

EAC Chairman hosts guided tour of Electoral Information Centre Open Days to celebrate National Day (with photos)

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To celebrate the 75th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China, the Electoral Information Centre (EIC) of the Registration and Electoral Office (REO) held National Day Open Days for three consecutive days from September 30. The Chairman of the Electoral Affairs Commission, Mr Justice David Lok, today (October 2) hosted the guided tour on the third day of the Open Days and shared the joy of National Day with a group of senior primary school students.

Mr Justice Lok hosted a talk on electoral information during the Open Days, introducing the electoral system of Hong Kong to around 30 senior primary school students. He also conducted a question-and-answer session to test the students' knowledge of the country and the electoral system. In addition, Mr Justice Lok led the students in a mock polling, which enabled them to learn more about the polling and counting processes as well as the importance of clean elections.

Mr Justice Lok said that with the theme "Celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the Founding of the People's Republic of China and Understanding the Improved Electoral System", the Open Days allowed members of the public to learn more about the improved electoral system and elevate their recognition of national identity and awareness of civic responsibilities under the festive ambience of National Day. The Open Days offered a wide array of programmes. Apart from the interactive games and experiential activities incorporating elements of National Day, the venue was well adorned to enhance the celebratory atmosphere of National Day. With the festively dressed Ballot Box Family mascots of the EIC for National Day, participants could take photos with the Ballot Box Family in the National Day special edition for celebration.

The EIC Open Days also featured a stamp collection activity, in which Mr Justice Lok distributed souvenirs of the Ballot Box Family in the National Day special edition to the students who collected stamps upon participation in the relevant activities and games, so that they could bring home the joy of National Day. Participants were also awarded certificates in appreciation of their involvement. Members of the public may download a series of newly designed Ballot Box Family WhatsApp stickers in the National Day special edition to share the joy of National Day with their family members and friends.

The Open Days concluded at 5pm today. With a total of 12 participating organisations together with individual visitors, the three-day Open Days has attracted over 640 visits, covering different age groups. Members of the public can visit the REO's website (www.reo.gov.hk/en/service-desk/ecenter/openday.html) to view the highlights of the Open Days.

Located on 7/F of the Treasury Building, 3 Tonkin Street West, Cheung Sha Wan, Kowloon, the EIC opened with a new look in October 2023, providing the public with one-stop updated information and experiences related to Hong Kong's electoral affairs in an innovative, fun-filled and educational manner through different display modes and rich content. The EIC is open from 8.45am to 6pm Monday to Friday, with Saturday visits available by appointment only. Interested organisations may also reserve guided tours at the centre.

For more information about the EIC and appointments by organisations, please visit the REO's website (www.reo.gov.hk/en/service-desk/ecenter.html) or call the hotline at 2891 1001.



