

CHAPTER 11

THE POLL FOR THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE ELECTION

11.1 Polling hours for the first round of the poll started at 9:00 am and ended at 11:00 am on 25 March 2012. Despite some protests outside the HKCEC, the poll generally went on smoothly.

11.2 For easy management and security control, the area outside the main polling station and central counting station was divided into eleven zones, each under the charge of a designated team of REO officers, police officers and security guards from the HKCEC, and were co-ordinated by the JCC. Walkie-talkies were deployed to facilitate communication among the eleven zones and the JCC, so that any potential or actual incidents could be spotted early and handled efficiently.

11.3 For EC members who forgot to bring their name badges, an Electors' Information Enquiry System was set up at each of the three Name Badge Replacement Points to verify the identity of these EC members and arrange for the issue of replacement badges as needed. The arrangement could efficiently screen out non-EC members without affecting the smooth passage of EC members to the main polling station.

11.4 EC members as well as members of the public who wished to observe the count were reminded through the House Rules displayed at various locations inside the central counting station that it was illegal to display any propaganda materials relating to any candidate or the election in the venue. To this end, a Bag Search Area was set up on Level 3 of the Harbour Road Entrance leading to ensure that no forbidden materials were brought into the

central counting station on Level 5. Where situation so warranted, electoral staff, with the authority delegated by the RO, would personally request persons who misconducted themselves in the station to leave the venue.

11.5 To ensure the secrecy of the votes, additional measures were adopted in the election. For details, please refer to paragraph 8.22 above.

11.6 The voter turnout rate was high. At 10:00 am, the turnout rate was 54.32% (i.e. 648 EC members had voted). At 10:30 am, the figure increased to 80.72% (i.e. 963 EC members). These figures were released for the general reference of the public shortly after the said cut-off time. By the close of poll at 11:00 am, a total of **1,132** EC members turned up to cast their votes out of the total number of 1,193 (amongst the 1,199 EC members, five EC members were both Hong Kong deputies to the NPC and LegCo Members, and one other EC member passed away before the CE Election). This represented **94.89%** of the voting electorate.