

Summary of interview

Mr. Lam came from an old family and talked with a great deal of feeling about his childhood. He divided his childhood into two parts. Before he was 12 years old, he lived with his father and his kai grandmother (his father's boss). He explained the main reason why his parents didn't live together was due to their bad feeling. Since he was spoiled by his grandmother, Mr. Lam's temper was quite bad in the early life of his childhood. He liked to fight with other children, for this reason, he often suffered physical punishment by his parents and his teachers. But after he was 12 years old, he experienced a different kind of life. Because his grandmother lost a lot of money in gambling and her business became worse, in order to pay the debt for her, his parents used up all of their savings. They had to move to a wooden house to live in. In the interview, he talked a lot about the bad living circumstance. Due to financial difficulties, he needed to do the part-time job to pay his tuition fee. As a result, he realized the importance of the money from the hard life and began to study diligently. From the books, he learned a lot of things and changed his bad habits. Thus, Mr. Lam thinks his childhood effected on his present life. After going through hardship and tribulations, he became steadfast and preserving in face of difficulties.

Name of interviewee: Mr. Lam
Name of interviewer: Leung Siu Man Wendy
Date of interview: 10th March, 2000.
No. of tapes recorded: 1

EVALUATION OF INTERVIEW

The recording was taped in Mr. Lam's office. The environment of the room was very quiet and provided a comfortable place for interview. That was no problem with transcription.

Mr. Lam was a good talker. During the interview, his reaction was quite nature and was willing to talk about his childhood. Maybe because he was my relative, he was frankly and answered my question patiently.

But the main reason why I chose Mr. Lam as my interviewee was not because he had a good temper or he was frank and open, but because I wanted to know how a naughty boy could be a general manger of a transnational corporation after he grew up. Finally, I find the answer is that living conditions can change a person's behavior. I think, experiences of himself and his family are worth our careful consideration.