

HKUPOP Student Research Project
Project DC09 Sha Tin District Council Tai Wai Constituency

Election Day Fieldwork Report Form (Group 2)

1. Name of student(s), group leader first:

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2. Details of Field trip:

Date and Time of visit: At 11:30-6:30 on 29 March, 2009

Venue: Tai Wai Constituency

Location: Mei Lam Estate, May Shing Court, polling station of Buddhist Wong Wan Tin College and Mei Lam Commercial Complex

3. Brief descriptions or narrations of the visit.

29 March 2009, Sunday, it was the by-election Day of Tai Wai Constituency, three members of group two together with the other group members and the staff of HKUPOP went to the Tai Wai Constituency. We met outside the main entrance of Tung Wah Group of Hospitals Sin Chu Wan Primary School, which was one of the polling stations. After a glance at the polling station, all of us including the other group members and the staff of HKUPOP started to walk around and observe the Mei Lam Estate.

We walked though the pavement outside of the polling station's main entrance, and we noticed that our left and right hand sides were full of election campaign stuff, such as posters and flags. Judged from the contents of the campaign materials, we believed those stuff represented three candidates. Helpers of individual candidates were busy at holding banners and flags, distributing leaflets, and asking for support. We met a helper of candidate No.4 and had a conversation with him (**Pic. 1**). During the journey, we saw candidate No.2 Leung Wing Hung (**Pic. 2**). Having gone though a

garden which showed relatively less election activities, we arrived at Mei Lam Commercial Complex and collected some handouts distributed by the helpers of No.3 and No.5 candidates (**Pic. 3**), which showed contents of disparaging No.2 and No.4 candidates.

Two election tents were set up in front of the main entrance of Mei Lam Commercial Complex; they belonged to No.2 candidate's group. As we walked alongside the path from Mei Lam to Tai Wai town center, we saw that many helpers were doing election promotion and solicitation; most of them were middle-aged females. In addition, there were many banners around during our observation, but there was none about No.3 and No.5 candidates. When we reached a roadside, soon we found that this was the noisiest area with election activities. And there were many political stars like high ranking or senior party members and legislative councilors. We left Mei Lam Estate at about twelve o'clock.

During our journey to Tai Wai MTR station (**Pic. 4**), we saw one saloon and one truck of candidate No.2 (**Pic. 5**), campaigning in and out Tai Wai town center at least two times. We arrived at Tai Wai MTR station at about half past twelve and met a HKUPOP's staff. Afterward, we went to the other polling station - Buddhist Wong Wan Tin College, it is near the edge of Shing Mun River Channel, we met Dr. Cheung there. In contrast to Tung Wah Group of Hospitals Sin Chu Wan Primary School polling station, Buddhist Wong Wan Tin College polling station(**Pic. 7**), seemed lacking election activities and quiet. After a brief observation, we went back to Mei Lam Estate.

On the way back to Mei Lam, we saw that most shops had put up posters of the three main candidates which were No.1, No.2 and No.4. Later, when we reached the main road, we came across that the election activities in this area were most noisy. Then we turned right to the direction of Tung Wah Group of Hospitals Sin Chu Wan Primary School polling station. Finally we gathered at this polling station, because we thought it would be the best place for the observation.



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1. A helper of Candidate No 4 Yuen Kwai Choi of DAB, he said he is member of DAB and join DAB social welfare services, we had a conversation with him and he said DAB is good party
2. We saw Candidate No.2 Leung Wing Hung, he was very friendly and spoke out his slogan.
3. There were many banners of differences candidates around Mei Lam Estate.



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4. One election truck of Candidate No.2, Hong Kong pan-democracy camp members on that huge poster.
5. Candidate No.2 election car traveling around Tai Wai town center.
6. There were election campuses settled at the entrance of MTR station, which yesterday had none, they were owned by Candidate No. 2 and Candidate No. 4.
7. Tung Wah Group of Hospitals Sin Chu Wan Primary School polling station.

