



## **AKERS-JONES, Sir David**

Sir David Akers-Jones was born in Southern England and joined the Merchant Service at the age of 17. He later attended Oxford University and was accepted into the Colonial Service. He was Chief Secretary for Hong Kong from 1985—1987 and was briefly Acting Governor. He was retired at the time of the interview.

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Relates his background in England and decision to join the Colonial Service. Akers-Jones also talks of the Yuen-Long rural administration works in the 1960s and the growth of the Yuen Long community. Also relates Lord MacLehose and the reshuffling of the Hong Kong Civil Service and public housing programmes during that period. Further discusses his role as Acting Governor and the Sino-British debates regarding the future of Hong Kong in the 1980s and 1990s.

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