

CHAPTER 5

A CONCLUDING NOTE

Section 1 : Acknowledgements

5.1 With the completion of this demarcation exercise, the Commission would like to express its gratitude towards the following units for their contributions: the AHSG, for its provision of the population forecasts; the DOs of the HAD, for their input on the basis of their district knowledge; the LandsD, for their production of the various maps for the conduct of the consultation exercise and production of the report; the ISD for their contribution to the publicity programme relating to the consultation exercise, the Government Logistics Department for the printing of the consultation materials and this report, the Leisure and Cultural Services Department for their permission to use the City Hall and the Sha Tin Town Hall as venues for holding the two public forums, and the CAB for their advice throughout the exercise.

5.2 The Commission is particularly thankful to the staff of the REO for their dedicated and concerted efforts in the preparation work.

5.3 Last but not least, the Commission is most grateful to those members of the public for their representations, put forth in writing or personally voiced in the public forums. Some of them have given suggestions relating to boundary descriptions, such as the inclusion of

other major buildings in the constituencies apart from those listed in the consultation documents. These suggestions which make the boundary descriptions more comprehensive were constructive and gratefully accepted by the Commission.

Section 2 : The Important Principle

5.4 As in previous demarcation exercises, the EAC has adhered to the statutory requirements and its working principles as far as practicable. The EAC has made every effort to observe the population quota requirement and at the same time to accommodate the suggestions from the public with reference to the community considerations in their districts, particularly in cases where the suggestions would result in substantial improvement on community ties, geographical accessibility and development. As always, the Commission has paid no regard to any suggestions with political implications.

5.5 Delineation of constituency boundaries is an integral part of an election. The Commission is committed to conducting each and every election under its supervision in an open, fair and honest manner. The Commission has all the time held on to this important principle in this demarcation exercise.

