

The summarized essence of the account of the late Dr. John B. Tsu by Dr. Paula Stern; the interview was conducted over the phone on June 30, 2010.

Dr. Paula Stern started to give her account of the late Dr. John B. Tsu by saying that she met him first at the Capitol Hill in WDC through the introduction of the former Majority Leader in the House of Representatives, Richard A. Gephardt. She was invited by Mr. Gephardt to become a member of the Board of Directors of US Foundation for International Economic Policy, incorporated under the bipartisan leadership of US Congress and its counterpart in Japanese Diet, designed to promote the bilateral relationship on trade, education, culture and other important matters between Japan and US. Dr. Paula Stern expanded and enumerated further her account of the late Dr. John B. Tsu.

+ (Dr. Paula Stern); First time I met the late Dr. John B. Tsu at the Capitol Hill, I thought that why the Dr. John B. Tsu was invited to the meeting because he was an Asian American. In retrospect, more I got know about him, more I was convinced that the presence of the late Dr. Tssu was a natural and wiser choice on the part of Congressman Gephardt. He was internationally oriented person with the sense of boldness in expressing his opinion and view. He was an accomplished academician interested in promoting international education in tangible way. Since one of the activities of the Foundation was the promotion of branch campuses of American universities in Japan, his knowledge and expertise of Institute of higher learning in the United States and that of Japan was a great asset for the Foundation to advance its project effectively with his guidance and leadership.

● (Writer); In your view and opinion, what are assets and strengths he possessed?

+ He was a gentleman and was very energetic. The energy he

possessed was so strong and the compassion and aspiration he had was so great, he was able to perform the task of what he believed in effectively.

- As you may know, the late Dr. John B. Tsu had a grand design of his own for the development of dialogues between the leadership in mainland China and that of Formosa, by which it may, as he had hoped, pave the way for the making of “Rapprochement” for the unification of the mainland China and Formosa. In fact, he involved himself with this task of the making of “Rapprochement” by contacting with the leadership in mainland China and that of Formosa. He thought that an opportunity of advancing his grand design seemed to be not impossible when the political situation in Formosa was changed due to the election of a new leader as President in Taiwan in the year 1996. In recent week, an establishment of a historic relationship between mainland China and Formosa was realized. How do you assess of what the late Dr. Tsu had aspired for it many years ago?

+ I think that he was farsighted in terms of the eventual destiny of mainland China and Formosa to be more interacted economically and socially which may eventually pave the way for a desired course they may choose. In this sense, the late Dr. John B. Tsu had a farsighted vision. He knew that China’s emerging economic and political power would impact the domestic political picture of the United States, which will, in turn, affect US foreign policies.

I wrote an article in 1970 in which I presented my view as to how the emerging powers of Asian nations would affect not only on US domestic policy but also her foreign policy. In this regard, my view and that of the late Dr. John B. Tsu are identical in terms of analytical view of how the emerging of new economic powers, particularly, in Asian nations would impact US domestic and foreign policies.

I think that although the late Dr. Tsu was a great leader for Asian Americans, he was not confining his vision, desire and activities

to the advancement and empowerment of Asian Americans community but also for the furtherance of the better relationship in the bilateral and multilateral relationship involving US, China, Korea and Formosa. This political vision that the late Dr. John B. Tsu processed has demonstrated the large scale of his vision and deeds. I shall say that he was rally the man of farsighted vision with sense of devotion to others. I respected for the dignity, humbleness, honesty, compassion, less selfishness and energy he had, by which he diligently worked hard for the mission he believed in.

I was fortunate to have served as Co-Chairperson with the late Dr. John B. Tsu for US Foundation for International Economic Policy.

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