

**CHAPTER TWO, SECTION FOUR:
THE ECCENTRICITIES OF MR ERIC HOTUNG**

Chapter Two of *A SHORT HISTORY OF THE STOCK EXCHANGE OF HONGKONG AND OF ITS (important) PEOPLE* deals with the factors, leading up to the establishment of 2 more stock exchanges in the British Crown Colony of Hongkong in addition to Far East Exchange and The Hongkong Stock Exchange.

Major Tom Newman, former Manager of The Hongkong Stock Exchange, as it was then called, fought a losing battle to maintain premiership of his Exchange – as did his Committee of staid stockbrokers.

In this section of Chapter Two, Mr Raymonde Sacklyn tells of the eccentricities of some of the members of The Hongkong Stock Exchange, prior to the amalgamation of the 4 equity markets of Hongkong into what is, today, The Stock Exchange of Hongkong Ltd.

Mr Eric Hotung was the Chairman of Cosmopolitan Properties and Securities Ltd as well as owning a seat on The Hongkong Stock Exchange.

But he played the child's game of tiddlywinks while imbibing copious quantities of Champagne – and he sought company for his child's game.

Mr Raymonde Sacklyn's latest book about the history of the Hongkong stock exchange, starting from 1969, has been completed.

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This chapter is cut into 5 sections for the convenience of readers and, henceforth, each Friday (holidays excepted), a new section of this chapter will be added. Thereafter, once per month, a new chapter will be included in The Raymonde Sacklyn's Column.

Some of the chapters of this book, no doubt, will make a number of the personalities of Hongkong cringe at their actions of yesteryear (or their lack of actions), but the book is historical fact – because Mr Raymonde Sacklyn lived through this period – and he is part of Hongkong's financial history.

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