

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

Week 3

#164 Five influential Hong Kong families: the Li Family

Skills/ Objectives: Reading, Listening and Writing Skills

PART 1: Before you read...

Preparatory questions

Qt 1: If you had distinguished parents, would you follow them in their footsteps? Or would you strike out on your own and do something entirely of your own choosing?

Qt 2: A notable Hong Kong family headed by none other than Mr. Li Ka Shing is well known to just about most in Asia. Originating in the same city, another Li family has decedents and their footholds have firmly anchored in Hong Kong society. One such descendent is Arthur Li Kwok Cheung. Does that ring a bell in you?

The answer to relevant question in the preceding set of exercises (Five influential Hong Kong families: the Tung Family) are as follows:

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

- 1 July 1997

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

- The governor of Hong Kong

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

- Tung Chee-hwa ("A low-key businessman, rather than a civil servant or politician, he had seemingly emerged from nowhere to become the city's first chief executive")

Vocabulary

- controversy (noun): disagreement or argument about something, usually because it affects or is important to many people.
- prominent (adjective): very well-known and important.
- trace (verb): to find the origin of something.

PART 2: Article for Reading

Today's focus is *not* the well-known Li Ka Shing. It is another influential family by the same surname, Li.

Founding father Li Shek Pang had been a remarkable businessman, and his descendants could have followed suit. While not much was known about Li Shek Pang, his descendants will be remembered by the indelible marks they have left in Hong Kong society over the years. Notables include Arthur Li Kwok Cheung, Andrew Li Kwok Nang, and, above all, elder sibling David Li Kwok Po:

David Li's family has a history of success - and controversy

<https://www.scmp.com/article/626522/david-lis-family-has-history-success-and-controversy>

PART 3: Listening Comprehension

Watch the following short interview and judge for yourself the fluency of David Li's spoken English:

David K.P. Li, president of Bank East of Asia (BEA)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WqIMwsfhrr8>

PART 4: Writing Practice

The colonial history of a place invariably taints its culture. Descendants from Hong Kong's prominent families, for example, will often not be seen to shy away from speaking English to the mass media. Browse Youtube and find videos showing members of the Li family speak in English. Make note of expressions they have used most deftly.