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Message from the Chairman

Provisional Recommendations on
Boundaries and Names of Geographical Constituencies for the
2025 Legislative Council General Election for Public Consultation

The 2025 Legislative Council General Election ("2025 LCGE") will be held on the 7th December this year.   In accordance with sections 4(a), 18 and 19 of the Electoral Affairs Commission Ordinance (Chapter 541) ("EACO"), the Electoral Affairs Commission ("EAC") is required to review the boundaries and names of Legislative Council geographical constituencies ("GCs"), draw up provisional recommendations, conduct public consultation, and submit to the Chief Executive ("CE") a report on the recommendations for the delineation and names of the GCs.

Following the enactment of the Electoral Legislation (Miscellaneous Amendments) Ordinance 2025 upon gazettal, the statutory connection between the delineation of GCs and District Council geographical constituencies as well as the Districts has been removed from section 20 of the EACO, which is related to the criteria for the EAC to make recommendations.

As a premise on conducting the delineation exercise, the EAC must observe the number of GCs and number of members to be returned for each GC as stipulated in sections 18 and 19 of the Legislative Council Ordinance (Chapter 542) ("LCO"), i.e. 10 GCs with the number of members to be returned for each GC be 2, totaling 20 members.   Besides, the EAC would also observe the statutory requirements stipulated in section 20 of the EACO as well as the EAC's working principles when drawing up provisional recommendations for the delineation and names of the GCs for the 2025 LCGE. The statutory provisions and the working principles are set out in **Appendices I** and **II** respectively.

In accordance with the aforementioned statutory provisions and working principles, the EAC endeavoured to adopt the existing GC boundaries as far as possible during this delineation exercise, taking into account the boundaries of the existing 10 GCs as the basis and the projected population in the respective GCs. In fact, the EAC all along will not on its own initiative adjust the boundaries for those GCs with the projected population fallen within the statutory permissible range. According to the EAC's past experiences in delineation exercises, members of the public have also prevalently advocated to maintain the GC boundaries status quo as far as possible.

According to section 20(1)(b) of the EACO, the statutory permissible range of the population of the GC concerned shall not fall short of 85% or exceed 115% of "the resulting number"[1]. Based on the latest population projection, the percentage deviations of the population from "the resulting number" for the existing GCs are all within the statutory permissible range. Therefore, adjustment to the existing boundaries of GCs by the EAC will not be necessary in principle.

However, the EAC is aware that there are ongoing development and construction works in the Loop. Although the current population projection as at mid-2025 for the Loop by the Planning Department is zero, the EAC proposed to include the Loop in the only contiguous GC, i.e. New Territories North (LC7) to tie in with the Loop's development. A brief summary of the EAC's provisional recommendations and the relevant information of the 10 GCs are set out in **Appendix III**.

In accordance with section 19 of the EACO, the maps showing the boundaries and names of all the proposed GCs under the provisional recommendations and a document containing descriptions of the proposed GC boundaries are enclosed for the 30-day public consultation starting from

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[1] The population quota = the total population of Hong Kong ÷ the total number of members to be returned for all GCs in the election
The resulting number = the population quota × the number of seats in that GC

According to the population projection by the Planning Department, the total population of Hong Kong as at mid-2025 is 7 559 800. The average population to each seat of GC is therefore 7 559 800 ÷ 20, i.e. the population quota is 377 990.

According to section 19(2) of the LCO, the number of members to be returned for each GC is 2. "The resulting number" of each GC is therefore 377 990 × 2, i.e. 755 980.

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      During the public consultation period, members of the public may make written representations on the provisional recommendations and send to the EAC Secretariat at 8/F, Treasury Building, 3 Tonkin Street West, Cheung Sha Wan, Kowloon by post; by facsimile transmission (fax no.: 2511 1682); or e-mail (eacenq@eac.hk).   For written representations submitted by post, **the postmark date will be taken as the submission date.   Late submissions will not be considered.**   Members of the public may also make oral representations to the EAC at the public forum on the provisional recommendations to be held on **19 May 2025 (Monday) from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.** at the **Multi-purpose Hall, 3/F, City Gallery, 3 Edinburgh Place, Central, Hong Kong**.   For enquiries, please contact the EAC Secretariat at 3847 7891.

