## <u>Submit applications for voter</u> <u>registration and change of voter</u> <u>registration particulars by June 2</u>

The Registration and Electoral Office (REO) today (May 23) appealed to eligible persons/bodies who have not yet registered as geographical constituency (GC), functional constituency and/or Election Committee subsector electors/voters to submit registration applications on or before the statutory deadline of June 2 so that they can be included in the final registers of electors/voters to be published in September this year. From May 1 this year, new GC voter registrations are also required to provide address proof.

There is no need for registered electors/voters (persons/bodies) to register again, but they are reminded to fulfil their civic responsibility by notifying the REO of any changes in residential address or other registration particulars by the statutory deadline of June 2. Electors must submit their applications for changing their residential address along with address proof for verification by the REO.

A spokesman for the REO said, "As a measure to assist electors, applicants who are the registered occupants of public rental housing under the Housing Department or subsidised housing under the Hong Kong Housing Society are exempted from the address proof requirement, be it for application for voter registration or application for change of residential address by registered electors."

The specified application forms can be obtained from the REO, the District Offices and the management offices of public housing estates. They can also be downloaded from the voter registration website (www.voterregistration.gov.hk). When submitting their application forms, applicants should also provide their telephone numbers and email addresses, so that the REO can contact them more promptly and efficiently when needed.

Completed application forms may be submitted no later than the statutory deadline of June 2 via the following channels:

 by email to (<u>form@reo.gov.hk</u>) – please do not attach a large number of application forms to a single email and send it to the REO's email account, as the large file size may cause delivery failure. Also, application forms and supplementary documents should be attached to the email. The REO does not accept submissions through email by providing a hyperlink to cloud storage. After sending their applications through email, applicants are advised to check if they receive a confirmation email (see attached), which is automatically sent by the REO email server. If they do not receive such a confirmation email, applicants are advised to resubmit their applications by email or via the other submission channels;

- through the REO e-Form Upload Platform (<u>www.reo-form.gov.hk</u>) if submitting via this channel, please take note of the application number generated by the system so that the application status may be checked afterwards when needed;
- by post to the REO office, 13/F, Kowloonbay International Trade & Exhibition Centre, 1 Trademart Drive, Kowloon Bay for applications submitted by post, the date of the postmark will be taken as the date of submission. The REO reminds members of the public to send out their application forms early in order not to miss the statutory deadline; or
- by fax to 2891 1180.

"The REO office on 13/F of Kowloonbay International Trade & Exhibition Centre, 1 Trademart Drive, Kowloon Bay, will remain open until 11.59pm on the statutory deadline of June 2 to receive application forms from members of the public who wish to submit the forms in person," the spokesman added.

In addition, the REO again urges registered electors who received inquiry letters issued by the REO to, as per the instructions of the letter, reply as soon as possible by the statutory deadline of June 2 via post, fax or email, so as to maintain their voter registration status.

Members of the public may check their registration status and particulars by logging into the Online Voter Information Enquiry System (<u>www.voterinfo.gov.hk</u>) or calling the REO hotline at 2891 1001.