

BATTLE FOR TSUEN WAN

The Personalities

All in the 'family'

Contest pits three elected district board members against each other

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THE Regional Council election in the Tsuen Wan constituency can be called the most "family-like" contest in the territory-wide Urban Council and Regco elections on March 6. Three elected district board "brothers" — Mr Cheung Chung-yun, Mr David Yeung Fuk-kwong and Mr Albert Chan Wai-yip

— will challenge each other to see who will move a step up the political ladder.

It may be true to say that in view of this characteristic in the constituency, three potential Regco members are expected to win similar support from voters.

This is because they all share the same popularity among locals and have the same experience in community

be the key to success.

Candidates have placed strong emphasis on listing their "achievements" in fighting for better welfare of local residents in Tsuen Wan.

Details of when, where and for whom their work has been done are revealed in their platforms. Those who "have not been working hard enough" since March last year may suffer a setback when performance comparisons are made from election pamphlets passed out by the candidates.

These achievements range from voicing opposition on certain controversial issues, such as the Green Paper on Subsidies for Public Housing Tenants and the Electronic Road-Pricing System, to urging the government to improve public toilet facilities in the district.

Among the three Regco hopefuls, Mr Chan, who is an outspoken member of

the district board, has been regarded as a heavyweight.

He says that the strategic areas in the fight will be two public housing estates, Shek Lei and Shek Wai Kok, which account for more than one-third of the registered voters in the district.

Mr Chan notes that he has tried to launch a comprehensive election campaign throughout the district, including his base in the west.

Another candidate, Mr Yeung, says he tries to rally support from public and private housing residents from his own constituency in the central, northern part of the district.

The third candidate, Mr Cheung, seems to be the most experienced community worker among the three and points out that he has been involved in local affairs for more than 20 years.

Being a primary school headmaster and the head of a Christian church, he is expected to be backed by local education professionals and religious leaders.

MR CHEUNG CHUNG-YAN



AGED 47, married with two children. Post-graduate in Education and International Law and a primary school headmaster. Elected DB member, Member of Provisional Regional Council.

MR YEUNG FUK-KWONG



AGED 33, married with two children. Post-graduate certificate in law and a lawyer. Elected DB member.

MR CHAN WAI-YIP



AGED 31, married with one daughter. Master in Social Work and a social worker. Elected DB member.

The Issues

Pollution needs to be stamped out

• **MR ALBERT Chan Wai-yip:** Fighting air, noise and water pollution in Tsuen Wan is a major priority for Mr Chan.

He says that air and noise pollution in the district have been classified as "serious", this is especially true in the western part of the district, where there is an industrial area, and in areas near Tai Ho Road and Yeung Uk Road.

Air pollution results from the emissions from factory chimneys and water pollution in the nearby harbour is the result of improperly-disposed waste from the factories.

"Such nuisances affect the lives of people living in nearby residential estates, such as Allway Garden, Tsuen Wan Centre and Bo Shek Dai Ha," Mr Chan said.

He hopes the government will speed up the revision of pollution control legislation, as he says the effectiveness of existing laws is limited.

"At present, we prohibit pollution from passing certain levels, but the fact is that the government departments do not have enough manpower to monitor the situation," he says.

Because different types of pollution fall under the administration of different government departments, he suggests the Environmental Protection Agency become the central body for the supervision of problems of such a nature throughout the territory.

Mr Chan wants beaches in the constituency to be improved so as to facilitate the development of a seashore park, which is scheduled in three years' time.

• **Mr David Yeung Fuk-kwong:** There

is an urgent need to establish swimming pools and library facilities for the locals, Mr Yeung says.

He points out that there is virtually no public library or study room in Tsuen Wan.

Mr Yeung says he will try to monitor the government's plan to complete recreational facilities in the district within the next three years.

Concerning the environmental pollution created by factories in the industrial area, Mr Yeung points out that more firm policies should be implemented by the Government.

"There is room for negotiations between industrialists and the local community to stamp out environmental nuisances," Mr Yeung says.

• **Mr Cheung Chung-yun:** His major concern in the district is to improve the living conditions of residents living in old blocks along Chung On Street.

Mr Cheung points out that some of the blocks are pre-war buildings and hygiene in these blocks is extremely poor.

He says that since the government has no plans to redevelop the area, residents should be allowed to rebuild their old homes with bricks so that conditions can be improved.

Meanwhile, in view of the lack of library facilities in the district, Mr Cheung believes that one library should be set up for Shek Wai Kok Estate and Cheung Shan Estate residents, while another should be established for Tsuen Wai Garden residents.