

4. Conclusion

- 4.1 This opinion survey on political development in Macau revealed that, 60% of the Macau citizens supported the Chief Executive being returned by universal suffrage. Among those respondents, over 60% thought it should be implemented immediately (i.e. in the next election in 2019). On the other hand, only one-tenth opposed to the idea, and their main reasons were having “no confidence in the quality of Macau voters” and “do not want to change the current system”.
- 4.2 Regarding the ideal combination of Legislative Assembly, on average, the respondents’ most preferred ratio was: about 60% for directly elected legislators, 25% for indirectly elected legislators and 15% for appointed legislators. Compared to the actual situation now (with 42% directly elected legislators, 36% indirectly elected legislators and 21% appointed legislators), Macau people seem to prefer a higher ratio of directly elected legislators and reduce some seats of indirectly elected and appointed legislators.
- 4.3 Meanwhile, over 70% of the respondents supported all members of the Legislative Assembly to be elected by one-person-one-vote in Macau, of which nearly 70% thought it should be implemented as soon as in the next election (2017). Overall speaking, people’s political demands on the development of the Chief Executive and Legislative Assembly elections are in the same direction.
- 4.4 Lastly, this survey also revealed that over 60% of respondents were aware of the civil referendum on the election of the Macau Chief Executive held in August this year, and 45% were in support of this event.