

The Wong Way

Mr Wong is a practising solicitor in the Hongkong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) of the People's Republic of China (PRC). Because he is a solicitor, he is very proud of his position in society. He wears only the latest fashionable clothes, which he purchases at a very fashionable departmental store, the same fashionable departmental store from where he purchased all of the furniture for his home. Solicitor Wong lives on The Peak, a very fashionable part of Hongkong. He lives in a house. He is married to a former teacher of the English language. He has a teenaged son who attends an international school. He is the proud owner of a white Rolls Royce, which he purchased, second-hand, about 8 years ago.

The following are just some of the things that Solicitor Wong does; and, the reasoning (or lack of it) for his actions.

Solicitor Wong determined that he would save some money.

With this object in mind, he entered into a contract with an overseas employment agency in Hongkong. The initial contract was for the employment agency to find a Filipino from The Philippines. The Filipino was to work in the HKSAR on a 2-year contract as his personal chauffeur and to take special care of his second-hand, white Rolls Royce.

When the Filipino arrived, it was discovered that he did not have a valid, HKSAR driving licence. For the first 7 months of this Filipino's contract, therefore, he was unable to drive any motor car in the territory. He spent his day, cleaning the white Rolls Royce with Jiff until the paint started to fade into a light shade of grey.

Having paid out about \$HK30,000 for the Filipino to take driving lessons and, then, to pass the requisite written and driving tests, this gentleman of The Philippines was empowered, under the laws of the territory, to drive a motor vehicle.

Solicitor Wong was happy as he sat in the back seat of his white Rolls Royce and was chauffeured to and from his office from Monday to Friday.

He had arrived!

Six months later, however, the Filipino chauffeur announced that he did not want to work for Solicitor Wong, any more, because he was not being paid what he thought was his worth as the

chauffeur of a luxury Rolls Royce. In any event, the Filipino explained, he had been offered the position as the chauffeur of one of Solicitor Wong's legal friends – at double the wages, being paid to him by Solicitor Wong.

It was a shock to the ego of Solicitor Wong, who, throughout the night pondered: *'For what reason has my chauffeur determined to leave my employ?'*

Solicitor Wong, undaunted by this turn of events, returned to the same overseas employment agency from where he had signed a contract for his Filipino chauffeur in order to find a replacement – from The Philippines, of course.

Live and never learn.

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