



SOHMEN, Dr. Helmut

Dr. Helmut Sohmen received his law education in Austria before moving to North America. He worked as a legal advisor in Canada for World Wide Shipping Group, and later moved to Hong Kong in 1970, working with his father-in-law Sir Y.K. Pao. Dr. Sohmen took over Sir Y.K.'s role as Group Chairman of the World-Wide Shipping Group in 1986.

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Talks of his law education and first meeting with Sir Y.K. Pao. Discusses Sir Y.K.'s life and character and further talks of colonialism and racial discrimination. Relates the shipping business and the strategies of the World-Wide Shipping Group. Also discusses the changes in the shipping industry since the 1970s and the global trends that affect it.

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