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| The start of the 20th Overseas National Assembly Election= National Election Commission installs/operates Overseas Election Commission at 169 diplomatic offices starting from October 16. = |
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With the installation/operation of Overseas Election Commission for the 20th National Assembly Election at 169 diplomatic offices around the world starting from October 16, the National Election Commission has announced a full-fledged beginning of overseas elections.

The Overseas Election Commission that has been established is to be operated until May 13, 2016, and will manage overseas election of the 20th National Assembly Election that is to be held next year.

The Overseas Election Commission performs duties such as operating overseas polling stations, prevention/crackdown on election crimes, administrative supervision of election, etc.

The members of Overseas Election Commission is the collection of 2 members nominated by the National Election Commission, 1 person recommended by each political party that has a negotiation body at the National Assembly, and 1 person recommended by the head of diplomatic office. Currently, 611 impartial and neutral members have been appointed as the members of the Overseas Election Commission.

With the full swing of the overseas election, the National Election Commission plans to implement thorough management such as operating a 24-hour overseas election situation room. In addition, the Overseas Election Commission of the 169 diplomatic offices operate election law violation reporting/information center to create a fair election atmosphere and to crackdown on election crimes.

On the other hand, Overseas Election Commission is not be installed/operated for a total of 5 diplomatic offices in Afghanistan, Libya, and Yemen due to difficult conditions from internal war, and so on, as well as, in Georgia and Madagascar that does not have overseas election management capability due to being recently opened.

However, Overseas Election Commission can be installed if the National Election Commission deems overseas elections can be operated normally prior to the voting period at the unequipped 5 diplomatic offices.

The National Election Commission announced that it will spare no efforts in implementing a fair management of overseas elections through promotion of voting participation from overseas Koreans, precise handling of overseas voter registration, prevention of election law violations, etc.

In addition, the Commission asked for active cooperation and participation from overseas Koreans and much interest from the public so that advanced election culture of Korea can be shown to the world through a successful overseas election.

Appendix 1. Schedule 1 of Main Administration of the 20th Overseas National Assembly Election

 2. Status 1 of Overseas Election Commission Offices of the 20th National Assembly Election

[Appendix 1]

**Schedule of Main Administration of the 20th Overseas National Assembly Election**

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| **Schedule** | **Status** | **Base Date** | **Legal Provisions** |
| ‘15. 10. 16.~ ‘16. 5. 13. | Installation/operation of Overseas Election Commission | From 180 days prior to national assembly election Until 30 days after national assembly election | Law§218①⑨Rule§136-2 |
| ‘15. 11. 15.~ ‘16. 2. 13. | **Report of overseas absentee** | From 150 days to 60 days prior to election day | Law§218-4,5,6Rule§136-4,5 |
| **Overseas voter registration application** |
| Preparation of diplomatic office absentee report register, etc. |
|  | Sending of diplomatic office absentee report register, etc. | Immediately after preparation of diplomatic office register, etc. | Law§218-7Rule§136-6 |
| ‘16. 2. 24.~ 3. 4. | **Preparation of overseas voter register, etc.** | From 49 days to 40 days prior to election day | Law§218-8,9Rule§136-8,9 |
| ’16. 3. 5. ~ 3. 9. | Inspection and complaint of overseas voter register | From 39 days to 35 days prior to election day | Law§218-10,11 |
| ‘16. 3. 10.~ 3. 13. | Reapplication of absentee on overseas voter register, etc. | From 34 days to 31 days prior to election day | Law§218-11③Rule§136-10② |
| ‘16. 3. 14. | **Confirmation of overseas voter register** | 30 days prior to election day | Law§218-13① |
| ‘16. 3. 24. | Announcement of overseas polling stations location, operating period, etc. | 20 days prior to election day | Law§218-17③④ |
| ‘16. 3. 27. | Report of overseas polling stations' election observers | 17 days prior to election day | Law§218-20② |
| ‘16. 3. 30.~ 4. 4. | Installation/operation of overseas polling stations | From 14 days to 9 days prior to election dayWithin 6 days of the period | Law§218-17①Rule§136-15 |
| Voting at overseas polling stations (from 8 am to 8 pm daily) |
|  | **Forwarding of overseas votes, etc.** | Immediately after the expiry of overseas voting period | Law§218-21②Rule§136-23 |
| ’16. 4. 13.  | Voting in Korea | Election day | Law§155 |
| Law§176Rule§95-2 |
| Ballot count (domestic and overseas votes) |

