

**Delineation of Geographical Constituencies
for the 2016 Legislative Council General Election**

Criteria stipulated under section 20 of the Electoral Affairs Commission Ordinance (Cap. 541)

- (a) the Electoral Affairs Commission (“EAC”) shall ensure that the population in each proposed GC is as near as practicable to the number which results (i.e. “the resulting number”) when the population quota is multiplied by the number of Members to be returned to the Legislative Council (“LegCo”) by that GC. The population quota means the figure arrived at by dividing the total population of Hong Kong by the total number of Members to be returned for all GCs in the LegCo election.

(Note: For the 2016 LegCo General Election, the total population of Hong Kong (projected as at 30 June 2016 by the Government) is 7,370,500 and the total number of Members to be returned for all GCs is 35. Therefore, the population quota is 210,586, i.e. $7,370,500 \div 35$);

- (b) where it is not practicable to comply with (a) above in respect of a proposed GC, the EAC shall ensure that the population in that GC does not exceed or fall short of the resulting number applicable to that GC by more than 15%;
- (c) the EAC shall have regard to the community identities, the preservation of local ties and physical features (such as size, shape, accessibility and development) of the relevant area;
- (d) the EAC may depart from the strict application of (a) and (b) above only where it appears that one or more of the considerations in (c) above renders a departure necessary or desirable;
- (e) the EAC shall ensure that each proposed GC is to be constituted by two or more contiguous whole District Council constituencies; and
- (f) the EAC shall have regard to the existing boundaries of Districts and existing boundaries of GCs.