

Sir David's Contemplates the Conflict over Diaoyu Island

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Sir David thought that a war cannot settle the conflict over Diaoyu Island. No one wants to start a war. 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 World War II. Also, countries in South East Asia like the Philippines and Taiwan have had similar disputes, yet warfare was never an option. It is not easy to negotiate with the Japanese though.

I asked Sir David what impressions he had of Hong Kong before he came here in 1957. His decision to migrate to Hong Kong was mainly due to the fact that he had been learning Chinese and Hokkien in Malaysia. His teacher also taught him about Chinese culture, Chinese history and Chinese politics, arousing his interest in this country. Sir David also found it easy to get along with Chinese people. All these factors combined, created a nice impression about this exotic Asian place.