

Reminiscing with Sir David...

It was an honour for LMST students to be able to meet with Sir David Akers-Jones every month to practise speaking English in his residence. The topics of their conversations ranged from Sir David's recent trips, local social issues, international affairs to ancient Greek mythologies. The following are excerpts from the participants' reports. For details, please visit our website www.fklmstss.edu.hk.

Date	LMST students say.....
16 th October 2012	<p>Karen Wong: Sir David told us that he went to Mainland China last week to help Operation Smile China Medical Mission.</p> <p>Rakie Shek: Sir David taught us that English owes its origins to the languages of different countries. In a dictionary, he showed us the origin of various English words.</p>
13 th November 2012	<p>Wesley Chung: Have you heard of 'Wu Zhi Qiao'? I learnt about it from Sir David today. It is project that aims to build bridges in rural parts of China.</p> <p>Choline Lee: Sir David gave us a poem called '<i>IF</i>' and a book he wrote entitled '<i>The Legislative Council: What's Gone Wrong?</i>' These make me rethink my attitude towards life.</p>
7 th December 2012	<p>Stefan Cheng: Sir David shared with us details of his upcoming trip to Australia. Showing us a map, he pointed at the places he would be visiting. He also told us the history of how Canberra became the capital of Australia.</p>
23 rd January 2013	<p>Andy Kam: Sir David thinks that a war cannot settle the dispute over Diaoyu Island. He believes that Diaoyu Island belongs to China, and that the US just by mistake did not return Diaoyu Island to China when drafting the peace treaty after WWII.</p>

	<p>Aarika Wong: Sir David asked us if we had watched the recent movie <i>'Les Miserable'</i>. Sparked by the topic, my eyes widened as I am a big fan of musicals. Sir David played the song <i>'Do You Hear the People Sing?'</i> This song instantly took me from Sir David's living room to the real story of the French Revolution in 1789.</p>
28 th February 2013	<p>Becky Lam: Aarika asked Sir David, <i>'If Hitler was drowning in the sea, would you save him?'</i> He said he would. Although Hitler's Nazism would cause lots of deaths, he would leave it up to the law to punish him.</p> <p>Isaac Quan: Sir David told us he had gone to an exhibition of Mesopotamian Civilization. He asked us if we knew why there are 60 minutes in 1 hour and why twelve in a dozen. The answers could be found in this exhibition.</p>
5 th March 2013	<p>Yoyo Wong: Sir David told me how he painted with palette plates and demonstrated some of his inspiring artistic skills.</p>
12 th April 2013	<p>Lily Au: Honestly, I got carried away by the spectacular scenery outside Sir David's window and the sweet chocolate smell lingering in his house.</p> <p>Crystal Lau: Sir David talked about his recent trip to Zhengzhou, China. He had seen many peonies in different colours, and as big as his palm. We were treated to some Chinese dates given to him as gifts from his friends in Zhengzhou. How nice.</p>
9 th May 2013	<p>Coco Lam: As a girl guide, I wanted to know how Sir David became Vice President of the Hong Kong Girl Guide Association.</p> <p>Alice Yip: I asked Sir David about the conflict between Hongkongers and mainlanders. He was not in favour of restricting the amount of milk powder being brought across the border by travellers. Instead, other measures could be</p>

	<p>implemented to solve the problem. Think outside the box! Before we left, Sir David gave us a book about the Wu Zhu Qiao Project in China, and he signed it too. With great pleasure, we accepted this gift on behalf of our school library.</p>
<p>3rd June 2013</p>	<p>Leo Ho: I had prepared some questions about the problem of insufficient primary school places in the Northern District. But before I could ask, Sir David initiated the discussion on this topic. He thought the empty school premises in Fanling and Sheung Shui could adequately accommodate those cross-border students. It just needed better planning.</p> <p>Stefan Cheng: I asked Sir David about the rights of homosexuals since same-sex marriage had recently been legalized in France. He believes everyone is entitled to the right of marriage. But a different word such as '<i>partnership</i>' or '<i>union</i>' could be used instead of '<i>marriage</i>'.</p>
<p>9th July 2013</p>	<p>Jenny Chan: Today Sir David shared with us his views on universal suffrage. Sir David cast doubt over the possibility of having a Chief Executive who is denied entry into mainland China.</p> <p>Gigi So: Sir David has gone to Shum Shui Po with his friends to look into the disturbing housing problem.</p> <p>Aarika Wong: Choline asked Sir David about an environmental issue – waste disposal charges. He said we must consider the poor who can't afford it. He was more concerned about those who live in sub-divided flats than the issue of the 2017 election.</p>

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