

HKUPOP Student Research Project
Project DC13 Sha Tin District Tin Sum Constituency

Fieldwork Report Form

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1. Name of student(s):

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2. Details of Field trip:

Date and Time of visit: At 11:00-13:30 on 9 March, 2013

Venue: Tin Sum Constituency

Location: Tai Wai

3. Brief descriptions or narrations of the visit.

The election of Tin Sum Constituency was because of the Pre-District Councilors Mr. Lau Kong-wah served as the Deputy Secretary for Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau, which cause a vacant seat. We were going to check if people in they constituency understand the election information (e.g. how many candidates in the election, which political parties the candidates comes from) or not. Also, we want to know if there is enough instruction of the election (e.g. signs, counters) to show voter where the can vote or not.

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.
- ☒ To observe campaign activities, like forums, door-to-door visits, petitions, on-street broadcast, etc.
- ☒ To take pictures, or collect campaign materials for scanning.
- ☐ To interview electors 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.

Candidate 1 (Lam Hong-ching)

Posters: 1 (Tin Sum village)

Flats: 6 (Road between Tin Sum village& Lung Hang Estate)

Counters: 2(Road between Tin Sum village& Lung Hang Estate)

Candidate 2 (PunKowk-shan)

Posters: 6 (Tin Sum village)

Flats: 30 (Road between Tin Sum village& Lung Hang Estate)

Counters: 2(Road between Tin Sum village& Lung Hang Estate)

Candidate 3 (Ting Tsz-yuen)

Posters: 1(Tin Sum village)

Flats: 8(Tin Sum village: to be demolished after complaints)

Counters: 1

Candidate 4 (So Pui-lam)

Posters: 4 (Tin Sum village)

Flats: 0

Counters: 0

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

Mr. Fok (who lives in Tin Sum village) said that campaign workers always distribute publicity leaflets in the bus stop between Tin Sum village& Lung Hang Estate, and he thought that the election center is too far from the place he lives.

Mr. Leung (a campaign worker of candidate 2) said that the flat which put in the edge of the road have received complain and he thought it was complained by candidate 2's rival. Also, their electioneering team would be walked around the estate at least three times a week.

6. Conclusions drawn from your observations.

In conclude of our observations, we found that there are not enough signs for directing people to go to the election center, but at the same time, most of people who lives in Tin Sum Constituency are older people, many of them have election experience so that many of them know where the election center is, it is not a big problem for the election.

New questions generated from your observations or findings.

There should be more direction signs to people who lives in Tin Sum Constituency, so that there will be more user-friendly to the voter.

Open questions raised for discussion.

Although most of people who lives in Tin Sum Constituency are elderly, they know where the voting center is, how about the new comer of the village or the estate?

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1. Name of student(s): _____ Jimmy Ngai Ho Nam, Hui Wing Sho

2. Details of Field trip:

Date and Time of visit: At 14:00-18:00 on 10/03/2012

Venue: Tin Sum Constituency

Location: _____ Tai Wai

3. Brief descriptions or narrations of the visit.

It was the second time to visit the election constituency. The main purpose of the this second field trip was tried to compare the difference between the pre-election and pro-election, included the election's promotion of each candidate, the campaign activities etc. In this field trip, we also interviews different roles who involved into this election campaign, such as the candidates, the voters and some members of the electioneering team which tried to collect different voice and opinion through this election and discovered the characteristic and specialties of by-election.

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

In Tin Sum by-election, it concluded two regions, Tim Sun Village and Lung Hang Estate, we discovered that most of the posters and promotional activates were not appeared in these two regions, based on both places are public area which allow the candidate promote themselves. Therefore, most of the posters were set the traffic road between Tim Sun Village and Lung Hang Estate. For people attended the forum during different period, based on 10 of March is Sunday, most of the people attended the forum on the morning before they went out and midnight when they backed home.

Description of the findings – could be in the form simple narrations, or in the form of

questions and answers.

Through the second visiting of Tim Sun Constituency, we discovered there are some special features in this election. The promotion of Candidate 2 is quite unusual compared with others, he invited a celebrity (許紹雄) to his election's promotion, and this phenomenon was seldom appearing in other elections. Also, Candidate 2 was also tried to use electronic method for his promotion, he took several videos conclude the voters' personal feeling about his contribution to Tim Sun and Lung Hung which attracted different voter's attention successfully.

We also interviewed some members of the electioneering team, we found out that most of us were volunteers and elders. We would discovered some conflict was established between different candidates, one of the electioneering team member from Candidate 3, he admitted that there promotion banners were reported by other Candidates. he complained that it was not faith at all.

6. Conclusions drawn from your observations.

In this observational visiting, we had been discovered that there were some new promotional method used in the election for trying to attract more voter's attention and get more vote in the election either used some traditional means to promote themselves, like banner, leaflet etc. Based on there were getting more younger voters in Hong Kong's election.

Moreover, we found out that there were some unfair situation happened in the election. According to the interview with the member of electioneering team, there are some conflict and unfairness between different candidates.

New questions generated from your observations or findings.

We wonder that are there any more creative method used in the political aspect, like election campaign?

Open questions raised for discussion.

Are there any policies or laws would eliminate or resolve the unfair situation in the political election?