

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) : _____
Mei Foo South , F 12

Field trip details –

Date : *15/11* Time : *1710-1800* Venue : *outside Mei Foo MTR station*

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

- *a team of 2 people*
- *We arrived at Mei Foo MTR station (Exit B) at 1710, we saw candidate 2 (王德全) there. We introduced ourselves and had an interview with him. After that, we saw candadite 1 (楊耀忠) just arrived, we then followed the same procedure again*
- *The questions that had been asked were the same for the 2 candidates.*

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) : _____

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

Interview questions:

- 1) *How long have you served the Mei Foo district?*
- 2) *What types of propaganda are used?*
- 3) *Who are your campaign assistants?*
- 4) *The management office of Mei Foo had some rules about the propaganda activities. What is the effect?*
- 5) *What are the characteristics of the Mei Foo district compare to other districts in Kowloon West?*
- 6) *What do you think about the 200 votes of ADPL (#1) would go for?*
- 7) *Do you have confidence to win the election?*

	Candidate 1 (Yeung Yiu Chung)	Candidate 2 (Wong Tak Chuen)
1	-One year, but he had an office in Mei Foo for 6 years.	-Since 1991. He became a District Council Member in 94, but he lost the campaign in 99. In 2003, he won in the by-election.
2	-Hardworking. -He did not need support of the so called “political stars” like other candidates.	-Promotions at exit of MTR station and park to reach more voters. -A few years ago, he helped the problem of rising fee of car parks in Mei Foo. Not long ago a media had an interview with him, he stood at the entrance of a car park to recall memories of voters about what he had done for the district.
3	-all were volunteers	-staffs of his office, some Mei Foo residents and some volunteers
4	-The rules from the management office impose many restrictions to propaganda. -So he thought a good candidate	-In some places, the number of people for home visit to voters is limited (like the candidate plus 2 helpers), this can minimize disturbance to voters. He

	should have already build up good relationships with voters and residents of the district in usual time.	thought the management office of Mei Foo should allow home visit.
5	-It is an old residential area. There are problems about the elderly, management of the estate, leisure and culture	-It was just like any other districts.
6	-He said the Democratic Party thought the votes would go to them, but he said it was difficult to say so.	-He expected the votes would go to him as ACPL support Democratic Party.
7	-Yes. He said he always taught his students (#2) to have confidence whatever doing anything. If a person had done his best, it is alright if he did not success.	-Yes

#1: ADPL stands for “Hong Kong Association of Democracy and Peoples’ Livelihood”(民協). In April, 2003, there was a by-election in the same district. Wong Tak Chuen (Democratic Party) obtained 849 votes. Yeung Yiu Chung (Democratic Alliance for Betterment of Hong Kong) obtained 840 votes. She Kwok Hung (who belonged to ADPL) obtained 244 votes. Wong won the campaign with nine votes. Thus the choices of that 244 voters became focus of the election. (<http://www.info.gov.hk/gia/general/200304/07/0407003.htm>, <http://hk.news.yahoo.com/030929/12/uhyn.html>)

#2: Yeung is the principal of a secondary school.

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

Some words from Yeung:

“Some people use the name of ‘Democracy’ to do bad things.”

“You young people like Democratic Party because you are too young. When these young people became elder, they would tend to support DABHK. Elder people are more mature.”

“Direct Election for HK Chief Executive? India has direct election long time ago, but look at its economy. Would you choose to immigrant there?”

Some words from Wong:

“I think in the last election he (Yeung) looked down his competitor.”

“余若薇 will come again to support me on 21/11. 林超榮 should come on 23/11. We are good friends! But I don’t know if he has time.” (One of our teammates live in Mei Foo and saw 余若薇 with Wong and another candidate went to visit a Chinese restaurant in Mei Foo on 15/11, and saw 李柱銘 on 22/11.)

Conclusions drawn from your observation

- *In general, the 2 candidates are confident with the election.*
- *Yeung’s advantage is that he is a Legislative Council Member. While Wong has served the district for many years.*
- *Yeung stated that propaganda is not that necessary, what he has done to the district in usual time more important. While Wong is more active for his propaganda.*

New questions generated from your observations or findings

- *How should the management office of private housing estates cooperate with candidates?*
- *How candidates and their assistants achieve a balance between effective propaganda and disturbance to residents?*

Open questions for discussion by all team members

What are the criteria for a voter to vote for a District Council Member?