

## 18 hopefuls omit English texts

ALMOST one in five of the 94 Legislative Council candidates did not include an English version of their platforms for publication in the Government-printed election leaflets sent to all registered voters.

Those who only prepared a Chinese text included 11 functional constituency nominees, seven of whom have already been returned unopposed. Another seven for the direct elections decided that an English version was not necessary.

Mr Philip Li Koi-hop of

Kowloon East yesterday said he had deliberately omitted the English version to underline his determination to fight for a higher status for the Chinese language, as stated in his platform.

If elected, Mr Li said he would ask the Government to draft laws in Chinese, supplemented by an English translation.

A supporter of mother-tongue education, Mr Johnston Wong Hong-chung of New Territories East said he had only handed in a Chinese version to boost his im-

age of placing greater emphasis on the language.

Mr Chim Pui-chung of the financial services constituency attributed his omission to a delay in submitting the English text.

Mr Tso Shiu-wai of New Territories West said he had not submitted an English version introducing himself since the 1982 district board election.

However, Mr Szeto Wah, a staunch campaigner for Chinese to be recognised as an official language, carried an English version of his platform for Kowloon East.