

## Abolish appointed seats says survey

**A** United Democrats survey shows that 60 per cent of participants want appointed seats on District Boards and the Urban Council abolished.

United Democrats Kowloon East Branch chairman Ng Wing-fai released details of the UDHK's latest telephone survey, conducted between 7 and 10 April among 367 people in the Yau Tsim and Mong Kok districts.

Ng said 79 per cent agreed with expanding the role and function of district boards while seven per cent disagreed.

He said 59 per cent supported the scrapping of appointed seats on Municipal Councils and District Boards while 20 per cent wanted to keep the appointment system.

Ng said 66 per cent of the people questioned agreed a referendum should be carried out to decide Hongkong's fu-

ture political system and 21 per cent disapproved of the move.

Ng said the party did not have the resources to conduct a poll that represented the whole district, but the survey showed that people favoured the abolition of appointed seats.

Ng said the UDHK would submit the poll results to the City and New Territories Administration, Constitutional Branch and District Boards.

But Kowloon District Board elected member Wong Chi-keung said people could only give superficial answers to political surveys because they did not understand the demerits of scrapping the appointment system.

He said most appointed members agreed with scrapping the system progressively, but not suddenly.