

## INTERVIEWS



## Interview with our Head Librarian Clive Pereira

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Shook Lin & Bok's Head Librarian, Mr. Clive Pereira, is a man of many talents. His admirable ability to locate the most archaic of English cases from the forgotten corners of the firm's library is matched only by his tenacious entrepreneurial skills in repeatedly recording a series of high profits from his sale of Murruku in the office..

However, the firm's library and the seasonal sale of Murruku are not the only passions of Mr. Clive. He has another (less appealing) passion. Liverpool Football Club. "Commiserations Clive, on Liverpool's failure to win the league." I began the interview, in an admittedly cheeky manner, which was probably caused by my condition as an ardent Manchester United fan.

"The last few games of the league were a real disappointment for us. But I suppose a consolation is that Man. United didn't even qualify for the Europa Cup! That was a disastrous season for United!"

I tried not to hold that remark against him throughout the remainder of the interview. Here's how it went.

*Q: How long have you been a Liverpool fan?*

A: Since 1977. Keegan's era. Kevin Keegan, John Toshack and Jimmy Case. I actually started following them after their FA Cup loss. I watched my first Liverpool match whilst I was on a 'retreat' when I was in Form 5. Usually at the end of the school year, we would have a 'retreat', which would be organized by one of the Brothers. The Liverpool game I watched was the FA Cup Final of 1977 where we played Manchester United. But we lost, 2 – 1.

*Q: So you must have been a Liverpool fan when you joined the firm.*

A: Yes I was. But I've always had this feeling that Liverpool haven't been winning any league titles because I joined this firm! 1990 was the last time they won the league. I joined Shook Lin & Bok in 1991!

*Q: Haha. Have you ever thought of working elsewhere in the best interests of the Liverpool team?*

A: Haha no no.

*Q: So you joined the firm over 20 years ago?*

A: Yes I joined on the 1st of October 1991.

*Q: What were you working as before you joined Shook Lin & Bok?*

A: I was actually teaching English. My friend was running an institute in Pudu. I was working in Taiping and I knew this guy who was at an institution Kuala Lumpur. In Taiping I was working in a real estate agency and doing some part-time jobs. But Taiping, being a small town, you can't earn very much. So this guy offered me a job to help him manage the institute and at the same time to teach English.