

A summarized account of the late Dr. John B. Tsu by Dr. Elick Tsang, who served as a prime medical doctor for the late John B. Tsu during the tenure of his life last life in hospitalization at Seaton Medical Hospital. The interview was conducted at the home of Mrs. Susan Tsu on June 19, 2010

Dr. Tsang said that the first time he met the late Dr. John B. Tsu was at the hospital as his client. To him at least at the beginning of his encounter with the late Dr. John B. Tsu, he appeared to be an ordinary Asian elderly man trying to fight against the illness that attacked him. However, Dr. Tsang began to notice that he was different from orderly elderly as I began to observe his daily behaviors while he was hospitalized; he kept himself busy trying to read papers and documents. He kept himself busy trying to contact with peoples outside of the hospital. Later, Dr. Tsang discovered that the late Dr. John B. Tsu was a very famous and important person in this country as a leader of Asian Americans. One day, the former Secretary of Labor under Bush Administration visited with the late Dr. John B. Tsu and so did many other well known peoples in the nation. He never tries to impress on Dr. Tsang how important man as he was. He kept himself being himself as humble as anyone could be. This may be one of strengths he had that made him a great leader for Asian Americans.

Asian Americans community is so divided in many ways due to the difference of their political, ethnic, cultural and historical background. The late Dr. John B. Tsu is the man who was able to pull them together and united them together to make them as an emerging force in American political arena.

The writer asked Dr. Elick Tsang how he observed the late Dr. John B. Tsu not only as his patient but also as a man who was very unique in terms of his aspiration for the cause he was trying to fight as a leader of Asian Americans?

+ (Dr. Tsang); He was very energetic person and also a man of being very enduring. Before he was admitted to Seaton Medical Hospital, I understood that he went to see a doctor at Stanford University's hospital and other

where he was refused to be admitted to treatment at their hospitals. He was told that it may be better to be at home rather than being hospitalized for surgery or other kind of treatments to cure the illness the late Dr. John B. Tsu had.

It may that there are differences in terms of how some of occidental doctors as opposed to oriental medical doctors deal with their clients due to differences of cultural and social backgrounds by and from which Asian doctors are more focused on mental and psychological aspect of their clients.

It may be also due to some potential legal risks are involved in the case that surgery did not come out to be successful. At any rate, I observed as time went by how the late Dr. John B. Tsu become the man refreshed with energy and will to survive himself in spite of the serious illness that was threatening his life.

It is amazing to recall that even he should have been kept himself in his bed at the hospital, he visited fluquently her wife who was also being hospitalized at the same hospital at that time. He cared more about her wife than himself who was much more serious in the nature of illness. That shows him to be much compassionated and kind man as he was. At one time, he was disappointed and appeared to be getting weaker and weaker. However, he revitalized himself and tried to survive himself.

As I recall, he and I had a series of negotiations for the matter of discharging him from his hospitalization at the hospital because he wanted to do something very important he had to do. He asked me first if he could be discharged from the hospital for a few days. As his primary doctor, I refused him to let out of the hospital. He came back to me again and again trying to conduct negotiations with me to enable him to win his negotiations with me. From one week to 5 days and 5 days to 3 days and finally only” one hour” that he wanted me to let him to be away from the hospital. I later found it out that he really wanted to execute his political obligation as an active leader for Asian Americans. He wanted cast his vote at the general election. This will demonstrate his personality and commitment as to how he thought it was important to contribute himself to American society as a

citizen more than anything.

Dr. Elick Tsang concluded his assessment of the late Dr. John B. Tsu as a man of compassion, kind, less-selfishness and humble with the quality and talent to earn the respect of people which is the quality required to be a leader in any field.

Dr. Elick Tsang was educated for his medical education in Philippine and had various kind of internships in Australia. He was a special invited surgeon interacting with his counterparts at Japan Cancer Center in Tsukiji , Tokyo. He is not only surgeon but also an internal medical doctor. With his professional background and experiences, he knows how to deal with his clients; understanding of occidental and oriental mentality. psychology He was the last man to have observed the final moment of the passing away of the late Dr. John B. Tsu. So, he could be regarded as an eyewitness of the tenure of the last life of the late Dr. John B. Tsu.