



CONNOR, William E II

William E Connor II grew up in Tokyo and received his education in the United States. His father, William E Connor, served as trade attaché on the staff of General Douglas MacArthur in Japan after the Second World War. Connor Senior opened a purchasing office in Tokyo in 1949, dedicated to representing Japanese business interests of non-Japanese clients, which has since evolved into a world-wide merchandise sourcing organisation.

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Narrates his upbringing in Tokyo and his culture shock upon arrival in the United States. Talks of post-war Japan, the roots of the Connor Group business, and his father's business models. Compares the social and work cultures of Hong Kong and Japan, and discusses the management of Connor Group and his family traditions within the business.

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