

23pc give thumbs down to Sir Ti Liang

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About one in five people would be unhappy if Chief Justice Sir Ti Liang Yang became chief executive, according to a University of Hong Kong poll.

About 19 per cent say they do not want to see shipping tycoon Tung Chee-hwa in the post, compared with Sir Ti Liang's 23 per cent.

Only five per cent say they would not like to see Chief Secretary Anson Chan Fang On-sang leading the post-1997 government, and an overwhelming 93 per cent say they would not mind if she took the post.

Also on the list are vice-chairman of the Preparatory Committee, Leung Chun-ying, committee member Lo Tak-shing, Democrat Martin Lee Chu-ming and tycoon Li Ka-shing.

The 524 respondents were asked to

say whether they would be upset if certain candidates became chief executive.

Mr Lo is the most "unwanted" figure, with almost half of the people saying they would not like to see him in the job.

The survey, conducted by the university's Social Sciences Research Centre in late August, also found 36 per cent of people think the future government should be led by a politician.

Only six per cent say the chief executive should be a businessman.

Researcher Robert Chung Ting-yiu said about 24 per cent of respondents believed a business background would dampen their support for a candidate. Only 13 per cent said it would have the opposite effect.

Mrs Chan remained the most well-known figure, but Sir Ti Liang had a recognition rate of 60 per cent and Mr Tung 48 per cent.