

Rural By-election
Notes on Submission of a Text Version of Introduction to Candidates
for Persons with Visual Impairment
Date of By-election : 8 December 2019

In order to assist persons with visual impairment in reading the contents of the election platform in the Introduction to Candidates, the Home Affairs Department (“HAD”) will produce a text version of Introduction to Candidates for uploading onto the Rural Representative Election website: <http://www.had.gov.hk/rre>. This version will contain only typed texts including the candidate number as shown on the ballot paper, name, age, occupation and email address/website of each candidate. **For the election platform, the textual contents must be the same as those of the original candidate platform.** While the provision of the text version to the HAD is optional, candidates are strongly encouraged to do so to convey their electoral messages to persons with visual impairment.

Candidates should note that some electors may only be familiar with either the Chinese or English language and they are equally entitled to be informed of the information in the text version of the Introduction to Candidates. Information in Chinese / English provided by the candidates will be uploaded to the corresponding language version of the website <http://www.had.gov.hk/rre>. If candidates only provide the information in either Chinese or English, the words “ With Chinese version only”/ 「只有英文版本」 will be shown in the appropriate area on the text version.

How to Complete

Please fill in text typed by computer in the space provided in a dedicated form which can be downloaded via the following link: http://www.had.gov.hk/rre/chi/intro/2019_byelections.html→**Rural By-election (8 December 2019) → Forms → Form for Submission of a Text Version of Introduction to Candidates for Persons with Visual Impairment.** Handwritten text and graphics will not be accepted. For enquiries, please call 2152 1521.

How to Submit

Please send the completed Form for Submission of a Text Version of Introduction to Candidates for Persons with Visual Impairment by e-mail to rre@had.gov.hk **by 5:00p.m., 18 November 2019**. If a candidate does not submit the file by the said deadline, only the name and candidate number of the candidate and the words “Relevant information has not been provided by the candidate” will be shown in the appropriate area of the form. In normal circumstances, similar to the processing of the original version of Introduction to Candidates, the HAD will not edit the contents provided by the candidate for the text version unless they are not in typed text form or are different from that of the original version of Introduction to Candidates.

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