About half past two, a disorder moment happened outside this polling station when a tour bus arrived (**Pic. 8**) and dropped off passengers, the people especially Mei Lam Estate residents had intense reaction. They suspected some candidates had got elected by bribery, so we tried to find out the story. While we were researching, the tour buses came one by one, and total 9 buses at last. We found that Candidate No. 1 Lee York Fai helpers were involved in the tour buses services activities, including a black suit gentleman (**Pic. 9**) and some middle-age ladies with masks (**Pic. 10**), and we confirmed this information by the local people and our observation. Furthermore, only Candidate No. 1 had “permission” to meet those tour buses passengers, because Lee York Fai is one of the organizers of Mei Lam Estate residents welfare society and this society had organized this tour buses for journeys.

As the tour buses came, some people shouted “賄選”, and many bodies conflict and language conflict arise. We saw some Candidate No.1 helpers had gone into the polling station with elderly while some Mei Lam Estate residents recognized them weren’t have qualifications for election in Tai Wai Constituency. Some people ran after them to try to pull Candidate No.1 helpers out of the polling station, but stopped by policemen (**Pic. 11**). Policemen appeased people to clam down by saying “冷靜” and “選管會會處理”, but could not seem to success. Some people disagreed with the management to this matter of polices; they started to make catcalls to polices.

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8. The first tour bus arrive started disorder moments.

9. A leader of Candidate No. 1 Lee York Fai helpers with suit were involved in the tour buses services activities.

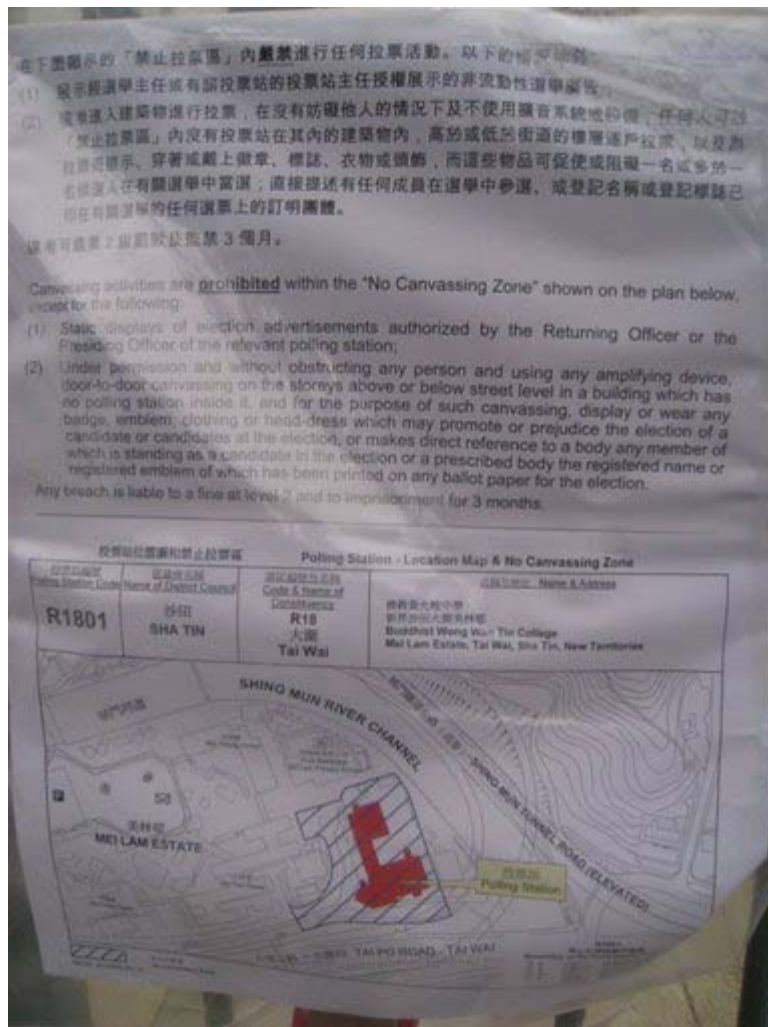
10. Helpers of Candidate No. 1, with masks clapping hands to welcome tour buses passengers.

