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**Becoming Eurasian:
The Establishment of The Welfare League and
Eurasian Identity in Inter-war Hong Kong**

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◆ **Abstract**

This paper examines the founding of Hong Kong's Welfare League in 1929, led by a group of prominent Eurasians in the colony. I argue that the founding of this organization was a watershed event in the institutionalization of Eurasian identity in pre-World War II Hong Kong. Prior to this time, many prominent Eurasians in the colony publicly claimed a Chinese identity, both as a means to escape colonial racism and as a means of upward mobility. I argue that an "ethnic shift" took place among Hong Kong's Eurasian community around the time of the formation of the Welfare League, leading many in the younger generation to publicly embrace a "Eurasian" identity. C.G. Anderson (1889-1949) played a leading role in defining a vision of this identity as a founding member of the Welfare League. This paper examines Anderson's vision of "Eurasianity" in relation to broader social changes of the time, and the particular role he imagined Eurasians playing in the fight against colonial racial hierarchies and exclusion.

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