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Once more into fray for tireless candidate

MR Cheng Mui-tin seems to never tire of elections. Since 1982, he has stood for all Yuen Long District Board and Regional Council elections, though with more failure than success.

He succeeded in the first Yuen Long District Board election in 1982 and failed in all others.

Despite such a bad record and limited support, he is standing for this year's Regional Council election.

"I simply want to support regional administration and contribute to local communities," Mr Cheng said.

"Nobody can be sure of a victory, but I hope I can do better than in the last Regional Council election."

Ranked fifth among six candidates, he got 1,907 supporting votes among 17,513 votes cast.

Mr Cheng has been living in Yuen Long for decades and manages a restaurant. He is 52 years old.

Mr Cheng said his support was not comparable with the other candidates.



■ Mr Cheng Mui-tin ... hopeful.

Mr Ngan Kam-chuen and Mr Chung Kwai-ping.

As he claims himself a neutral candidate, most of his support comes from kaifongs.

Mr Cheng is married with three sons, two daughters and five grandchildren.

"Most of the campaign activities are done by myself and my family," said Mr Cheng.

Urbco gets Chow vote

LIBERAL Urban Councilor Mr Chow Wai-keung describes himself as a supporter of direct polls to Legislative Council in 1991, though he's not interested in being a Legco candidate.

Mr Chow has no challengers in the Central and Western constituency in next month's Urban Council election.

For his next term, he has made community welfare his top priority.

He is already looking to the next Urbco race in 1991.

"But the Legco polls that year would be too much a challenge for me," Mr Chow said.

He said the liberals had already lined up several candidates to contest the Legco election in 1991.

Mr Chow is a member of the Hongkong Affairs Society, which helps form the coalition of liberal groups, the Joint Committee on the Promotion of Democratic Government.

Bank chief keen to lend expertise

WHETHER he wins or loses in the coming election, Mr Ngan Kam-chuen has vowed to serve Yuen Long with his financial expertise.

Mr Ngan has been working at the Yuen Long sub-branch of the China-capital Kwangtung Provincial Bank for 24 years. He is now the bank's manager.

"I know the financial needs of local farmers and fishermen," Mr Ngan said.

He added that more should be done to develop the district's "rural hinterland".

Mr Ngan failed to gain election to Yuen Long District Board in 1985.

But he has an edge over other candidates in next month's race.

He has the support of several rural committees, kaifong associations and trade unions.

Mr Ngan refuses to say

whether he will be available for the Legco elections in 1991.

He does not see next month's election as a confrontation between the liberal camp and left-wing political forces.

"We all work for the interest of Hongkong people," he said.

Snooker and table tennis are his favourite sports, keeping him fit to cope with his workload.