

Demarcation of District Council Constituency Boundaries for the 2015 District Council Election

Working principles

- (a) for existing DCCAs where the population falls within the permissible range (i.e., between 12,723 and 21,205 for the 2015 DC Election), their boundaries will be maintained as far as possible;
- (b) for existing DCCAs where the population falls outside the permissible range, but the situation was allowed for the last DC election and there remain valid justifications to allow such situation, their boundaries will be maintained as far as possible;
- (c) other than (b) above, for existing DCCAs where the population falls outside the permissible range, adjustments will be made to their boundaries (unless there are justifications for maintaining their boundaries on grounds of community identities, preservation of local ties and/or physical features) and also those of adjacent DCCAs to form new DCCAs. Where there is more than one way to adjust the boundaries of the DCCAs concerned, the one which affects the least number of existing DCCAs will be adopted, otherwise the one with the least departure from the population quota will be used;
- (d) factors with political implications will not be taken into consideration;
- (e) the names of the new DCCAs to be formed are proposed by reference to major features, roads or residential settlements in the DCCAs after consultation with the relevant District Officers of the Home Affairs Department;
- (f) The Commission's provisional recommendations on the code references of districts and constituency areas are that the districts should be given the alphabetical reference from "A" onwards, with the omission of "I" and "O" to prevent confusion, starting from Central and Western district and other districts on Hong Kong Island, followed by the districts in Kowloon and the New Territories. The numbering of constituency areas in a district is to be prefixed by the alphabetical reference for the district and starts from the first numeral. The number "01" should be allocated to the most densely populated area, or the area traditionally considered most important or prominent or the centre of the district, and the number be proceeded consecutively in a clockwise direction so that as far as possible, two consecutive numbers should be found in two areas contiguous to each other. The Commission hopes that with the adoption of this system, any one who consults the maps would find it easier to understand them and locate the

constituency areas. These methods have been adopted since 1994 and the public should be generally familiar with them;

- (g) where the constituency boundaries have to continue into the sea to align with the district boundary, the DCCA boundary lines are, as far as possible, drawn perpendicular to the district boundary lines on the sea; and
- (h) suggestions and comments from members of the public received will be taken into consideration and, where appropriate, be accepted.