

A summarized account of the late Dr. John B. Tsu by Mrs. Chiling Tong; the interview was conducted with her over the phone on June 18, 2010.

- The writer asked Mrs. Chiling Tong of her account of the late Dr. John B. Tsu which could be summarized and substantiated as she has assessed it.

+ Mrs. Chiling Tong stated; the late Dr. John B. Tsu was a man of noble person with amazing personality. The quality he possessed has manifested itself which enabled him to keep the leadership of Asian Americans together regardless of their ethnic ,cultural and political background. Since Asian Americans have diversified cultural and political background, it is a very challenging mission to unite all of them together and keep them to be intact. The late Dr. John B. Tsu was the man who could do so. He was bipartisan when it comes to the matter of empowering and enhancing the status and wellbeing of Asian Americans. He could be regarded as genuinely a true crusader of unprivileged Asian Americans, particularly, in the public sector. He was an installmental in putting many Asian Americans in the governmental posts through political appointees.

- When did you meet him first time and how did you meet which may have affected to change your life accordingly?

+ I met the late Dr. John B. Tsu in 1991. It was the time of political convention of the Republican Party in California. I was very impressed by his humble yet very persuasive style by which he could convince all of us to have united together for the cause of Asian Americans. He seldom demonstrated one sided emotional feelings. He was the man with the sense of well balanced quality of being a leader.

- As a leader of Asian Americans as he was, how do assess most strong points that he possessed?

+ He was less-selfish person with the sense and ability of enabling person to give another opportunity if one should fail to perform. He was the man never

thought of himself first and always placing others first, even though he had many opportunity of placing himself to be the higher political position through political appointees. He demonstrated his ability of making “Asian political and social coalition force” to be kept intact because of the respect he earned from people who are from different ethnic and cultural background. He devoted tirelessly his talent, time and some fiscal contribution, all of which combined to make him to be able and established himself to be a respected leader for Asian American community.

- How do you worked for and worked together with him and what was the most memorable opportunity for you to remember to be together with him in terms of working for the common goal that the both of you may have shared with each other?

+ The late Dr. John B. Tsu was the founder and the first Chairman of “ Leadership Foundation” which was incorporated to assist and encourage the youth of Asian Americans to have more assess to higher educational opportunity by which they may be able to advance their respective professional careers either it be public or private which will in turn enhance the wellbeing of Asian Americans in American society.

I was very fortunate to have worked together with the late Dr. John B. Tsu through this Foundation and I am carrying out my duty to make what he planted seeds will contribute for the further enhancement of the activities of this Foundation by which the youth of Asian Americans will be able to motivate themselves to aspire to become the future leader of this country.

- Now that the late Dr. John B. Tsu passed away as a leader of Asian Americans, who could replace him? Would you name of any person who could be regarded as the man to lead Asian American community to advance it further to make it as an effective force in American political arena, the seed of which the late Dr. John B. Tsu had planted?

+ I think that Mr. Norman Mineta is a logical choice because he was Secretary of Commerce under Clinton Administration and Secretary of Transportation under George W. Bush Administration. He is well respected

by the both political parties. He and the Dr. John B. Tsu worked well, which will keep Asian Americans to be kept intact.