



LAVENDER, Christopher

Christopher Lavender was born in Portsmouth, United Kingdom. He served in the British Army with the Brigade of Gurkhas and reached the rank of Colonel. Much of his service was spent in South East Asia and Hong Kong, where he commanded the second battalion of the Second Gurkha Rifles. His last military appointment was in Nepal, where he worked as the Director of the Gurkha Welfare Scheme, among other roles, and partnered with the Kadoorie Agricultural Aid Association. In 1997 Lavender was invited to establish the Kadoorie Charitable Foundation (KCF) in Hong Kong. He served as its Director until 2019, when he moved into consultancy. During his time with the KCF, Lavender travelled widely around South East Asia, Nepal, Bangladesh, and China. At the time of the interview, Lavender was the Director of the KCF.

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Narrates his background and career experience in the Armed Forces commanding the British Gurkhas. Discusses the Kadoorie Charitable Foundation and the Kadoorie Agricultural Aid Association, as well as the philanthropic ideals and efforts of the Kadoorie Family. Describes the character of Sir Horace and his passion for helping others. Further discusses the ethos and projects of the Kadoorie Foundation.

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