

## **CHAPTER 3**

### **THE PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

#### **Section 1 : The Consultation Period and Public Forums**

3.1 In compliance with the requirement of section 19 of the EACO, the Commission conducted a public consultation exercise on its provisional recommendations for the period from 3 December 2010 to 3 January 2011. During this period, members of the public could send in their representations, in writing, to the Commission to express their views on the Commission's provisional recommendations on the boundaries and names of the DCCAs.

3.2 The public consultation exercise was widely publicised through Announcements in the Public Interest on radio and TV, press releases, newspaper advertisements, posters and the Commission's website.

3.3 On the first day of the consultation period, i.e. 3 December 2010, the Commission held a press conference to launch the exercise and invited the public to give their views on the Commission's provisional recommendations. The Commission also appealed to the public that not only those who had opposing or different views should speak up, but those who supported the provisional recommendations

should also do likewise. This was to enable the EAC to more accurately gauge the public's views and degree of acceptance of the provisional recommendations.

3.4 Two forums were conducted from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on 14 and 17 December 2010 at the Theatre of the Hong Kong Heritage Museum and the Quarry Bay Community Hall respectively, where members of the public could attend and express their views to the Commission directly. Audio-visual aids were used to facilitate understanding of the representations by making reference to maps.

## **Section 2 : Number of Representations Received**

3.5 During the consultation period, the Commission received a total of 472 written representations. On the two days of the forums, 102 persons turned up and 45 of them expressed their views on the provisional recommendations.

3.6 Among the representations received, there were 190 representations which supported the EAC's provisional recommendations. There were views in some representations that were not related to the delineation of boundaries or naming of the DCCAs but related to matters such as district boundaries and designation/allocation of polling stations. The Commission referred the views on district boundaries to the HAD for reference and instructed the REO to take necessary follow-up action on the views on polling stations.

3.7 The original texts of the written representations are set out in **Volume 3** of this report. Summaries of the written representations and oral representations are shown in **Appendix III** of this volume by district.