

**Letter to Chairman of Electoral Commission from Asian Chess Federation regarding Asian Chess Federation tickets**

Dear Dr. Rivello

We read today on the FIDE web site the information about Tickets for Presidential Elections 2018:

"Asia:

- a) Sheikh Sultan bin Khalifah Al Nahyan (UAE)
- b) Ignatius Leong (SIN) – (this candidature was sent and received nearly an hour later the announced deadline and included only three signed nominations. In accordance with FIDE Electoral Rules and Chapter 6 of FIDE Statutes, its acceptance and regularity is under review by the Chairman of the Electoral Commission, taking into account the specific rules of the Asian Continental Association, if applicable)."

Aside from not complying with the announced FIDE deadline, the candidature of Mr. Ignatius Leong (SGP) did not comply with the Statutes of the Asian Chess Federation.

1. The Asian Chess Federation Secretariat did not receive any nominations for Mr. Leong or acceptance of the nominations.

2. There were only two nominations. The nomination from the Secretary of the Papua New Guinea Chess Federation is invalid since it should be by the President.

According to Asian Chess Federation Statutes,

14.2 Nominations for the Presidential ticket must reach the Secretariat at least three months before the opening of the Continental Assembly. Each ticket must be nominated by at least any five-member federations. The nomination of the federations shall be communicated to ACF by the federation's President.

Therefore, the nomination of Mr. Leong is invalid.

Regards  
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