      Members of the public may make oral representations at the public forum.   However, due to the limited time thereof, written representations are suggested if members of the public wish to make detailed representations.

      The EAC has always made its best endeavours to ensure that all public elections are held in an open, honest and fair manner.   The delineation of GCs is an important element of the arrangements for the 2025 LCGE.   The EAC wishes an active participation from members of the public.

      All written submissions will be treated as open information for public perusal unless otherwise specified.   If you wish to keep your name or views confidential, please indicate so clearly in your submissions.

Yours faithfully,

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Chairman
Electoral Affairs Commission

(With enclosures)

**Delineation of Geographical Constituencies
for the 2025 Legislative Council General Election
Statutory Provisions**

Provisions stipulated in sections 18 and 19 of the Legislative Council Ordinance ("LCO") (Chapter 542)

(a)   There are to be 10 geographical constituencies ("GCs") for the purpose of returning members at elections for those constituencies;

(b)   At a general election, 20 members are to be returned for all GCs; and

(c)   The number of members to be returned for each GC is 2.

Criteria stipulated in section 20 of the Electoral Affairs Commission Ordinance (Chapter 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")[Note 1] when the population quota[Note 2] is multiplied by the number of members to be returned to the Legislative Council by that GC;

> (Note 1 ：The resulting number = the population quota × the number of seats in that GC.   According to section 19(2) of the LCO, the number of members to be returned for each GC is 2.   "The resulting number" of each GC is therefore 377 990 × 2, i.e. 755 980.)
> (Note 2 ：The population quota = the total population of Hong Kong ÷ the total number of members to be returned for all GCs in the election.   According to the population projection by the Planning Department, the total population of Hong Kong as at mid-2025 is 7 559 800.   The average population to each seat of GC is therefore 7 559 800 ÷ 20, i.e. the population quota is 377 990.)

(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 shall have regard to the existing boundaries of GCs;

(e)   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 render(s) a departure necessary or desirable;

(f)   The EAC shall endeavour to estimate the total population of Hong Kong or any proposed GC in the year in which the election to which the recommendations relate, is to be held; and

(g)   If it is not practicable to comply with (f) above, estimate the population of Hong Kong or the GC having regard to the available information which is the best possible in the circumstances for the purpose of making recommendations.

**Delineation of Geographical Constituencies
for the 2025 Legislative Council General Election
Working Principles**

(a) The existing boundaries of the 10 geographical constituencies ("GCs") should form the basis of consideration in the current delineation exercise;

(b) For those existing GCs where the population falls within the permissible range of the population quota requirement, their boundaries will as far as possible be adopted to form new GCs;

(c) Hong Kong Island, Kowloon and the New Territories are to be treated separately as far as possible having regard to the statutory criteria under the Electoral Affairs Commission Ordinance; and

(d) Factors with political implications are not considered.

2025 Legislative Council General Election
Brief Summary of Provisional Recommendations on the Boundaries and Names of the Geographical Constituencies

Proposed Code of geographical constituency ("GC")	Proposed Name of GC	Projected population as at mid-2025 (I)	"The resulting number"[1] (II)	% of deviation from "the resulting number" [(I)-(II)/(II)]x100%
LC1	Hong Kong Island East	666 700		-11.81%
LC2	Hong Kong Island West	712 700		-5.73%
LC3	Kowloon East	742 100		-1.84%
LC4	Kowloon West	739 700		-2.15%
LC5	Kowloon Central	776 300		2.69%
LC6	New Territories South East	756 100	755 980	0.02%
LC7	New Territories North	728 300		-3.66%
LC8	New Territories North West	855 100		13.11%
LC9	New Territories South West	797 900		5.55%
LC10	New Territories North East	784 900		3.83%

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