



YANG, Sir Ti-liang

Sir T.L. Yang was born in Shanghai and was educated at St John's College in Shanghai and University College in London. He was Chief Justice of Hong Kong from 1988 to 1996 and was the first Chinese to hold this office during the British colonial rule. He was appointed as a Non-Official Member of the Executive Council and retired in 2002.

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Relates his family history and ancestry. Talks of his grandfather's time as a comprador for the Swires and the impact of the war on his family. Recounts life during and after the war, his relocation to Hong Kong, and his learning about "colour prejudice". Also describes his job as magistrate, and his campaign to run as the first Chief Executive of Hong Kong. Further mentions some of the interesting legal cases he had encountered during his career in law, such as the homosexual case and the Rainstorm Enquiry in 1972.

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