

Proposed Research Outline

The Regulatory Framework of Political Parties in Germany, New Zealand and Singapore

I. Proposed Outline

1.1 Introduction

1.2 A detailed discussion on the regulatory framework of political parties in selected political systems, including:

- modes of regulatory framework;
- registration requirements;
- rules for party and campaign financing;
- regulation of candidates for election; and
- rules on party operations such as their organizational principles and relationships with foreign organizations.

1.3 Analysis

- A comparison of the various attributes of the regulatory framework of political parties

2. Proposed Overseas Places to be Studied

2.1 The Research and Library Services Division (RLSD) proposes to study the following places:

1. Germany;
2. New Zealand; and
3. Singapore

2.2 Germany and New Zealand are chosen because both have a proportional representation electoral system, which is similar to Hong Kong. Germany has specific legislation regulating the operation of political parties. In New Zealand, political parties are primarily regulated by election legislation. Singapore is chosen because its political parties are regulated by various pieces of legislation, including the *Societies Act* and the political donations law. In addition, Singapore may serve as a useful reference in the Asian context.

3. Proposed Completion Date

3.1 RLSD proposes to complete the research by February 2004.