

CHAPTER 11

THE POLL FOR THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE ELECTION

11.1 Polling hours for the first round of the poll conducted in the main polling station and the DPS set up in a police station were from 9:00 am to 11:00 am. Despite some demonstrations outside the HKCEC, the poll went on smoothly. Polling hours for the first round of poll conducted in the DPS in the penal institution were from 9:00 am to 10:00 am.

11.2 For the ease of management and security control, the area outside the main polling station and CCS was divided into 14 zones, each under the charge of 1 designated team of government officers, police officers and security guards of the HKCEC. Security teams were equipped with intercom devices to facilitate their communication among the zones, so that any potential or actual incidents could be spotted early and handled efficiently.

11.3 EC members who forgot to bring their name badges would be issued with new ones at the name badge replacement points upon verification of identity. Their old name badges would be immediately invalidated so as to prevent re-use of the same badge by any person. The arrangement is an effective means to identify EC members for their smooth passage to the main polling station.

11.4 To ensure the voting secrecy, additional measures were adopted in the election. For details, please refer to paragraph 14.23.

11.5 The voter turnout rate was very high. At 10:00 am, the turnout rate was 75.29% (i.e. 899 EC members had voted). At 10:30 am, the figure

increased to 96.15% (i.e. 1 148 EC members had voted). 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 **1 186** EC members had cast their votes out of the total number of 1 194⁷, representing **99.33%** of the electorate.

⁷ Among the 1 197 EC members, 3 were members of both the NPC subsector and the LegCo subsector. Therefore, the actual total number of EC members was 1 194.