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## THE POLLS AFTERMATH

### Election: 38 lose deposits

A TOTAL of 38 candidates lost their deposits in the polls on Thursday, when they failed to muster one-eighth of the vote cast.

Under the election regulations, a candidate has to deposit \$1,000 at the time of filling nomination.

In Kuntong Tsui ping, Pokfulam and Tokwawan South, three candidates from each constituency failed to get enough votes cast so as to get back the deposits.

Tokwawan South and Pokfulam were the hottest contested constituencies with six candidates vying for one seat whereas Tsui ping had five contestants.

Chan Wang-cheung of Tsui ping polled the least votes - 71 out of 3,324 votes cast.

The greatest vote-catcher was Kwan Lim-ho, a solicitor who amassed the highest number of votes among all candidates - 3,802 in the Quarry Bay constituency.

Among the keenly-contested constituencies was Yaumati South which saw the defeat of a serving district board member: Mak Yat-lam, a film projectionist, by a teacher, Lee Lit-man.

Equally exciting contests took place in Kuntong town and industrial area where Tsoi Lok-keung exceeded Lee Kwok-sing by 20 votes only, and in Happy Valley constituency Albert Cheung scored 48 votes more over serving member Ho Yuk-wing.

But in Wongchukhang and Bays, Shekkipmei, Homantin South and Yaumati North the winners were home with comfortable majority - from 1,000 to 2,000 votes.

# 4 women voted board members

FOUR women were among the 76 candidates elected District Board members in the urban area yesterday.

All are career women - two teachers, one bank training officer, and an industrialist.

This result is in contrast with the New Territories District Board election last March when one woman, a housewife, was elected.

Among the 76 elected members in the urban areas, 23-year-old industrialist Siu Man-ying is the youngest.

Miss Siu won against her only contestant in the Sheungwan constituency in Central and Western District.

"I don't think my age was a disadvantage in my campaign," she said. "I was confident because of my experience in community work and my contact with residents in my area," she said. Miss Siu is serving as an area committee member.

Commenting on her success, Miss Siu said she felt nothing in particular.

"It's probably because I'm too exhausted after this election day. I can now only say that I feel at ease, as I have done my very best to put forward my campaign across," she said.

As part of her campaign activities, Miss Siu composed lyrics to a popular Cantonese tune and had it broadcast through loudspeakers fitted onto vans during the election day.

Miss Siu said that now that she has been elected, her burden of serving the people would become heavier.

She said she would regard the urban renewal scheme as top priority in the list of improvements she had in mind for the district.

Building more parks in her area is another of her urgent priorities.

Chung Lau Shin-ye, 39, a bank training officer, defeated her two male contestants in the Wanchai East constituency.

Success brought joy to Mrs Lau, who said she had only rated her chance of winning as 50 per cent. Her campaign was not a very active one, nor was it well-prepared, she said.

"I'm very excited. I was a little bit restless after returning home at the end of election day. I had slept only two hours when I was informed of the result at 5.30am today," Mrs Lau said.

Focusing her platform on serving women's interest, Mrs Lau said she gained much support from women's associations, housewives and other residents.

"Another possible reason for my success could be that my platform was more tangible and specific, pinpointing the real needs of the people," she said.

Mrs Chung said the most urgent needs in her area were centres for the elderly, child care, and strong women's associations.

A career woman, and a mother of three children, Mrs Lau said she would try hard to make the best use of her time, such as devoting her lunch hour and a period after work to meet

residents and deal with their problems.

"At the same time I shall be sure not to neglect my family," she added.

A 34-year-old teacher, Yung Ma Shan-ye, a mother of two girls, elected district board member for the North Point West, faces the same situation as Mrs Lau.

Although having to teach in the morning, Mrs Yung said that serving in the district board might help her to fulfil her aims to improve the education system.

"There is a lack of post-secondary school places in Hongkong. I will therefore suggest that a third university to be built in the district," Mrs Yung said.

"I can also set an example to my children by devoting myself to serving the public," she said.

Mrs Yung advocated for a hospital in the Eastern district, and providing more recreational activities for the young and elderly.

She said she had not been optimistic about her chances of winning because her two competitors were more experienced in public service.

She had won with the support largely of kaifong associations, teachers and parents of her students.

The fourth woman district board member is another teacher, Chow May-lin, 35, of Wangtauhom. She won her seat without a fight, because there was no other candidate.