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Please ensure that you have completed the items below / attached the information below before submitting this application form:

- Fill in the Hong Kong Identity Card / Identity Document Number clearly
- Sign this application form
- Attach a copy of identity document (if applicable: please refer to **[Note 6]**)

Note: Please submit this application form to the HAD in the method set out in **[Note 5]**.

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Village Representative Election (Indigenous Inhabitant Representative)
Application for New Registration / Report on Change of Particulars by an Elector
Guidance Notes
(Please keep this Guidance Notes for reference)

- (1) This application form is for new registration as an elector of Indigenous Inhabitant Representative Election for an Indigenous Village or a Composite Indigenous Village or a registered elector reporting change of particulars.
- (2) For inclusion in the final register of electors to be published in October every year, the statutory deadline for new registration application and report on change of particulars for the Indigenous Inhabitant Representative Election is **16 June of the same year**.
- (3) Registered electors may check their latest registration particulars by accessing the “Rural Representative Election Voter Registration Information Enquiry System” through the Rural Representative Election Website (www.had.gov.hk/rre), or calling the Rural Representative Election Hotline (2152 1521). Electors have the responsibility to update their registration particulars with the Home Affairs Department (“HAD”) as soon as possible if the registration particulars (e.g. principal residential address and / or personal particulars including the status as a spouse of an indigenous inhabitant) have been changed.
- (4) Application forms which are received by the Electoral Registration Officer (“ERO”) later than the deadline (i.e. 16 June of the current year) will be processed when the ERO compiles the register of electors for the following year.
- (5) Please submit the duly completed and signed application form to the HAD by one of the following methods:
 - (a) by post (Address: Home Affairs Department, 30/F, Southorn Centre, 130 Hennessy Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong (or to any District Offices of the HAD))(If this application form and the proof of identity (if applicable) are to be returned by post and the supporting documents attached are too large to fit into this self-mailer, please mail this application form together with all the supporting documents in an envelope of adequate size and with sufficient postage.); or
 - (b) by fax (Number: 2591 6392); or
 - (c) in person or by a representative to the HAD Headquarters or the Home Affairs Enquiry Centres of any District Offices under the HAD; or
 - (d) by email (Email address: rre@had.gov.hk)(**Any application form uploaded to the Cloud storage with the link provided in an email will not be accepted.**); or
 - (e) by uploading the electronic form to the e-Submission Platform (Website: www.had.gov.hk/rre).
- (6) If you do not have a Hong Kong Identity Card, you may provide other identity document that is acceptable as proof of your identity (e.g. passport). **Please attach a copy of such identity document to this application form (the photocopies should include the front cover of the identity document and its other pages showing the personal particulars, identity document number, photograph, as well as the expiry date of the document).** The ERO will compile the register of electors according to the name and the identity document number you entered in this application form. When you vote, please produce the original identity document as recorded in the register.
- (7) Generally, you are eligible to be registered as an elector for an Indigenous Village or a Composite Indigenous Village if:
 - (a) you are an indigenous inhabitant [**Note 8**] of that Village, or a spouse or surviving spouse of an indigenous inhabitant of that Village; and
 - (b) you have reached 18 years of age or will reach 18 years of age on or before 20 October next following your application for registration; and
 - (c) you hold a valid identity document, e.g. a Hong Kong permanent identity card; and
 - (d) you are not disqualified from being registered as an elector [**Note 10**].

