



FOK, Alison

Alison Fok (née Bell) was born in Glasgow, Scotland in 1925 and received her medical degree from the University of Edinburgh. Fok met her Chinese husband and later moved to Hong Kong where she opened her own medical practice. Alison Fok served in the Urban Council in 1956 as its first female councillor.

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Narrates her family's background in Scotland and livelihood during the war times. Discusses her education at the University of Edinburgh and provides anecdotes on her school life studying medicine. Talks of her experience during the Second World War and discrimination against the Chinese and other racial issues in Hong Kong. Relates husband Dr. Peter Hin-tak Fok's move to Kwong Wah Hospital and talks of Hong Kong's social welfare system, poverty issues and the Reform Club. Recounts her experience serving on the Urban Council and further discusses Hong Kong social welfare, housing concerns as well as social discrimination and corruption.

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