11. Some Helpers of candidate No. 1 gone into the polling station, Mei Lam Estate residents ran after them and try to pull them but stopped by policemen and Civil Aid Service. Residents were unhappy and angry with this.

Later some young teenagers pulled a board near the polling station, the board was about anti-corruption of election, this started another bodies' conflict and language conflict between Candidate No.1 helpers and Mei Lam Estate residents. Furthermore, a middle-age gentleman

holding a banner of anti-corruption of election, he had showed to the passengers on the tour buses. We found out most Mei Lam Estate residents against Candidate No. 1 helpers were supporters of two major volunteers, Leung Wing Hung of The Democratic Party and Yuen Kwai Choi of DAB. Candidate No. 1 helpers tried to pull the board away, some people scolded Candidate No. 1 suited helpers and in reply he put his eating finger in front of his mouth.

We saw Candidate No. 3 and No. 5 near the polling station; they refused to have any comments and interviews. The Electoral Affairs Commission had increased the yellow areas- “non stay area”, and after all the tour buses had gone the conflicts cool down.



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12. A black suit gentleman of Candidate No. 1 campaign telling a policeman that he afraid someone use knife to hurt his back.
13. A Mei Lam Estate resident said the election was unfair, right hand side was helper of Candidate No. 1.
14. Some young teenagers pull a board near the polling station, the board was about anti-corruption of election.
15. Candidate No. 3 and No. 5 near the polling station, they refused to have any comments and interviews.
16. Some people scolded Candidate No. 1 suited gentleman and reply he put his eating finger in front of his mouth.
17. A middle-age gentleman holding anti-corruption of election banner and he showed to the passengers of the tour buses.

4. Main purpose of Field trip:

Please 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 leaflets, posters, banners etc.(V)
- To observe campaign activities, like forums, door-to-door visits, petitions, on-street broadcast, etc. (V)
- To take pictures, or collect campaign materials for scanning. (V)
- To interview electors and/ or other ordinary residents. (V)

- To interview candidates and/ or their campaign workers. (V)

- Other purposes (please specify) :

-To observe Tai Wai Constituency that conducted in an election atmosphere of election.

-To observe which political party could mobilize more political stars.

-To observe the matters happened which could affect electors' emotions.

-To observe election helpers how and what ways they did to help their election -campaign.

-To observe what campaign activities do Candidates No 3 and No 5 do in Election Day.

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

(1) The platform leaflets of candidate No.1 Lee York Fai

同鄉街坊商戶及僱工福利會 第二屆

1. 定最好

329 招健康秘訣

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美林街坊商戶及僱工福利會會綱 329 招健康秘訣

1. 健康問題 你我關心

成立全區醫療關注組，關注居民健康，為居民提供免費健康服務，包括：打蟲蟲針、心電圖檢驗、白內障驗眼、量度血糖（糖尿病風險檢測）、血壓量度、指甲檢查、中醫義診、撥毒埋瘡。

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2. 清潔環境責任
3. 子女學業和成長關注組
4. 生活興趣班
5. 康樂及康樂服務
6. 實踐大行動——種樹
7. 專責區內社團關注大聯盟
8. 善與事舉義關心
9. 萬世千平新和諧關係

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(2) The platform leaflets of candidate No.2 Leung Wing Hung

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為社區·為公義
請您再投

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梁永雄

3.29 請您記得去投票
支持梁永雄 ②

謝特選機會，懇請各位保此一良機投票，繼續支持我，讓一區為社區，為公義而投，讓梁永雄再次入會，讓梁永雄，更對得起社區。

承蒙各界熱心支持，一區得票，一區得票，梁永雄再次入會，三月廿九日一齊去投票，讓梁永雄再次入會，一區得票，一區得票。

投票站 (與梁永雄競選區劃定投票站地址)

