



EAC may grant most applications to register names, emblems

The following is issued on behalf of the Electoral Affairs Commission:

The Electoral Affairs Commission may grant applications from 39 organisations and individuals to register their names, abbreviations and emblems for the Legislative Council Election this September.

Details of these applications, including their names, abbreviations and emblems as appropriate, were gazetted today (April 30). They can also be viewed at the Legislative Council Elections section of the commission's website (http://www.gov.hk/eac/en/legco/2004_bp_objection.htm).

The commission received 45 applications, 36 from organisations and nine from individuals, by the cut-off date for this year's registration cycle on April 1. One organisation and three individuals subsequently withdrew their applications for registration of emblems.

The commission vetted all the remaining applications in accordance with Section 12 of the Particulars Relating to Candidates on Ballot Papers (Legislative Council) Regulation.

Anyone may object to the granting of an application for registration of an abbreviation or an emblem within 14 days after the publication of the gazette notice today. Objection forms are available from District Offices and the Registration and Electoral Office. They can also be downloaded from the commission's website (http://www.gov.hk/eac/pdf/legco/2004/reo_bp_3.pdf).

The commission will conduct hearings to gather views and evidence before deciding whether the objection should be allowed or rejected.

Notification has been given to four applicants whose applications for registration of emblems may be rejected by the commission. They have 14 days from the date of notification to clarify or to vary their applications for reconsideration by the commission.

All successful applications will be announced in a

gazette notice not later than July 22. Relevant details will also be made available for public inspection at the Registration and Electoral Office.

Under the Particulars Relating to Candidates on Ballot Papers (Legislative Council) Regulation, registered names, abbreviations and emblems of prescribed bodies and prescribed persons can be printed on ballot papers to help electors identify the relevant candidates.

Ends/Friday, April 30, 2004

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