

## Bid to make Exco explain policies

A GROUP of 51 district board members have suggested that the Executive Council should in future be answerable to the legislature.

Their view was put to Legco members yesterday during the group's third meeting with the Omelco panel on constitutional affairs.

Mr Albert Chan of the Tsuen Wan board told reporters after the session that they found the current practice in the Chamber unsatisfactory.

"At present, only Government officials are responsible for answering the questions raised by Legco members. But the organ for formulating the policies is actually the Exco.

"As a result, misunderstanding often arises as the official secretaries in the Legco may not be able to explain clearly the Exco's original intentions," said Mr Chan, who is also a Regional Councillor.

The group proposed that the Exco members be directly responsible for answering the questions raised in the legislature on Government policies.

The group of district board members, almost entirely elected ones, came from 12 of the territory's 19 districts. Many of them are involved in the mass forum on democratic government to be held at Ko Shan Theatre this afternoon.

They further urged the Omelco panel to draw up and make public a schedule on the 1987 review on the local political set-up.

They also reaffirmed their demand that at least 25 percent of the Legco seats be allotted for direct elections in the next polls scheduled for 1988.

None of the current 56 Legco members were returned through a one-man-one-vote mechanism.