



## **HARILELA, Dr. Hari; Dr. Aron**

The Harilela family has a long history of presence in Hong Kong dating back to the 1930s. Dr. Hari Harilela was a Hong Kong-Indian businessman and founder of the Harilela Group. He was dubbed the richest Indian in Hong Kong before his passing in 2014.

In this interview, Harilela is joined by his son Dr. Aron Harilela who, as of 2014, became the CEO and Chairman of the Harilela Group.

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Talks of the Harilela's business ventures in Hong Kong from 1945 as clothing suppliers. Recounts the change of business focus to the hotelier industry and mentions the Imperial Hotel as well as the opportunities and choices made during the 1967 riots. Describes the Tsim Sha Tsui area in the old days and the origins of the name "Golden Mile". Further discusses the family's focus on charity and philanthropic works in education due to Dr. Hari's belief that education can change a person's future.

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