

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) :

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Field trip details –

Date : 22/11/2003 Time : 1825-1935 Venue : Hoi Ting Road & Hoi Wang Road

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

- Observe alone
- Walk around the two roads throughout the whole observation period, since the two roads already cover almost the whole constituency
- Obtain some leaflets from campaign workers
- Talk with campaign workers and candidate #1 (Mr. Wong)

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

- To observe campaign activities, like forums, door-to-door visits, open petitions, on-street broadcast, etc.
- To interview candidates and campaign workers.

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

N/A

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

- No building visit was allowed in the constituency so that campaign workers could only distribute leaflets
- Candidate #3 (Mr. Lai, DP) set up a speaker at the intersecting point of the two roads, playing a tape which featured his accomplishments. Later, a policeman arrived and requested the DP campaign workers to remove it, due to some complaints by the residents.
- Candidate #2 (Mr. Yim, DAB) was in the constituency, but kept on communicating on mobile phone
- I had a conversation with a campaign worker for candidate #3. She was a woman who looked as in her 50s. She kept on praising candidate #3 for his hardworking style but avoided talking about his accomplishments
- There was a banner for candidate #2, near one of the pedestrian traffic light, suggesting that it was his achievement, to fight for the extension by 3 seconds, of the duration which the green pedestrian light blinks. (我爭取 此綠公仔亮多三秒)
- Finally, I found candidate #1 (Mr. Wong, independent), and had a brief conversation with him. He mainly talked about his difficulties, both in terms of resources and manpower. He also complained that the party candidates (candidate #4 is from ADPL) often violate the election regulations, like using bigger banners and putting them on some prohibited area. He claimed that the election officer tended not to do anything to solve the problem.
- I didn't see candidate #4 and her campaign workers during my observation

Conclusions drawn from your observation

- It seems that there is no risk to violate the election regulations
- Independent candidate has a greater difficulty to mobilize campaign workers, also the resources would be less
- Many tiny 'accomplishments' were emphasized

New questions generated from your observations or findings

- Despite the difficulties faced, why independent candidates are willing to take part in the election?
- What is the role of a district councilor? Is it his main duty to fight for 'community things' like the extension of blinking the green light?
- Is it the case that party candidates need not to pay too much effort to fight for voters, as they have the support of the parties?

Open questions for discussion by all team members

N/A