

Sample of the newspaper advertisement on the invitation of submissions from the public to the Independent Committee of Experts

Invitation of Public Submission to the Independent Committee of Experts for the Review on the Management, Planning and Conduct of Elections

The Independent Committee of Experts for the Review on the Management, Planning and Conduct of Elections (“Independent Committee of Experts”) invites the public to submit their views in writing on issues that are within the ambit of its work, including problems identified and improvement proposals.

The Independent Committee of Experts was appointed by the Chief Executive on 15 December 2004. The Committee has started work in early January 2005. It is chaired by Dr Daniel TSE Chi-Wai with Mr Philip CHEN Nan-lok, Mr Daniel LAI and Mr Herbert TSOI Hak-kong as members.

The terms of reference of the Independent Committee of Experts are -

Having regard to the reports of the Electoral Affairs Commission (“EAC”) and any further information obtained by the Committee regarding the arrangements for the 2004 Legislative Council election, and in the light of the Committee’s assessment of the management responsibilities for these arrangements -

- (a) to review and advise on how:
 - (i) the Registration and Electoral Office (“REO”) may better support the EAC in carrying out its statutory functions in the conduct and supervision of elections;

- (ii) the REO may better perform its functions in relation to the management, planning and conduct of elections; and
 - (iii) the communication system and other arrangements for the counting of votes and for the reporting, compilation and announcement of polling and counting figures and other relevant matters can be improved, and
- (b) to make such recommendations as it considers necessary for further follow-up action.

The Independent Committee of Experts is planning to compile a report to the Chief Executive in about three months' time.

Written submissions in English or Chinese may be sent to the Secretariat of the Independent Committee of Experts by the following means -

By post : Room 3102, 31st Floor, United Centre, 95 Queensway, Hong Kong

By fax : 2529 2820

By email : secretariat@expertreview-elections.gov.hk

Members of the public are requested to submit their views **by 4 February 2005.** The Independent Committee of Experts will take into account all public views received.

The Independent Committee of Experts may include extracts from these views in its report and identify the sources unless anonymity is specifically requested.

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