

## 'I know what to expect, I guess': WP's Glenda Han

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**SINGAPORE** — In the 2006 General Election (GE), the Workers' Party (WP) candidate Glenda Han was part of the so-called "suicide squad" tasked to fight the team led by Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong in the Ang Mo Kio Group Represen-

tation Constituency (GRC).

Although her team lost, that experience gave Ms Han, now 35, the much-needed experience to take part in the May 7 polls.

"I know what to expect, I guess," said the businesswoman.

While Ms Han was with the WP for only two years before con-

testing her first election, it took her colleague, Mr Pritam Singh, 34, almost a decade before he decided to enter the political fray.

Mr Singh met WP chief Low Thia Khiang 10 years ago but only joined the party in May last year because he felt that he was too young at the time to commit him-

self to party politics.

"I was thinking hard about whether I should practise law for at least five years and look at the next elections ... but I felt: 'You've got to start somewhere'," said Mr Singh, currently a Juris Doctor candidate with the Singapore Management University.

"And in five years' time my circumstances might be so different: I may have married, I may have children ... anything can happen. But this time it felt right for me."

For Mr Yee Jenn Jong, 46, risk-taking is part and parcel of his life.

Even though the entrepreneur only joined the WP earlier this year, he is more than willing to stand in the GE.

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and problems, and you learn to build up resources along the way to finally leave behind something that is tangible and lasting," he said.

Ms Han said: "In 2006, (the WP) had a slogan — You Have A Choice. When I contested in Ang Mo Kio GRC, it was really to give the residents a choice."