

Candidate Eligibility Review Committee announces one registration of ex-officio members of Election Committee as valid

The Candidate Eligibility Review Committee (CERC) declared by notice in the Gazette today (December 6) the name of an Election Committee (EC) ex-officio member who was determined to be validly registered.

In accordance with section 5J of the Schedule to the Chief Executive Election Ordinance (Cap. 569) (the Ordinance), the holder of a specified office under the Ordinance may register as an ex-officio member of the EC. Arising from a change in the post holder of the office specified by the Hong Kong Council of the Church of Christ in China in the education subsector, the new post holder had submitted a fresh application for registration as an EC ex-officio member, and her application was determined as valid by the CERC.

The CERC is chaired by the Chief Secretary for Administration, Mr John Lee Ka-chiu, with three official members (the Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs, Mr Erick Tsang Kwok-wai; the Secretary for Home Affairs, Mr Caspar Tsui Ying-wai; and the Secretary for Security, Mr Tang Ping-keung) and three non-official members (Miss Elsie Leung Oi-sie, Mrs Rita Fan Hsu Lai-tai and Professor Lawrence Lau Juen-yee). Pursuant to Annex I of the Basic Law, the CERC is responsible for reviewing and confirming the eligibility of candidates for EC membership (including ex-officio members), and determining whether a candidate complies with the legal requirements and conditions for upholding the Basic Law of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) and bearing allegiance to the HKSAR of the People's Republic of China.