

Mr. B. Wong Tape, one of the most prominent merchants in Hong Kong, is a native of Toishan District, Kwangtung Province, and was born in 1875 in Dunedin, Otago, New Zealand.

Mr. B. WONG TAPE, J.P.

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水塘助理工程師〇一九三三年,史求深

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曾任職本港工務局二年〇經匹充城門

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現充工程師於限州梅荻鐵路〇次子北荣

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照營保險事業の受職於永明公司の任事

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及英國姓孫工程會,認為會員口

He came to Hongkong with his parents in 1886 and entered Queen's College, where he passed out Class I in 1892. As there was no University in Hongkong at that time, he proceeded to Dunedin, New Zealand, and completed his education at the Otago Boys High School.

In 1906, he returned once more to the Colony and joined the China Mutual Life Insurance Co., Ltd., where he rose to the position of Secretary in 1909 and became manager of the Hongkong branch in 1919.

Later, the firm was taken over by the Sun Life Assurance Co., of Canada and in turn he became Resident Secretary of the local branch of that company. He became official-in-charge of that firm in 1927 and retired from this executive position in 1934, but retaining his connection with the company as local adviser for South China.

Mr. Wong Tape has been a non-official Justice of the Peace since 1924. He has also been a member of the Po Leung Kuk; Chairman of the Chinese Y.M.C.A; President of the Chinese Club, the Chinese Recreation Club and the Queen's College Old Boys' Association and Vice-president of the Kowloon Residents' Association. He is at president a member of the Urban Council and a member of the Court of the University of Hongkong.

Married to Ng Kwai Chuen, Mr. Wong Tape has two sons. Mr. Erle Wong Tape, his elder son, obtained his B.Sc. degree from the Hongkong University in 1930. Then he became a staff in the Public Works Department and two years later became assistant engineer in the construction of the Shing Mun Dam and Resevoir. He proceeded to England in 1938 and completed his practical training as an engineer with Messrs. Dorman, Long & Co., where he obtained the degrees of A.M.I.C.E. and A.M.I. Struct. E.

His second son, Mr. Irwin Wong Tape, also obtained a thorough education and possesses a good reputation in the commercial sphere.