- (8) According to section 2(1) of the Rural Representative Election Ordinance (Cap. 576), “indigenous inhabitant” (原居民)—
- (a) in relation to an Indigenous Village that existed in 1898 (whether or not the name the Village now has is the same name it had in 1898), means—
 - (i) a person who was in 1898 a resident of the Village; or
 - (ii) a person who is descended through the male line from a person mentioned in subparagraph (i);
 - (b) in relation to an Indigenous Village that branched off from an Indigenous Village that existed in 1898 (whether or not the name the Village now has is the same name it had in 1898), means—
 - (i) a person—
 - (A) who was at the time of the branching off a resident of the first-mentioned Indigenous Village; and
 - (B) who was an indigenous inhabitant of the second-mentioned Indigenous Village; or
 - (ii) a person who is descended through the male line from a person mentioned in subparagraph (i);
 - (c) in relation to a Composite Indigenous Village, means—
 - (i) a person who was in 1898 a resident of any of the villages of which the Village is composed; or
 - (ii) a person who is descended through the male line from a person mentioned in subparagraph (i).
- (9) In compiling a provisional register for an Indigenous Village or a Composite Indigenous Village, the ERO shall strike out the names and other relevant particulars of the persons whom the ERO is satisfied on reasonable grounds as being not eligible to have their names included in the final register for the Village. Such names and other relevant particulars of those persons will be entered on an omissions list.
- (10) Generally, persons who are disqualified from registration as an elector include persons who:
- (a) are found under the Mental Health Ordinance (Cap. 136) to be incapable, by reason of mental incapacity, of managing and administering their properties and affairs; or
 - (b) are members of the armed forces of the People’s Republic of China or any other country or territory.
- (11) If you are eligible to be registered as an elector for two or more Indigenous Villages or Composite Indigenous Villages, you may be registered for only one of those Villages of your choice. The village named in this application form will be regarded as the Village of your choice.
- (12) (a) If you are not residing in Hong Kong, please provide a correspondence address in Hong Kong. If you are residing in Hong Kong but there is no postal service available for your principal residential address, please also provide a correspondence address.
- (b) If you are a prisoner, you may choose to provide the address of the correctional institution where you are imprisoned or other address as your correspondence address. If you choose to use the address of a correctional institution as your correspondence address, please provide the prisoner number for easy delivery of the election-related materials within / among the correctional institutions.
- (c) **Please note that your principal residential address and correspondence address (if provided) will be provided to candidates of the Village concerned for the purpose of sending election advertisements.**
- (13) Normally, communications issued to electors by the HAD are in both Chinese and English. This language preference is to facilitate candidates’ communications with you during the election period in the language of your choice. If you do not complete this part, the HAD will assume that your preferred language is Chinese.

- (14) In assessing your eligibility for registration as an elector, the ERO will compare and cross check your personal data given in this application form with your personal data collected by other organisations for other purposes so as to verify if those data are true and accurate, if they are false or misleading, the ERO may take appropriate action against you (including referral of the case to other law enforcement agencies for follow up action) based upon those data. Upon signing this application form, you expressly consent and authorise the ERO to approach other government department(s) or public / private organisation(s) for proof of data collected and verifying the data, and you expressly agree that the relevant government departments (including but not limited to the Registration and Electoral Office, the Housing Department, the Correctional Services Department and the Immigration Department) or any other public / private organisation(s) (including but not limited to the Hong Kong Housing Society), can release your personal data to the ERO, so that the ERO can compare and cross check such data when processing this application and updating the voter registration and election-related records annually.
- (15) This application form must be signed by the applicant; otherwise, the ERO will not process your application.
- (16) In addition to sending registration notices to the applicants by post after completion of processing their applications for new registration / change(s) of registration particulars, the HAD will notify the applicants by short message service (if provided by the applicants) at the same time. Applicants for new registration may also access the “Rural Representative Election Voter Registration Information Enquiry System” through the Rural Representative Election Website (www.had.gov.hk/rre) to check their latest application status.
- (17) These notes are for general guidance only. Applicants should also refer to the Rural Representative Election Ordinance (Cap. 576), the Electoral Affairs Commission Ordinance (Cap. 541) and the Elections (Corrupt and Illegal Conduct) Ordinance (Cap. 554), and the subsidiary legislation made under these Ordinances.
- (18) For any enquiries on voter registration, please call 2152 1521 or write to the HAD (Address: 30/F, Southorn Centre, 130 Hennessy Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong).

Personal Information Collection Statement

Purpose of Collection

The personal data and other related information and the attached copy of identity document (if applicable) provided by you by means of this form (REF-1) will be used by the HAD for voter registration and election-related purposes. The provision of personal data and other related information by means of this form is voluntary. However, if you do not provide adequate and accurate data, the HAD may not be able to process your application. If the ERO has approved your application, your name and principal residential address / correspondence address provided in this form will be compiled in a register and made available for inspection by specified persons.

If necessary, the ERO may require a public authority (including but not limited to the Registration and Electoral Office, the Correctional Services Department, the Immigration Department, the Housing Department and the Hong Kong Housing Society etc.) to furnish your personal data for data matching when preparing a register.

Any person who uses the personal data provided in this form without the express consent of the data subject for any purpose other than the purposes stated above may contravene the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance (Cap. 486).

Transfer of Information

Where necessary, the information provided by you may also be provided to other authorised departments / organisations / persons for the purposes of voter registration, election and all purposes related thereto in accordance with the relevant Ordinances and / or subsidiary legislation.

Access to Personal Data and Enquiry

You have a right to request access to, and to request the correction of, the personal data and other related information you supplied in accordance with the provisions of the Personal Data (Privacy) Ordinance (Cap. 486). Such personal data requests and enquiries should be made in writing to the ERO (Address: 30/F, Southorn Centre, 130 Hennessy Road, Wan Chai, Hong Kong).