1. 佛教黃允敬中學 (洪林/洪林)
2. 東華三院黃允敬小學 (洪林)


選情告急：
梁永雄人已出，請在梁永雄競選區劃定投票站地址，請各位熱心支持，一區得票，一區得票。


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 **民建聯**
 DAB
 大專、精英、實力、服務、誠信

3月29日
 請您投票支持
袁貴才
 Yuen Kwai Choi

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只會做得更好

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〈選舉管理委員會(選舉程序)(區議會)條例〉
 ELECTIONS AFFAIRS COMMISSION (ELECTORAL PROCEDURE)
 (ELECTORAL CODE/303) REGULATION

區議會總選
 選舉區總選
 大埔區總選

DISTRICT COUNCIL BY-ELECTION
 AND TIN DISTRICT COUNCIL
 TAI WAI CONSTITUENCY

選舉日期：二零零九年三月二十九日
 DATE OF BY-ELECTION：MARCH 29, 2009

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只可投選一位候選人
NOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE ONLY

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大圍(美林/美城)區候選人

民建聯 DAB ④ 袁貴才

投票日期：3月29日

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劉江華呼籲 請投④袁貴才

各位大圍區、美林邨、美城苑的老友記，大家好！本月29日是補選的投票日，我誠意向大家推薦**④袁貴才**。我認識才哥(袁貴才)接近20年，他是一個老實人，多年來盡心盡力服務社區，才哥長期紮根本區，全天候、全職、全心、全意為您服務，值得您們信任。

才哥如今選情告急，我懇請您們支持**④袁貴才**。選才哥一個公道！您的每一票都好重要！請您與家人及親友，投票支持**④袁貴才**，讓才哥可以重返議會，繼續為社區、為您們服務！

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支持民建聯，
投④袁貴才一票！



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立法會議員

我與袁貴才相識四十載，他一直真誠服務社區，值得信賴！



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立法會議員

袁貴才動力又細心，待人真誠、認真，長期植根社區，值得您投佢信任的一票！



陳克勤
立法會議員

袁貴才全身投入社區工作，全心全意服務街坊，值得您支持！



陳婉嫻
工聯會副會長

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(5) The platform leaflets of candidate No.5 Chan Wai Man



Political Star stand for the candidates (candidate No.4)



Tam Yiu Chung, Li Kwok Ying







Civil force



James Chan





Wong Wai Yin



Kwong Chun Yu



Cheng Ka Fu



Wong Sing Chi

The actual context of the Election Day was not much different from the pre-election observation; the main difference was candidate No.4 Yuen Kwai Choi of DAB appeared this day. Candidates No.3 and No.5 showed up, and they had helpers to give out leaflets which focused on disparaging and attacking candidates No.2 and No.4. Candidate No.2 Leung Wing Hung claimed that his competitor No.4 Yuen Kwai Choi defamed him during 2007 District Council election, which was dishonest and betrayed the trust of Tai Wai residents, he thus had lost the election. But we did not found any direct conflicts between them and their campaigns.

We saw almost the same amount of posters around Mei Lam Estate and the two main polling stations. And apart from Mei Lam Estate, we discovered that candidates No.2 and No.4 had some election activities around Tai Wai MTR station, for example, there were helpers distributing leaflets and helpers shouting for there candidates. We saw Andrew Cheng Kar Foo, member of the Legislative Council and member of the Democratic Party, solicited people to vote for candidate No.

2 Leung Wing Hung in Tai Wai Town Center.

Election activities of different kinds of campaign strategies came to close contact in the roadsides all through Mei Lam Commercial Complex and places next to Tung Wah Group of Hospitals Sin Chu Wan Primary School polling station. Election activities were not allowed near the polling stations, but many supporters of the respective candidates stayed as close as possible to the forbidden zone. Later, some coaches arrived and dropped off passengers mostly elderly and women outside the entrance of the polling station. After such observation and further research, we believed that most of them were residents of Mei Lam Estate. Furthermore, we noticed that those coaches which came back and forth were organised by candidate No.1 Lee York Fai. So, this should be a question of whether this could be part of the election promotion and budget.

