

UOW College Hong Kong / Community College of City University
Student English Enhancement Unit (SEE U)
Daily English Practice

Week 3

#163 Five influential Hong Kong families: the Tung Family

Skills/ Objectives: Reading, Listening and Writing Skills

PART 1: Before you read...

Preparatory questions

Qt 1: When was Hong Kong's sovereignty returned to Mainland China?

Qt 2: When Hong Kong was still under British rule, what did they call its Chief Executive?

Qt 3: What was the name of the *first* Chief Executive of the Special Administrative Region?

Qt 4: How much do you know about the man who was entrusted to lead Hong Kong into the new era?

Qt 5: How much do you know about this man, and, above all, his father before him?

The answers to Qt 1 - Qt 3 will be provided in the next set of exercises.

Vocabulary

- sovereignty (noun): the power of a country to control its own government.
- dignitary (noun): a person who has an important position in a society.
- tycoon (noun): a person who has succeeded in business or industry and has become very rich and powerful.
- optimism (noun): the quality of being full of hope and emphasizing the good parts of a situation.

PART 2: Article for Reading

Technically speaking, anyone born in the US can run for the presidency, including Barack Obama, whose father was a visiting student to the US from Kenya. Anyone can run, but what are the chances of winning? One Tung family has had a son make it to the top job. This was, however, not just some Tung family:

Hong Kong's first chief executive Tung Chee-hwa takes a trip down memory lane

<https://www.scmp.com/magazines/post-magazine/long-reads/article/2100528/hong-kongs-first-chief-executive-tung-chee-hwa>

PART 3: Listening Comprehension

Watch the following personal interview with Tung Chee-hwa while practicing your listening skills at the same time:

Exclusive interview with HK's first chief executive Tung Chee-hwa
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SJUaKhLiMv8>

PART 4: Writing Practice

Did you notice what Tung was saying about his father, Tung Chao Yung, towards the end of the interview?

My father was passionate about China...because he saw what it was like when China was weak and got kicked around, and he always said "never again."

What is your understanding of Tung's father when he impressed on his son saying "never again"? Send your writing to: **see.u@ccu.edu.hk**. Remember! Our **SEE U** teachers are always ready to give you feedback.