

## **CHAPTER 3**

### **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 26 June 2014 to 25 July 2014. 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. 26 June 2014, 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 Three public forums were conducted from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on 7, 9 and 11 July 2014 at the Quarry Bay Community Hall, the Lai Chi Kok Community Hall and the Lung Hang Estate Community Centre 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 1,446 written representations. On the three days of the public forums, 104 persons turned up and 64 oral representations were received.

3.6 Among the representations received, there were 140 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, allocation of elected seats and designation/allocation of polling stations. Where the subject was related to delineation of district boundaries, the representations were referred to the HAD for consideration. For allocation of elected seats and related

matters, they were referred to the CMAB for reference. For matters related to polling stations, the EAC had requested the REO to take necessary follow-up action.

3.7 All the written representations are reproduced and organised by district in **Volume 3** of this report. Summaries of the written and oral representations are shown in **Appendix II** of this volume.