Campaign teams of candidate No.4 were focus on the office of Legislative Councilor Lau Kong Wah. About four o'clock, lots of helpers and some DAB members came after candidate No.4 Yuen Kwai Choi. Some of helpers wore the ribbon of candidate No.1 and some shook the flags of candidate No.4. They were shouting their slogan and said "please cast a candidate No.4 vote." Thus, we saw many flags and posters in front of the office.

In addition, we found that candidate No.4 has 970 posters and six cutie paper molds. On the other hand, we found candidate No.2 has 778 posters that written "永不放棄，雄心實幹的民主黨梁永雄"





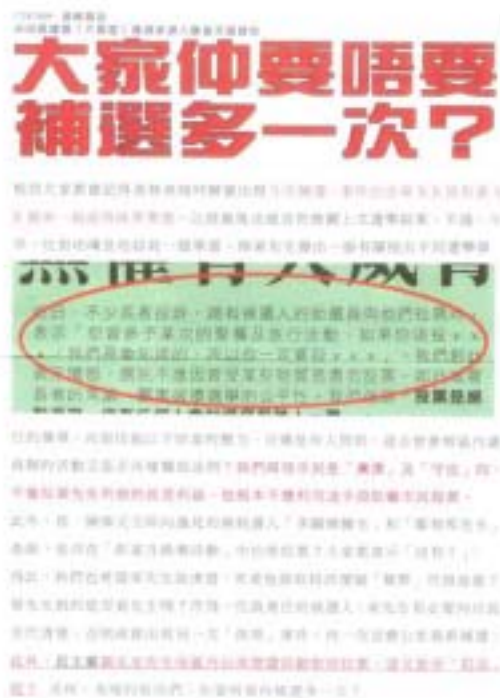
Description of the findings – could be in the form simple narrations, or in the form of questions and answers.

- **1. What did the Two “Invisible Candidates” Running this Election for?**

The question posed in the pre-election day report -- why were there very little campaign activities and advertisement materials from candidate No.5 Chan Wai Man and candidate No.3 Chau Chi Pong on the first day of our observation? Step by step, we soon realized something as we finally came across two posters (and merely two) about candidate No. 5 Chan Wai Man by mid-day.



And the candidate himself eventually turned up from mystery and stood right before us, with candidate No. 3 Chau Chi Pong standing intimately beside him. It appeared that they had no intention to show their identities - they were both wearing dark-tone clothing. They watched the drama and chaos in front of the Buddhist Wong Wan Tin College Polling Station with folded arms... Such scenario suddenly drew us to an attention that the reasons which motivated them to participate in this by-election might not be simply to win the election, but hindering other campaigners from winning it.



Chan and Chau: The Suspicious Two---

(Upper) Leaflet from Candidate No. 5 Chan Wai Man;

(Lower) Leaflet from Candidate No. 3 Chau Chi Pong, remarkably similar.

Actually, we heard that the two did this all for candidate No.1 Lee York Fai. After receiving their leaflets, we further firmed up this belief on the ground of sentences like “民主黨張文光先生向區內出席旅遊活動街坊拉票，這又是否犯法呢？”，“我們也希望梁先生說清楚，究竟他接收投訴懷疑舞弊所指誰？”，“梁先生有必要向市民交代清楚，否則或會出現另一次抹黑事件，再一次浪費公帑重新補選” (Chan’s leaflet); “有街坊親眼目睹袁 XX 配帶著肩帶在某旅遊車前拉票，此外又有街坊看到民主派張 XX 同業配帶著梁 XX 的選舉肩帶在另一活動中進行拉票。重覆了袁 XX 的行為。這就是否有人所指的舞弊行為嗎？” (Chau’s leaflet). Clearly, the two were sharing the same platform and were aiming their arrows at other candidates--- except candidate No.1 Lee York Fai.

