

## INTERVIEWS

*Q: What was the firm like back in the day? Offer us a glimpse of Shook Lin & Bok in 1963.*

LYS: Back then the firm was much smaller. There were only a few lawyers, around 6 or 7. Definitely less than 10. Now the firm has 80 or 90 lawyers! We had manual typewriters instead of computers.

*Q: I notice you still have your trusted typewriter next to you on your desk!*

LYS: This typewriter is actually mine. So I was forced to carry mine to work! It's extremely heavy.

*Q: Forgive me but I have to ask you Mr. Lee, which do you prefer to do your work on - a computer or your typewriter?*

LYS: Of course the computer! There's no need to bang on the computer like I used to do on the typewriter. Look at my fingers! Bang, bang, bang until crooked already. My knuckles are all worn out now.

*[At this point I asked Mr. Lee if he ever considered using less force when typing on a typewriter, to which he responded "You must bang it really hard to type!". He proceeded to ask me if I had ever used one before. After answering in the negative, I thought it best to move along with the interview.]*

*Q: Briefly tell us what sort of work do you do?*

LYS: Conveyancing, completion of loan documents. Basically, all things conveyancing.

*Q: In your opinion has the work changed over the years?*

LYS: I don't think so. The work is quite routine. Nothing much has changed. Clerical work doesn't change much in my opinion. Essentially, it depends on the authority. Whatever is given to me, I will strive to carry it out.

*Q: Let's move away from the office-talk for a while. How do you spend your free time? Hobbies? What would be the ideal day be like for you?*

LYS: Relaxing with family members at home. I don't have any particular hobbies. I don't even watch TV that seriously! During the long holidays, the whole family takes a trip somewhere.

*Q: Since you mentioned your family, could you give us a brief background?*

LYS: I have a wife and 3 grown up children. 2 boys and 1 girl. You know, my first boy was given a grant by Shook Lin & Bok to study abroad.

*Q: Oh really? Please tell me more, if you will.*

LYS: After secondary school, he was given a British Council Chevening Scholarship to pursue his degree abroad. The scholarship covered tuition fees but I still had to bear his day-to-day expenses. That's when I approached the then Managing Partner Dato' Param Kumaraswamy to see if the firm could offer any assistance to my son. Much to my surprise, the firm awarded my son a RM50,000.00 grant! It really helped us a lot, and my family was very grateful for it. My son went on to obtain a Degree in PPE (Philosophy, Politics and Economics) from Exeter College, Oxford. Not too long after, he pursued his Masters Degree in Environmental Management & Policy in Sweden. My son is now a Managing Consultant on his own.

*Q: That's such a lovely story Mr. Lee. What about your other children?*

LYS: My daughter is a Professional Diagnostics Manager with Roche Diagnostics (M) Sdn. Bhd. Wait, let me show you her card...

*[The proud father took out his daughter's name card from his wallet and briefly told me the nature of her work.]*

*Q: And your youngest child Mr. Lee?*

LYS: My youngest child is a doctor who is now based in Singapore. He too obtained a scholarship (ASEAN). Although he lives in another country, we make it a point to meet as often as we can. I think that is important.