

Hong Kong Society of Certified Insurance Practitioners (HKCIP)

Draft Response to Consultation for Green Paper on Constitutional Development

Hong Kong Society of Certified Insurance Practitioner (HKCIP) is a body of insurance professionals with members all qualified through examination of local and international professional insurance bodies.

HKCIP would like to give our comment to the consultation on the model for the forming of Legislative Council but we would only focus on Functional Constituencies (FC) that is directly related to our industry. The election of CE may vary a lot from person to person and therefore not prepared to cover here.

In principle we would vote for the continuation of Functional Constituencies.

1. We believe that FC meet the interests of sectors of society and their representation on the LegCo fulfilled the principle of balanced participation.
2. FC should be retained but may be in different form to go along with the gradual progress towards universal suffrage. The existence of FC will provide a wider perspective on social and economic issues. FC will provide a good balance view on political issues. Reform is necessary in order to achieve universal suffrage which we hope to see by 2016.
3. Options for forming LegCo by universal suffrage
 - 3.1 First Option: replacing functional constituency (FC) seats with direct based seats returned through direct election

Our view: No, as FC has its balanced function

- 3.2 Second option: retain FC seats, but changing the electoral methods, e.g. candidates to be nominated by FCs, but elected by registered voters

Our view: We support the idea but subject to detail

3.3 Third Option : increasing the number of seats representing District Councils in LegCo

Our view: This can be accepted subject to all being directly elected District Councillors

3.4 Attaining universal suffrage for LegCo in phases

Our view: We support but need to see time table and the detail of the different phases

4. Road map and time table

Our view: We support attaining universal suffrage in phases in 2016.