The Buddhist Wong Wan Tin College Polling Station Turmoil



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1. Tourist bus believed to be provided by Candidate No. 1 Lee York Fai came one after one within 2:00-4:00p.m, mainly elderly and small kids on the bus.
2. A suspicious man in brown suit (believed to be a helper of Candidate No. 1 Lee York Fai) helped passengers safely off the bus.
3. Folk of Mei Lam packed the road whenever there was tourist bus arrived, shouted out slogans like “食飽就返屋企啦！”、“改選！改選！”、“公平公正！”；yet there were also voices from the opposite camp like “改選有罪！改選可恥”、“這樣圍人公平嗎？”.
4. To deter further tourist bus from coming, police eventually broaden the drop-off zone at 4:30p.m and brought the turmoil to an end.

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The left hand side is candidate No.5 and the right hand side is candidate No.3

- **2. Another Trick of Candidate No. 1 Lee York Fai?**

Owing to the scope of by-election, the candidates and helpers focused on battling propaganda and campaign at Mei Lam Estate near Buddhist Wong Wan Tin College. However, at 5:40 pm, a girl who looked about fourteen years old was hit by a white car on Tai Po Road (Tai Wai section) Eastbound. We saw a group of people standing around the zebra crossing. Candidates No.1 Lee York Fai and No.2 Leung Wing Hung were also present there.



Candidate No.1 Lee York Fai immediately gave the girl a first aid treatment. I heard someone said to candidate No.2 Leung Wing Hung “that is not your turn, the girl is not dead.” At the same time, a helper of candidate No.1 Lee York Fai shook hands with residents. We saw that some people took photos and videos for the accident. Somebody even shouted: “it is so lucky for the girl because

there is a doctor around.” Finally, the girl was sent to the hospital by ambulance. That helper shouted loudly: “Dr. Lee is great; it is good for Tai Wai residents.” After this entire episode, Lee York Fai went back to the estate and smiled to the residents.



The driver.





Then, the reporters of Oriental Daily and AM730 interviewed candidate No.1 Lee York Fai. We stood near the reporters to hear how Lee York Fai replies questions. While Lee York Fai was interviewed by the reporters, one of his helpers shouted: “We are doing neither a drama nor show. Dr. Lee gives up shouting slogans and saves people’s life immediately.” The same helper also said “if the car screen was broken like this for an accident without instant death, we would be really lucky to be able to invite an acrobat to play it.” Meanwhile, some helpers of candidate No.1 used a TV screen and repeatedly showed the process of the first aid for the girl. One reporter asked Lee York Fai why some helpers brought the residents for a one-day trip on Sunday morning and then drove them up to the polling station in the afternoon. Lee York Fai answered that “those helpers who have not distributed any leaflets and they did not use my name for the tour. If they did not use my name under this by-election, I would not care their work.”



6. Conclusions drawn from your observations.

Behaviors of voters

There were nine travel buses to bring the Tai Wai residents to the Polling Station. We saw those were a lot of elderly. The voters have just gone to travel On Sunday morning. We asked one of the families and she told us they have travelled one-day visit but she did not want to reveal whose candidate appeared to the eating and travelling function.

According to the interview around the polling station, one of the residents told us that No.2 does the community work for many years. Meanwhile, she thought candidates No.3 and No.5 who claimed that they were an independent candidate but she has heard No.5 is the party of DAB. Finally, she said she cast a vote for candidate No.2 and hoped he could win the by-election.

