

HKU Student Research Team
Project DC03 Pre-election Fieldwork Report Form

This form can be downloaded from the project webpage. It should be completed on the day of each fieldwork session and submitted to the project organizer by email to hkusrt@hkupop.hku.hk, or by uploading to the project website directly.

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Name of constituency visited (please use one form for each constituency) : Tung Wah

Field trip details –

Date : 23 Nov, 2003 Time : 1420-1800 Venue : Polling Station

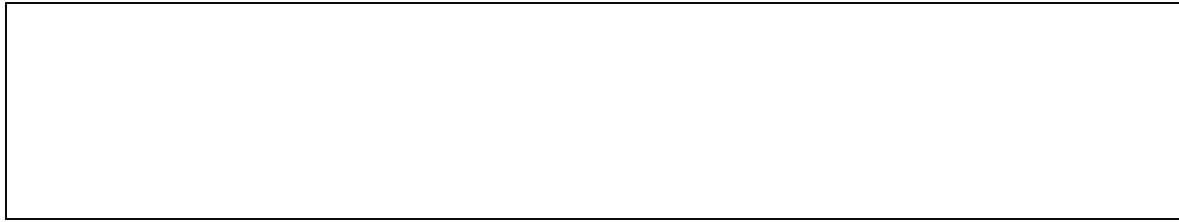
Description of the process (whether alone, accompanied by teammates, friends, campaign workers... etc.)

I was with my teammate at the entrance of polling station. She was responsible for exit poll and I was responsible for observation. I observed from 1420 to 1505. Then I distributed leaflets from 1520 to 1620. Lastly I observed again from 1635 to 1800.

Record the main purpose of your field trip by ticking on one or more of the following objectives:

- To count, record, and analyze the content of campaign posters, banners, leaflets, etc.
- To observe campaign activities, like forums, door-to-door visits, open petitions, on-street broadcast, etc.
- To interview candidates and campaign workers.
- To interview electors and ordinary residents.
- To take pictures, or collect campaign material for scanning.
- Other purposes (please specify) : To observe election day campaign activities

Recording basic figures – like how many posters and where, how many people attended the forum during different time period...etc



Description of findings – could be in the form simple narrations, or in the form of questions and answer...

- When we arrived at 9am, there was one policeman outside the polling station. After 5pm, there were 1 policeman and 1 policewoman. Police car was not stationed in the polling station, it just passed by and stopped for several times. We asked the policeman why there was only one policeman in this polling station. He explained that the candidates were not problematic there and their competition was not keen.
- Candidate 2 (Ho) stood opposite the polling station for a much longer time than candidate 1 (Lee) did. The voters said “hi” to Ho more often than they did to Lee.
- There was a board showing the information of the two candidates at the entrance of polling station. Two voters looked at it before they entered the polling station. They found out that the two candidates were not the one that they wanted to elect. Then they phoned their friend and asked.
- I distributed a leaflet to a woman when she left the polling station. She told me that she did not vote because the staff in the polling station could not find her name on the voting list. She is a voter for many years and she has not moved. She did not know the reason why the voting list did not has her name. I asked her whether she would register again. She replied “no” because she does not like the competition between parties. She said if all of them want to improve the economy of HK, they should not waste so much resource to compete with each other.
- I (I)talked with Ho (H) and his assistant (A) at 1445, here is our conversation:
I: Mr. Ho, you have stood here for a long time, why don't you go outside the “no canvassing zone” and canvass?
H: Today is not a good time to canvass, canvass should be done before the election day. Voters should know who they want to elect already. I prefer staying here and say “hi” to them.
A: Mr. Ho has participated in a lot of meetings of 業主立案法團 in this constituency and he also did a lot in 區內重建工作 for many years. He knows the

residents well. But Mr. Lee is a new person to this constituency. He has worked in this for one year only, thus it is believed that he can't win at all.

I: How do you think about the number of voters up to now?

A: The number of voters for this year increases obviously, much better than the last election. We are happy with it.

- I(I) talked with Mr. Lee (L) at 1650. Here is our conversation:

I: How do you think about the number of voters up to now?

L: I am happy to see that the number of voters increase this year.

I: Do you have confidence that you will win?

L: I think so. Before today, I think the probability to win is "five five". Now, I think it's "six four" or "seven three".

Conclusions drawn from your observation

The residents know Mr. Ho more, it's consistent with what Mr. Ho said and what I have observed. More residents aid "hi" to him than to Mr. Lee.

New questions generated from your observations or findings

It seems that not only one voter did not know who the candidates are before they entered the polling station. Is it because the constituencies are too small this year and make it difficult for the voters? But they should receive letters from Mr. Lee and Mr. Ho?!

Open questions for discussion by all team members