

The interview was conducted with Mrs. Marina Tse on June 14, 2010 over the phone. The following is the account of Mrs. Tse about the late Dr. John B. Tsu. The following account is the essence of what Mrs. Tse stated.

The writer stated to her that the reason for my contacting her to get her account of the late Dr. John B. Tsu is to gain her account of him which will be used for writing about a story of the late Dr. John B. Tsu in Japanese version covering some of the activities and roles the late Dr. John B. Tsu performed and played for the betterment and wellbeing of Asian Americans in the United States.

The interview was conducted with her in a manner that firstly I asked her on her general account of the late Dr. Tsu in terms of his political and social vision by which he acted as one of the leaders to promote and enhance the status and wellbeing of Asian Americans in public and private sectors. Then, some specific questions were raised to get her views, opinions and observations on the visions, services and activities that the late Dr. John B. Tsu had performed and envisioned.

Mrs. Tse stated that the late Dr. John B. Tsu is the man of compassion for people which earned the respect of people of all level in the community. He was very humble himself not pretending himself to be more than what he thought he was. His style of interacting with others is more or less based on “grass roots approach” not as high-handed manner as some of political leaders may demonstrate.

He worked diligently to provide Asian Americans with the opportunity of advancing themselves in their respective professional careers. He encouraged Asian Americans to involve themselves more positively with public services whether it may be regional or national, so that the voices of Asian Americans may be heard and reflected it in American society. Through his political advocacy as” a genuine advocator rather than being a politician “, he was able to work together with all level of peoples through his style of being compassionated.

Mrs. Tse is of the opinion that the late Dr. John B. Tsu is really bipartisan when it comes to the issue of helping Asian Americans to enable them to be more positive in involving themselves to take a part in shaping of America to meet the needs of the time. He wanted really to see that more Asian Americans, particularly, the youths will serve themselves in the public services. She said that he is the man who always thought of others before himself. He was so selfish less person. On the matter of political appointments in which he played some role, he placed other persons first before himself, which shows that he is the man always thinking of the others rather than himself.

Mrs. Tse enumerated a number of points in describing about the vision and achievements that he envisioned and performed for the wellbeing of Asian Americans. As an accomplished scholar, he thought of importance of education for the youths of Asian Americans to advance their respective desired future lives.

Speaking of the aspiration and desire that the late Dr. John B. Tsu had for his homeland, China and its relationship with Formosa, particularly, in his tenure of the last period of his life, Mrs. Marina Tse noted that the grand design he had, which is to make the “rapprochement” be realizable for paving the way for an unification of Mainland China. However, his hope of making the unification of Taiwan and Mainland China could not have been achieved as he had hoped for. It was one of the controversial issues with which the late Dr. John B. Tsu was confronted in the higher political circle of the Republican Party. However, she noted that he was genuinely thinking of the future of his homeland and his peoples which includes that of Taiwan.

Mrs. Marina Tse served as the Deputy Assistant Secretary of the US Dept. of Education in charge of bilingual students in the nation from 2001-2005 and for the US Department of Labor from 2005-2010 and acted as co-leader with the late Dr. John B. Tsu for the empowerment of educational opportunities for Asian American youths

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