

## Council to facilitate candidates running in LegCo election



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Dear members,

I trust many of you who are eligible to vote in the upcoming Legislative Council election have registered and updated the Registration and Electoral Office on your personal details. It is important that you vote so that we can further the profession's interests through our legislative body.

This year the council has decided, on the recommendation of the governance review task force, to act as a facilitator for all candidates who declare they will run for the seat. The Institute will mail out campaign materials to you, and host forums where the candidates can put forward their vision about the issues important to the profession.

The forums will give all our members the opportunity to express their views to the candidates and hear their stance on various issues. These forums will help our voters make an informed decision as to who will represent their interests and the broader interests of the profession.

The Institute's role is to provide an equitable and transparent platform to all candidates to express their views on issues that are pertinent to the profession and our members.

The task force on governance is charged with thinking through the obligations the Institute bears in terms of providing you with enough information. The task force considered how members would react to getting these materials and made the decision in favor of more, rather than less, information. In addition, the council decided it would not vet the content of the candidate's campaign materials on the grounds that our members are sophisticated enough to divine the intentions of the candidates. We will start sending you these materials, after the candidates pass these to the Institute, early next month and we'll alert you to the timing of the forum.

On the candidate's side, our goal is to get their campaign materials to you in such a way that each candidate has

the same access to members through the Institute. The council will do its best to be an effective facilitator and we ask for the understanding and tolerance of our members as this election proceeds.

I, for one, am hoping that over the course of this campaign, we'll see interesting debates about topics of interest to the profession and to Hong Kong. Over the next four years, the profession will face a lot of changes and challenges, some of which may require enabling legislation before we can take action.

Sincere regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Albert S.C. Au'. The signature is stylized and fluid, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

**Albert S.C. Au**  
President