appropriate to be satisfied as to the validity of the nomination. The CERC now requests each nominee to complete and return the Candidate Eligibility Review Supplementary Information Form. The Supplementary Information Form is distributed together with the nomination forms and can be downloaded from the REO website. Nominees should put the completed Supplementary Information Form in a separate and sealed envelope and hand it in person, together with the nomination form, to the office of the Returning Officer for onward transmission of the Supplementary Information Form to the CERC Secretariat during the nomination period.

Nominees can also choose to submit the completed Supplementary Information Form directly to the CERC Secretariat as soon as possible but no later than noon on March 5 through any of the following means:

1. email to cerc_secretariat@cerc.gov.hk;
2. fax to 2677 7301; or
3. return to the drop-in box of the CERC Secretariat at the entrance on 2/F, East Wing, Central Government Offices, 2 Tim Mei Avenue, Tamar, Hong Kong.

In view of the latest epidemic situation, if any EC member is at a quarantine centre or a designated quarantine hotel and would like to nominate a candidate before the close of the nomination period, the EC member can call the REO hotline 2891 1001 for assistance.

For enquiries, please call the election hotline on 2891 1001.