

Long overdue

> EC to gazette notice for redelineation of electoral boundaries by year end

PUTRAJAYA: The Election Commission (EC) is going ahead with the long overdue redelineation of electoral

boundaries, which has been deferred since 2011.

EC chairman Tan Sri Abdul Aziz Mohd Yusof said the EC expects to

gazette the notice for the redelineation exercise at the end of this year.

Elaborating on the steps that will be taken in relation to the redelineation exercise, Abdul Aziz said that prior to gazetting the notice, the EC will inform the Dewan Rakyat

speaker and the prime minister as stipulated by regulation.

"After being gazetted, the notice will be displayed for a month for proposals and objections from the state governments, local authorities and groups of registered voters of at least 100 people in the constituencies," he said.

Abdul Aziz said the final report on recommendations for redelineation of the electoral boundaries will be submitted to the prime minister within two years of the announcement of the notice, for tabling in the Dewan Rakyat to obtain approval.

Once approved by the Dewan Rakyat, the report would be presented to the Yang di-Pertuan Agong for endorsement prior to gazetting and application.

The constituencies redelineated under the upcoming exercise would be used for the next general election, to be held in 2018 at the latest, Bernama quoted him as saying.

The redelineation exercise had been scheduled for 2011, eight years after the last one done in 2003, but the EC deferred it due to preparations for the 13th general election.

Abdul Aziz said the redelineation of electoral boundaries is a responsibility of the EC under the Federal Constitution to ensure that voters are served easily by their elected representatives.

"A constituency with a large number of voters, more than 100,000, has to be divided into two, for example, so that there are reasonable



KNOCKOUT SIBLINGS ... National wushu exponent Chai Fong Ying (right) and her sister Chai Fong Wei strike a special pose after receiving their scrolls at the 38th convocation ceremony of Universiti Putra Malaysia in Serdang yesterday. Fong Ying obtained a bachelor's degree in accountancy while Fong Wei graduated with a degree in business.