

Advisers file election nominations

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At least five of the newly appointed district affairs advisers yesterday spent a busy day submitting their nominations for the municipal council elections and attending an official ceremony on their appointments by Beijing.

The five Beijing appointees are the pro-Beijing Democratic Alliance for the Betterment of Hong Kong (DAB) members, Ng Siu-wah, Kwok bit-chun and Pang Cheung-wai, a member of the Association for Democracy and People's Livelihood, Wong Chung-ki, and the non-aligned Wan Yuet-cheung.

Wan is a core member of the New Territories General Chamber of Commerce and the three DAB candidates were all winners in last September's district board polls.

Wong, the chairman of Sham Shui Po District Board, is one of only two pro-democracy activists appointed to the second group of advisers.

Another pro-democracy member, Chan Tak-wai, is also a member of the Hong Kong Democratic Foundation and the Eastern District Board.

Another appointee, Chan Yuk-cheung, is tipped as a likely contestant in Central and Western constituency.

The veteran urban councillor Elsie Tu, a Hong Kong affairs adviser, will confront the Democratic Party whip,