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It was an experience which was really formal and took a long time to prepare. The mission was to interview a very famous person, Sir David Akers-Jones, who formerly had a high position in the Hong Kong government and now is President of the Business and Professionals Federation (BPF). It was an extremely tough process, but a pleasure and honour that I got this opportunity to try.

In preparation for the interview, we read several articles related to Sir David, such as his background information and his comments on current issues, for example the Small House Policy and public transport.

When we arrived, the first thing that caught my eyes was the many plants in Sir David's home. He walked toward his 'garden' on the windowsill, picked some leaves, rubbed them between his fingers, and then gave them to me to smell. It is hard to describe how refreshing and fragrant the smell was. He also picked a geranium leaf for us to smell. The aroma lingered for a while. I kept the leaf in my note book.

During the interview we were sitting in the living room with a huge window overlooking the sea against the blue sky. On the left hand side was Hong Kong Island and on the right side was Kowloon. Occasionally, some boats and ferries moved effortlessly across the sea.

David Akers-Jones gave us the impression that he is a wise gentleman. He would always carefully consider before replying to our questions.

Despite his age, he showed extraordinary concentration and witty thinking. So he is a good role model for me to learn from.

I cannot accurately estimate how much I have learnt from this invaluable experience. David Aker-Jones encouraged me to enjoy everything, now I really do.