

## **JAMES CHAU**

James Chau has lived in Beijing for five years, in Hong Kong for three years and for his first 22 years in London where he was born in December 1977 to parents from Hong Kong and Indonesia. He studied piano at the Royal Academy of Music and graduated from Cambridge where he was News Features Editor of the university paper, Varsity.

He first appeared on television on the British children's show, Splash. Today, his news and business programmes are watched in more than 80 countries worldwide on China Central Television's English-language channel, CCTV-9. He also fronts his own current affairs show World Insight, which brings an in-depth look at the week's headline stories.

James has reported on location on major breaking news such as the Asian Tsunami, reaction to the 9/11 attacks, SARS, bird flu, the Beijing Olympics, China's entry to the World Trade Organization and the first White House talks between U.S. President George W. Bush and Chinese leader Hu Jintao.

He has interviewed Mari Pangestu, Jimmy Choo, Daniel Libeskind, David Tang, Ralph Nader, Lord Snowdon, King Constantine II and Hong Kong's first post-Handover leader Tung Chee Hwa. In 2008 he sat down with Britain's Prince Edward and filmed a television special on the Great Wall of China with cancer survivor Olivia Newton-John.

On and off screen, James partners with the United Nations in fighting stigma and discrimination against people living with HIV/AIDS. He was amongst 40 activists at the Google Young Leaders Summit in Mountain View, California and continues his involvement as a working group member of the aids2031 initiative which is supported by the UN, AmfAR, as well as the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. He is a media leader of the World Economic Forum. James is Good Will Ambassador of UNAIDS China.

He lives in Beijing and is a Freeman of the City of London.