

Excerpt



Then-Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong speaks on the eve of the 1991 elections.

Poll outcome may yet have positive effects

THE results of the General Election held last Saturday indicate clearly that the main issue on the minds of most voters, particularly the younger group, was the perceived need for an effective opposition in Parliament. The PAP's call for a strong endorsement for Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong to proceed with his style and policies was considered important but accorded secondary weightage as Singaporeans cast their ballots in the 40 contested seats.

Rightly or wrongly, the people seem to have decided on this approach after the PAP got its mandate to form a government on nomination day through the 41 sea-

ts uncontested by the opposition.

So they proceeded to vote strongly for those opposition candidates considered to be of some calibre, even if they did not completely match the quality of PAP candidates. The result was that not only did Mr Chiam See Tong strengthen his grip on Potong Pasir, three other opposition candidates actually beat PAP incumbents. The PAP losses could be due to a variety of reasons, including the relative unpopularity of incumbents in their warwards and lightweight political stature vis-a-vis the opposition. The PAP is sure to do a detailed analysis of the factors behind these losses.

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