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‘zhì dà guó ruò pēng xiǎo xiān.’ ‘Tai Chi Yin.’

Have you ever heard these words from a foreigner? Do you know what these words mean? Let me tell you, they mean ‘治大國 若烹小鮮’ and ‘大自然’ spoken by Sir David Akers-Jones during the interview on 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2012. It was a great experience for me to meet a famous person like him.

Sir David is a candid gentleman, who talked openly about his life. I would never have known that the British needed to carry around a little box which contained a gas mask during the Second World War if Sir David had not told us. So from this frank and unassuming man I learnt some history, something about government policies and a lot about the political situations around the world.

Sir David's attitude impressed me the most. We always think that we are losing our freedom and rights. When asked whether he thought the freedom of the citizens of Hong Kong is being violated, Sir David, in return, asked me a question, “Do you feel that you are not free? If you were not free, you wouldn’t be able to ask that question.” That really made me rethink the issue. Perhaps the situation is not as bad as some of us think. True, we can still take to the streets if we are discontented.