

Press Statement by the Chairman of the Independent Committee of Experts

The following statement is issued on behalf of Dr Daniel Tse Chi Wai, the Chairman of the Independent Committee of Experts for the Review on the Management, Planning and Conduct of Elections:

"I am pleased to have accepted the invitation of the Chief Executive to chair the Independent Committee of Experts for the Review on the Management, Planning and Conduct of Elections. The committee will start work in early January 2005. I will be working with the other three members of the committee over the following three months or so on the review, and will be putting together a report to the Chief Executive at the end of the period."

"The committee will carry out its task independently, objectively and thoroughly. We will be gathering information from all parties concerned."

"The system of fair, open and honest election is a most important feature of Hong Kong society. Hopefully, this review, and the findings and recommendations which we will be making, will help improve the practical arrangements for future elections in Hong Kong."

Detailed arrangements for the public to forward information to the committee will be announced when the committee starts work in early January.

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