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Proforma for project submissions:

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People's Referendum in Hong Kong

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Units Involved

The proposing units for the projects are the Social Sciences Research Centre and the R.C. Lee Hall. If the project receives enough fundings for the start, a large team of staff researchers and student organisers will be set up to plan and develop the project.

Staff involved

Chief organiser: Robert T.Y. Chung (Research Officer of SSRC; Warden of R.C. Lee Hall) If supported by the Committee, the programme can be incorporated into the students' orientation programme 1992 - both for the halls and the Faculty of Social Sciences.

Project Costs: please indicate where possible division of start up and recurrent costs.

staff:	\$200,000	consumables:	\$20,000
publicity:	\$200,000	equipment:	nil (covered by existing provisions)

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general expenses: \$10,000 travel: (covered under general expenses)

premises: \$10,000 other: \$10,000

Year 1Year 2etc.Total:\$450,000(same amount, plus inflation, if continued)

Duration of Project:

May 1992 to October 1992, including data analysis and report compilation

Sources of Finance Envisaged:

\$50,000 being applied from the Hong Kong Civic Education Committee \$50,000 to be applied from various District Boards \$100,000 hopefully from the University of Hong Kong The rest from private sponsors

Target for Fundraising:

\$350,000

Other Comments:

The project will be announced to the public in the middle of May 1992, irrespective of how much funding received. If there be a shortage of funds, the project will be trimmed down to its affordable scale. The Xinhua (New China) News Agency Hong Kong Branch has also been informed of the project. They were also requested to sponsor the project. Reply yet to come.

Signed:

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Proposers:

Robert T.Y. Chung (Research Officer of Social Sciences Research Centre and Warden designate of R.C. Lee Hall)

Dean of Faculty:

Head of School/Centre/Units

Dr John Bacon-Shone Director of Social Sciences Research Centre

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倡議

香港民間全民投票計劃

前言

全 民 投 票 是 一 種 廣 泛 表 達 民 意 的 工 具 , 在 進 步 的 民 主 社會中已變成在議會政治和直接選舉以外一種不可缺少的 機制。據海外學者分析,全民投票的次數已隨著社會的民 主化而變得越來越頻密。

香 港 現 正 處 於 民 主 發 展 歷 程 的 初 階 , 但 鑑 於 過 渡 期 短 暫 , 香 港 實 在 需 要 加 快 摸 索 一 個 合 乎 未 來 社 會 發 展 的 獨 有 模式,而民間全民投票既提供一個試點,讓中、英、港各 方人仕研究日後的發展,亦製造一次可以推廣本地公民教

社會科學研究中心的角色

港大社研中心自一年前成立民意研究計劃以後,已成 功引進一系列的民意工具,包括選舉前後民意調查及票站 調 査 等 。 此 外 , 亦 曾 經 聯 合 部 份 中 學 主 辦 模 擬 投 票 , 模 擬 票站調查等公民教育活動,現再引進全民投票,目的如下:

〈一〉進一步提高市民對各種民主工具的認識; $\langle \equiv \rangle$ 用更嚴謹的方法全面地反映市民對重大事情的

- 意見;
- < 三 > 提供機會讓政界人仕討論各項政策;

〈四〉提供學術界研究政治文化的機會;

除聯合各界策動民間全民投票外,社研中心更會在投 票 日 前 後 舉 辦 民 意 調 **査** , 及 在 當 日 **進** 行 票 站 調 査 , 收 集 研 究資科。

民間全民投票	計畫	小大 絅
對象	*	
日期	:	1992年9月20日 (星期日)
		全日進行
投票人數	:	估計 50 萬以上
票站數目	:	視乎各界支持程度,估計可達五百個以
		上,分佈在鐵路沿線,交通要點及各社
		團學校等。
協辦機構	:	希望包括:公民教育委員會、各區議會
		、各公共交通機構、學校、社團、傳媒
		機構、及全港性商業集團(如超級市場
		、油站、食店等)
議題 (暫定)	:	「基本法可在 1997 年前酌情修改」

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投票將以一人一票形式進行,投票人仕須出示有效身份證明文件,證明是18歲以上本港居民,而選票上除「正」「反」空格外,投票人仕須註明年龄、性別、及是否登記選民,以供統計。

此項投票預期每年舉行一次, 日期在九月中旬, 一則 方便教育界人仕在暑假後舉辦活動呼應, 二則提供數據給 政府在十月份作施政報告使用。

至於議題方面,則希望成立由獨立人仕組成的遴選委員會,收集及選出最合適的議題給市民投票。該等議題不 應包括本港社會以外的問題,而不設實際、純屬政治取向 的議題亦不應在考慮之列。 **預算開支** annen anten alla de las e e e a ante a a a a a transmission of the designed strength 1. 薪金 \$ 200,000 (包括研究人員、工作人員、點票員等) 宣傳單張、海報、橫額、貼紙等 2. \$ 200,000 3. 其他物料 \$ 20,000 (選票、票箱、文具等) 場地租用 4. \$ 10,000 (記者招待會、匯佈會、及各項會議) 5. 雜項 \$ 10,000 (交通、郵遞、報告製作等) 6. 應急儲備 \$ 10,000 合計

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實際開支將視乎各社團可提供的義工人數、及各界人 力物力的支持。若入不敷支,則票站規模及宣傳工作將相 應縮減;若綽有餘裕,則盈餘將撥入下年度全民投票使用 。本人現向公民教育委員會申請撥款五萬元,作為部份經 費,其餘經費由社研中心自行籌募。

結語

本計劃的目的純為推廣本地公民意識及引進一種特殊 的民意表達工具,至於應否參加「傑出公民教育活動獎勵 計劃」,則交由公民教育委員會決定。



鍾庭耀(香港大學社會科學研究中心研究員) 計劃總負責人

一九九二年三月二十六日

《附錄》 香港大學社會科學研究中心 民意研究計劃 活動記錄

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(至1992年3月止)

項目	日期	合作機構	内容
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POP/911	7-12/7/91	明報,南華早報	立法局直選電話民意調査
POP/912	12-14/8/91	亞洲電視	立法局直選電話民意調査
POP/913	15-20/8/91	明報,南華早報	立法局直選電話民意調査
POP/914	1-6/9/91	明報,南華早報	立法局直選電話民意調査
POP/915	11-13/9/91	亞洲電視	立法局直選電話民意調査
POP/916	15/9/91	亞洲電視	立法局直選票站調査
POP/917	25-26/9/91	亞洲電視	港同盟聲望電話民意調査
POP/918	3-4/12/91	南華早報	, 立法局新界西補選電話民意調査
POP/919	8/12/91	元朗基元中學	立法局新界西補選票站調查,校內模 擬投票,模擬票站調查等
POP/9110	20-25/12/91	(無)	立法局新界西補選後電話民意調查
POP/921	12-15/1/92	沙田區議會	醫療衛生服務電話民意調査
POP/922	15/1/92	(無)	沙田源禾區議會補選電話民意調査
POP/923	19/1/92		沙田源禾區議會補選票站調査
POP/924	29/1/92	(無)	沙田源禾區議會補選後電話民意調査
POP/925	25-31/3/92		康復政策電話民意調査

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