MACPHERSON, Ian

Ian Macpherson was born in Edinburgh, United Kingdom and lived as a youth in Malaya and the U.K.. He joined the Hong Kong Government in 1962 as an Administrative Officer and rose to the rank of Secretary, Government Secretariat in 1986. After his retirement from the Civil Service in 1988, he served as the Vice-President for Administration and Business of HKUST until 1995.

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Narrates his background and employment in the Colonial Service. Talks of his move and subsequent life in Hong Kong, as well as his work at the Civil Service Bureau. Mentions some of the interesting cases he had encountered, as well as issues such as housing policies, independence movements and the leftist riots. Discusses the land issues in the New Territories, the expansion of the Civil Service Bureau and the development of the University of Science and Technology.

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