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## Advisory group ad goes out in English

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English-language advertisements inviting nominations from "non-specified" organisations to the Basic Law consultative committee will be published next week.

The same advertisement was printed on Thursday in all the major Chinese-language newspapers.

Mr Mao Junnian, deputy secretary-general of the Basic Law Drafting Committee which is helping form the consultative committee, said the English version would be out next week.

He put the delay down to translation problems.

The deadline for nominations is October 22 which means the non-specified organisations will only have about two weeks to submit their nominations.

Mr Mao also said all the Basic Law Drafting Committee's "important documents" would be published in English in future.

The abandoning of English in the course of forming the consultative committee caused a lot of confusion.

Expatriate groups and some civil service associations, all falling under the "non-specified" category, have had trouble finding out the correct channel through which to gain access to the committee.

According to the advertisement, all non-specified organisations wishing to recommend members for the consultative committee should submit details of names, ages, qualifications and reasons for nomination in writing to the preparatory office of the consultative committee at GPO Box 138.