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73-year-old wins seat in by-election

A 73-YEAR-old businessman, Mr Fung Pak-tai, has won a seat to the Regional Council after a by-election held on Thursday night.

The newly elected member of the Council's Island District Constituency polled 3,638 votes. Of the other three runners, Mr Liu Kwong-sang scored 1,027, while Mr Fung Chi-kang gained 621 and Mr David Kam Shui-yung 57.

The by-election, the first since the Council's inauguration in 1986, attracted 5,375 voters to cast their vote in the district's 18 polling stations.

This represented a 24.7 per cent turn-out rate of the 21,764 registered electors.

A Government spokesman said the average attendance rate was 15 per cent for a by-election.