

46 nominate for council polls

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THE two-week nomination period for the 27 seats on offer in the May 5 Urban and Regional Councils elections ends today.

So far 46 people have come forward and 13 constituencies have only attracted one nominee each.

A total of 53 hopefuls joined the previous polls in 1989, which registered a record low voter turnout of 17.6 per cent.

Among the latest nominees were school principal Mr Joseph Chan Yuek-sut, who was earlier defeated in the district board election.

Mr Chan, a would-be candidate for the Legislative Council direct polls later in the year, had considered quitting politics after losing by a wide margin in the elections to the Southern District Board.

He is being challenged by a kindergarten headmistress, Miss Harlanna Yeung Chui-chun, in the polls.

The most competitive

battle is looming in Yau Tsim, where the four hopefuls include a loser in the district board polls, Dr Yu Hon-biu.

Solicitor Miss Yeung Fok-ki will try to come out in front in Tseun Wan, where her brother, Mr Yeung Fok-kwong, failed in the previous Regco election.

Mr Yeung, who was defeated by a liberal, Mr Albert Chan Wai-yip, in the last poll, plans to concentrate on the upcoming Legco polls.

Miss Yeung will also have to face Mr Chan, who is Regco's vice-chairman.

Two leftists, Mr Chan Kam-lam and Mr Wong Kam-chi, who were returned unopposed in the March district board polls, have also been nominated.

Mr Chan Kam-lam will take on veteran Urbco member Mrs Elsie Tu in Kwan Tong West, while Mr Wong will run against incumbent Mr Mok Ying-fan in Wong Tai Sin South.