[Appendix 2]

**Status of Overseas Election Commission Offices of the 20th National Assembly Election**

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| **Category** | **Total** | **Embassy** | **Consulate General** | **Branch Office** | **Consulate** | **Remark** |
| No. of Diplomatic Offices | **169** | **109** | **44** | **5** | **11** |  |

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| **Region** | **Category** | **Name of Diplomatic Office** |
| Asia(49) | Embassy | 23 | Nepal, New Zealand, East Timor, Laos, Malaysia, Mongolia, Myanmar, Bangladesh, Vietnam, Brunei, Sri Lanka, Singapore, Australia, India, Indonesia, Japan, China, Cambodia, Thailand, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Fiji, the Philippines |
| Consulate General | 21 | Japan (Kobe, Nagoya, Niigata, Sapporo, Sendai, Osaka, Yokohama, Fukuoka, Hiroshima), China (Guangzhou, Shanghai, Shenyang, Xi'an, Wuhan, Chengdu, Qingdao, Hong Kong), India (Mumbai), Vietnam (Ho Chi Minh), Australia (Sydney), India (Chennai) |
| Consulate | 4 | New Zealand (Auckland), Australia (Melbourne), Pakistan (Karachi), Philippines (Cebu) |
| Branch Office | 1 | China (Dalian) |
| Americas(38) | Embassy | 21 | Guatemala, Nicaragua, Dominica, Mexico, United States, Venezuela, Bolivia, Brazil, Argentina, Ecuador, El Salvador, Honduras, Uruguay, Chile, Canada, Costa Rica, Colombia, Trinidad and Tobago, Panama, Paraguay, Peru |
| Consulate General | 13 | United States (New York, Los Angeles, Boston, San Francisco, Seattle, Chicago, Atlanta, Honolulu, Houston), Canada (Montreal, Vancouver and Toronto), Brazil (Sao Paulo) |
| Branch Office | 3 | Seattle (Anchorage), Honolulu (Hagåtña), Houston (Dallas) |
| Consulate | 1 | Jamaica (Kingston) |
| Europe(46) | Embassy | 33 | Greece, the Netherlands, Norway, Denmark, Germany, Russia, Romania, Belgium, Belarus, Bulgaria, Serbia, Sweden, Switzerland, Spain, Slovakia, Ireland, Azerbaijan, the United Kingdom, Austria, Uzbekistan, Ukraine, Italy, the Czech Republic, Kazakhstan, Croatia, Kyrgyzstan, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Portugal, Poland, France, Finland, Hungary |
| Consulate General | 8 | Italy (Milano), Russia (Vladivostok, Irkutsk, St. Petersburg), Germany (Frankfurt and Hamburg), Turkey (Istanbul), Kazakhstan (Almaty) |
| Ex Venue | 1 | Vladivostok (Yuzhno-Sakhalinsk) |
| Consulate | 4 | Germany (Bonn), Spain (Las Palmas), Tajikistan (Dushanbe), Latvia (Riga) |
| Middle East(17) | Embassy | 15 | Lebanon, Morocco, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Oman, Jordan, Iraq, Iran, Israel, Egypt, Qatar, Kuwait, Tunisia, Algeria |
| Consulate General | 2 | Saudi Arabia (Jeddah), the United Arab Emirates (Dubai) |
| Africa(19) | Embassy | 17 | Ghana, Gabon, Nigeria, South Africa, Rwanda, Senegal, Sudan, Angola, Uganda, Ethiopia, Zimbabwe, Cameroon, Kenya, Cote d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Tanzania, Mozambique |
| Consulate | 2 | Nigeria (Lagos), Equatorial Guinea (Malabo) |
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