<u>Special arrangements for public</u> <u>inspection of Registers of Electors</u>

The Registration and Electoral Office (REO) announced today (April 9) the special arrangements for public inspection of electoral registers.

The REO will resume public inspection of the 2019 Final Register of Electors for the Geographical Constituencies, the Final Register of Electors for the Functional Constituencies and the Final Register of Voters for the Election Committee Subsectors (Registers of Electors). Given that the offices of the REO and the Electoral Information Centre are temporarily closed to align with the limited service arrangements announced by the Government to reduce social contact and the risk of the spread of disease in the community, the REO will make special arrangements for the public inspection of the Registers of Electors.

The special arrangements for public inspection of registers will take effect on April 15. Under the special arrangement, the REO office at 10/F, Harbour Centre, Harbour Road, Wan Chai, will provide the full set of registers for public inspection, whereas its office at 13/F, Kowloonbay International Trade & Exhibition Centre, Kowloon Bay, will provide the Final Register of Electors for the Functional Constituencies and the Final Register of Voters for the Election Committee Subsectors for public inspection.

Members of the public who would like to inspect the registers may make appointments by calling 2891 4090 from April 14 during the office hours (from 9am to 6pm, excluding the lunch hour from 12.30pm to 1.30pm and public holidays). Starting on April 15, the REO will provide six time slots for inspection with 30 minutes for each session on each working day for appointments on a first-come, first-served basis. Each person may reserve one inspection time slot per day.

"To reduce social contact and the risk of the spread of disease in the community, members of the public who have successfully made an appointment should inspect the registers at the designated office at the scheduled time, and follow all infection prevention measures and instructions of staff, including wearing a mask, measuring temperature, and wearing disposable gloves provided by the REO throughout the inspection," a spokesman for the REO said.

The Court of Appeal handed down an injunction order on October 22, 2019, restraining the REO from making available the registers of electors with linked information of electors' names and respective principal residential addresses for public inspection, until the disposal of application for judicial review of the Junior Police Officers' Association (JPOA). The Court yesterday (April 8) handed down a judgement to dismiss the JPOA's application for judicial review.

For enquiries on the above arrangements, please call the REO's enquiry

hotline at 2891 1001 during office hours or email reoenq@reo.gov.hk.