

# HKUPOP Student Research Project

## Project DC09 Sha Tin District Council Tai Wai Constituency

### 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 [edward.tai@hkupop.hku.hk](mailto:edward.tai@hkupop.hku.hk) or [edward.tai.2000@gmail.com](mailto:edward.tai.2000@gmail.com) within 24 hours.

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

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2. Details of Field trip:

**Date and Time of visit: At 17:00 - 20:00 on 28 March 2009, Saturday**

**Venue: Tai Wai Constituency**

**Location: Mei Lam Estate**

3. Brief descriptions or narrations of the visit.

Our group performed a three-hour onsite observation before the Election Day. Before arriving the polling station, we saw different campaign teams on the streets and within the estate canvassing for votes. In fact, the polling station is located far away from the KCR station. Therefore, during our visit, there is nobody staying and canvassing. We collected many handleaflets. We took the photos of the posters, banners and leaflets of all candidates in the electoral district. We paid much attention on the effort of those people who worked for the candidates and the responses of the pedestrians.

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:

- **(V) 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 candidates and/ or other ordinary residents.**
- To interview candidates and/ or their campaign workers.
- Other purposes (please specify) : \_\_\_\_\_

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

There were many posters, banners, flags and leaflets which were stuck on the walls of the streets and shops. Actually, we could only see that there are three candidates accompany their supporters. They were Candidate No. 1, 2 and 4.

Most of them were belonged to the Candidate No. 1 who is a doctor. They stayed and canvassed the district for votes under the bridge in front of the entrance of the estate. He wanted to improve the living environment and managerial standard of the residents and promoted a healthy and happy life. Also, they gave the books and environmentally-friendly bags to the residents as presents. The content of the books were about the symptoms of the diseases in order to ask people to pay more attention to the diseases.





These were the activities held and posters and banners posted by the Candidates No.1 and his supporters.

While another candidate, Candidate No. 2, published different kinds of posters, banners and flags to promote him. He was a community worker. He aimed at improving the environment of the community. He belonged to the Democratic Party. He has been the candidate again and again and has won in some of the former elections.





These are the posters and banners published for the Candidate No. 2.

Actually, the Candidate No. 4 was the winner of the last election. He is a community worker, too. He belonged to the Democratic Alliance for the Betterment and Progress of Hong

Kong. The people who helped him to canvass the district for votes one week ago.



These are the posters and banners published for the Candidate No. 4.

The banner and the posters are belonged to the Candidate No. 5, we interviewed him and he gave us his cards. He was the member of the Tin Shui Wai North Association. He asked us to visit his blog for the reason that he took part in this election. He thought there was not enough infrastructure for the elderly. Also, the social problems were not solved which have been lasted for many years. Thus, he hoped that there was a capable leader to improve the living standard for those people who need helps.



These are the posters and banners published for the Candidate No. 5.

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

We noticed that the Candidate No.1 did not belong to any party, however, he has so much resources and money to promote him and ask so many people to help him to canvass voters for him.

Indeed, we were looking for the Candidate No. 3 throughout the day, but we were not successful.

And we find that the atmosphere of the the pre-electionday is nervous,especially for Candidate No.1's supporters.When we just took photos faraway,they shouted and stop us .

6. Conclusions drawn from your observations.

There were so many people discontented that Candidate No.1 provided many kinds of benefits to the citizens one month ago. For example, he provided free medical care for all classes of citizens of that district, \$20 one-day trip for the elderly and \$20 for a meal for those who live in that district.

Therefore, other candidates distributed many leaflets to reveal the truth to the public about such behaviors of the Candidates No.1.

New questions generated from your observations or findings.

- Why the Candidate No. 1 has so much resources and money to canvass right up to election day? Is that really he did not belong to any party?
- Where is Candidate No. 3 and No.5?
- Why Candidate No.5 didn't notice the number on the poster ?

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[More photos :](http://picasaweb.google.com.hk/chloe1022/28309DAIWAIPreELECTIONDAY01#)

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