

Candidate's AIDS²⁵ VOW helps cure voter blues

A CANDIDATE in the Legislative Council race found a unique cure for election boredom yesterday when he promised, if elected, to focus on the control of AIDS.

Mr Albert Cheung, one of six Legislative Council candidates in the Island West electoral college, brought the subject of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome into the discussion at a candidates' forum in a Causeway Bay secondary school yesterday.

Mr Cheung, a bio-chemist, said he would urge the government to closely monitor the situation and take stringent measures to control the spread of the often-fatal disorder in Hongkong.

Mr Cheung, an elected member of the district board in Wanchai, an area known for its vice-establishments, said he would contribute his expertise to advise the legislature if he was elected.

Apart from this unique plank in his platform, Mr Cheung said he would also place emphasis on environmental pollution and traffic problems.

Like all five other candidates, he stressed the establishment of a good link between the district board and Legco.

The other five candidates at the forum were Mrs Peggy Lam, Mr Desmond Lee, Mr Kwan Lim-ho, Mr Lee Kwong-lam and Mr Chum Ting-pong.

Mrs Peggy Lam's determination to win was shown yesterday when she vowed to give up part of her work in

the Family Planning Association if she was elected.

"I would like to let my colleagues take up my role," said Mrs Lam who said she understood clearly the heavy workload she might have if she joined the legislature.

Mr Desmond Lee, a course structurer, said he would continue fighting for the abolishment of the assessment test for Form-3 students.

He also suggested the government increase the subsidies given to district boards every year.

"District board members can do more things if they are allowed to spend more," he said.

Mr Kwan Lim-ho, a lawyer, said he would strive for the introduction of direct elections by the end of this decade.

He said it was equally important to maintain the independence of judiciary in Hongkong in the future.

Mr Lee Kwong-lam, a businessman, stressed the importance of maintaining Hongkong's financial status in the future.

He said if he was elected he would urge the government to promote trade development between Hongkong and China.

Mr Chum Ting-pong was confident of his political knowledge and experience.

He said he had gained much experience during his years with district boards.

Both he and Mrs Lam said they would concern themselves with the development of the Basic Law, though the issue might not be discussed in Legco in future.