



## **TANG, Jack Chi-chien**

Jack Tang was born in Shanghai to a textile business family. His father P.Y. Tang moved their Wuxi textile plant to Hong Kong in 1949. Tang himself joined the family business South Sea Textile in 1955, and diversified the company to garment manufacturing in 1970. Tang was Chairman Emeritus of Tristate Holdings Ltd. at the time of the interview.

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Relates his family origins and his grandfather's belief in the four necessities in life: clothing, food, shelter and transport. Talks of the development of the family business and various ventures as well as the difficulties the textile industry had faced. Recounts his first impressions of Hong Kong and the factory atmosphere in the 1950s. Further talks of the quota system and the decline of Hong Kong's textile industry. In the interview, Tang also discusses his father's participation in the Legislative Council and Executive Council and his efforts in setting up the Trade Development Council.

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