Behaviors of candidates

All candidates were standing near the Polling Station of the Buddhist Wong Wan Tin College. For example, both candidates No.3 and No.5 were standing outside the polling station. They kept silent of any campaign work. However, we saw they were talking and laughing. It is doubtful that are they friend. On the other hand, it's an election full of scandalous stories; embezzlement and stab in the back were the main theme all through the pre-election. There were many events to happen in there. First of all is a councilor Cheung Man Kwong who related to indecorum case. Then Tai Wai Constituency has doubtful election bribery. After that, a girl was crashed by a white car. Some people thought it might a drama for candidate No.1 to get more vote. It was definitely a fierce by-election. The scale was extraordinary when compare with other by-elections in both aspects of employment of political stars and campaign advertisements, Candidate No.1 Lee York Fai even excess his election budge at the attempt of winning the election at all cost.

Behaviors of campaign team and volunteers

The Buddhist Wong Wan Tin College Polling Station Turmoil was also in large scale. Every time when there was travel bus arrived, it stirred up the emotion of the entire crowd, people who came off the bus were hooted and jeered, a great deal of police forces was used to uphold the order of the polling station.

The campaign teams were scatter to different groups and shouted at "election bribery". They stirred up the people's emotion. Many people stood around the Polling Station.

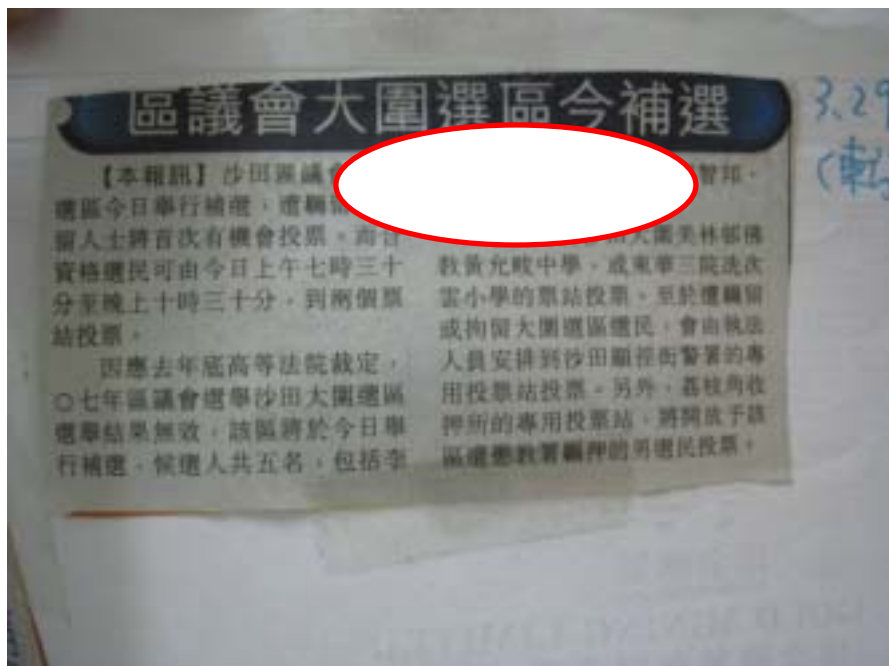
New questions generated from your observations or findings.

- The identities of many people were left unanswered. Say which camp did the crowd shouting “ 改選！改選！ ” and “ 改選有罪！改選可恥！ ” respectively came from? The half-bald

man in blue-shirt below has appeared twice trying hard to make cardboards with “美行樓主席馬行健呼籲”、“公平公正，廉潔選舉” written on exhibited. Which candidate did “美行樓主席馬行健” actually stand for?



- Even the identities of some candidates were still in doubt. From the official Candidates Profile as well as our own observation, Candidate No. 5 Chan Wai Man was not from D.B.A.; Candidate No. 3 Chau Chi Pong was not from the Democrat party. They were actually sharing the same platform.





Did these long-established media mess the identities of Chan and Chau up?

Open questions rose for discussion among team members.

- Where could we find the accurate information when political bonds listed in the official candidates' profile were largely different from related news reports?
- Why did Tai Wai Constituency appear some scandal such as election bribery?