



BONSALL, Geoffrey

Geoffrey Bonsall, widely known by his broadcasting name Charles Weatherall, was born in Wuchang, China. He came to Hong Kong as a Deputy Librarian of the University of Hong Kong in 1955 and later became the Director of the Hong Kong University Press. Bonsall is famously known for his broadcasting and news reading career on local radio and television.

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Recounts Bonsall's childhood in China and the anti-foreign sentiment prevailing at the time. Discusses his move to Hong Kong, his experience in adapting to the local culture, as well as his studies of oriental languages. Talks of the Sino-British Club, the Foreign Correspondents' Club and his working experience at Radio Television Hong Kong. Discusses the social and racial stigma within colonial Hong Kong society, such as inter-racial marriages between westerners and Chinese. Also mentions the handover and the debate on universal suffrage in Hong Kong.

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