

## **The HKIE Guidelines over Electoral Affairs in regard to 2021 Legislative Council Functional Constituency Election**

The Guidelines set out below are designed to provide services under the fair and equal treatment principle to all candidates<sup>1</sup> of the Legislative Council Engineering Functional Constituency (Engineering FC) for them to communicate with their electors.

The Information Technology FC had been abolished and the Technology and Innovation FC (T&I FC) was set up. Electorates of the T&I FC are body voters instead of individual votes. Communication services are therefore not provided to candidates running for the T&I FC.

Any request from any HKIE member using his office title of the HKIE and the name of the HKIE to support any candidate standing for the 2021 LegCo Election will not be acceded.

### **Provision of Services for Candidates Standing for the Engineering FC Election**

#### ***Publications***

1. Each candidate shall be entitled to submit an electronic copy of election address/manifesto to be posted onto the HKIE website at [www.hkie.org.hk](http://www.hkie.org.hk) for the duration to be determined by the Council. Other than the aforementioned, the Institution shall not be responsible for publication of any other publicity materials for the candidates.
2. The election address/ manifesto must be in one page and A4 size submitted in electronic (soft) copy not exceeding 5Mb. The content, nature, use of language and presentation of the candidates' message are exclusively the idea and work of the candidates themselves. Candidates must ensure and are responsible for the correctness and accuracy of all factual statements in the election address/manifesto contained in the file submitted to the Institution. The Institution assumes no responsibility of the content, whether correct or otherwise. The file submitted will not be subject to alteration or edition by the Institution unless considered to be indecent, defamatory or in any way unlawful.
3. The file of the election address/ manifesto, however, may be edited to fit in the space and format of the HKIE website. If it is the case, the edited version will be shown to the candidates prior to posting. Minor comments would be entertained subject to fair and equal basis. The election address/ manifesto will appear in the order of the candidate number as announced by Registration and Electoral Office (REO).

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<sup>1</sup> With reference to S2 of Elections (Corrupt and Illegal Conduct) Ordinance (Cap. 554), candidate includes a person who, at any time before the close of nominations for an election, has publicly declared an intention to stand as a candidate at the election.

4. The provision of such service by the Institution as set out shall be counted as election expenses of the candidates. The Institution has prepared the formula of charge of the service for the HKIE website in the *Annex*.
5. No other articles, including letters to editors, authored/co-authored by the candidate on any subjects will be put on the HKIE website and/or published in the *Hong Kong Engineer*, nor leaflets and inserts containing the name and photo of or implicitly or explicitly mentioning the candidates would be published or distributed during the period from the end of the nomination period (or at a time when the person who has publicly declared an intention to stand for the election, whichever is earlier) until the date of the election.

#### ***Display/ Distribution of Printed Election Advertisements***

6. The Institution will reserve space for display of the election poster for each candidate of the Engineering FC, the order assigned to each candidate will follow the serial number/ candidate number as announced by REO. As for the display and distribution of other election advertisements on the leaflet racks at the HKIE Headquarters, all candidates will be informed under separate cover of this arrangement after the close of nominations of candidature and announcement of the candidate number. The candidates should be aware that space is limited. The Institution reserves the right not to allow display and distribution of the election advertisements should they contain indecent, defamatory or in any way unlawful materials.
7. No other election advertisements including display advertising or in any format paid by the candidates or other parties will be accepted.

#### ***Election Forum***

8. In the event that the Institution decides to arrange a forum, all candidates of the Engineering FC will be invited. The Chairman of the forum shall decide the format of the forum.

#### ***Others***

9. Other requests for use of facilities and services of the Institution by candidates for electioneering purpose will not be accepted.
10. Divisions and Committees shall not canvass electioneering activities singly or jointly with any third party for any and all candidates running for the Engineering FC. For facilities that have been reserved either for seminars, workshops or learned society activities or meetings of the Division/ Committees, any cancellation or change from its originally intended purpose to electioneering will not be permitted. All such reservations will be cancelled.

11. All seminars, workshops or learned society activities or meetings of the Divisions and Committees are not open to the candidates for electioneering purpose.
12. The candidates should assume their own responsibilities to ensure that their electioneering activities, including but not limited to the election advertisements, comply with the requirements of relevant guidelines of the Electoral Affairs Commission, prevailing rules, and relevant regulations.

***Remarks***

13. There shall be no obligation on any candidate to make use of the above services.
14. With the foregoing, services provided by the HKIE to the candidates of the Engineering FC are essentially limited to the posting of election address/manifesto onto the HKIE website and the display of election posters and distribution of election advertisements at the HKIE Headquarters. The services do not constitute the consent of support by the HKIE to any candidate.

*ANNEX*

**Formula of charge of the service of posting election address/ manifesto onto the HKIE website**

*[Cost of per MegaByte (MB) storage per day] \* no. of days + administration and maintenance cost/job*

*i.e. [HKD4,000 ÷ 300,000 MB ÷ 30 days] \* no. of days + HKD100/job*

*= HKD0.00044/mb/day \* no. of days + HKD100/job*

*= Round up to HKD100*