## <u>Voter registration for 2020 to close</u> <u>on May 2</u>

The Registration and Electoral Office (REO) today (April 20) appealed to eligible persons/bodies who have not yet registered as geographical and/or functional constituency electors to submit new registration applications by the statutory deadline of May 2, so that their registration particulars can be included in the final registers to be published in July this year, and they will be able to vote in the 7th Legislative Council General Election.

"Completed application forms can be submitted to the REO by post (13/F, Kowloonbay International Trade and Exhibition Centre, 1 Trademart Drive, Kowloon Bay), by fax (2891 1180), or by email (<a href="form@reo.gov.hk">form@reo.gov.hk</a>). Applications may also be submitted via the REO e-Form Upload Platform (<a href="www.reo-form.gov.hk">www.reo-form.gov.hk</a>). When submitting their voter registration applications forms, applicants should also provide their telephone numbers and email addresses, so that the REO can contact them more promptly and efficiently when needed," a spokesman for the REO said.

Due to the shortened service hours or closures of certain government facilities in response to the epidemic, the REO reminds members of the public who opt to submit applications by post to send out their application forms early in order not to miss the statutory deadline. When submitting applications by email, members of the public should avoid attaching a large number of voter registration application forms to a single email and sending it to REO's email account, as it may cause delivery failure because of the large file size.

After sending their voter registration applications through email, applicants are advised to check if they receive a confirmation email (see attached) which is automatically sent by the REO email server. If they do not receive a confirmation email, applicants are advised to resend their voter registration application by email or through the other aforesaid submission channels. Applicants who submit their application forms through the REO e-Form Upload Platform should take note of the application number generated by the system, so that they may check the status of their applications afterwards when needed.

To facilitate members of the public in submitting their application forms by the statutory deadline of May 2, the REO will make special arrangements for its office on 13/F of Kowloonbay International Trade & Exhibition Centre, 1 Trademart Drive, Kowloon Bay to remain open until 11.59pm on May 2 to receive application forms.

In addition, the REO again urges registered electors who received inquiry letters issued by the REO to, as per the instructions of the letter, reply as soon as possible by the statutory deadline of May 2 this year via post, fax or email, so as to maintain their voter registration status.

The specified application forms for voter registration can be obtained from the REO, the District Offices and the management offices of public housing estates. They can also be downloaded from the voter registration website (<a href="www.voterregistration.gov.hk">www.voterregistration.gov.hk</a>).

For enquiries, please call the REO hotline at 2891 1001. Members of the public may also check their registration status and particulars at any time by logging into the Online Voter Information Enquiry System (<a href="https://www.voterinfo.gov.hk">www.voterinfo.gov.hk</a>).