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A need for 'foreign' expertise

The Regional Secretary (Hongkong and Kowloon), Mr Graham Barnes, yesterday called on the English-speaking community to take part in the urban district board election.

Mr Barnes said many of them had the kind of committee experience which the Government needs on the boards. He was speaking at a Rotary Club of Hongkong Island East lunch.

He said they would have a substantial contribution to offer in terms of the political and administrative experience which district administration needs, particularly in the early stages.

Mr Barnes said example is a potent factor in Hongkong.

The regional chief said the district boards are likely to become the source of much initiative for change in Hongkong, their influence will pervade way beyond fields of local concern for which they were specifically established.

"In short, district boards will become strong political forces for the betterment of Hongkong," he added.