

GEN 210 Valuing Childhood

Interview Summary

Name of interviewee: Mr. Law Siu Bo

Name of interviewer: Law Ho Man

Date of interview: 12th March 2000

No of tapes recorded: 1 tape with 2 sides (nearly 50 minutes)

Summary of Interview

Mr Law is 51 years old who was born in Guangdong Zhuhai in 1949's, just after WWII. He lived and studied in Zhuhai until 23 years old. He immigrated to Hong Kong at 23 years old illegally.

According to his family, they were not rich but their relationship was very good. He has parents, eleven brothers and sister. However, all his brothers had died and lost during WWII, except his elder sister and his 6th elder brother. His elder sister and his brother always took care his family. Although they were not living together, they loved each other and had a good relationship.

Talking about his studies, he had gone to school at 9 years old. Until the Civil Revolution, he needed to take part in the revolution, so he stopped to go to school. He was F.1 at that time.

In conclusion, he thinks that there had a lot of difference between the childhood of his children and his childhood. He thinks that the changing of environment is an important reason. It makes the attitude of his children towards him is totally difference from his childhood.

Evaluation of interview

The recording was taped in the Mr. Law's home and he is my father. We had taken a formal interview in our home and there were less interruptions during the interview. The interviewee is very cooperative. I had chosen an interview's role rather than a daughter. At the beginning, I decided to interview my father just because I want to understand more about him. However, once I had chosen to be an interviewer during the interview, I had a bad feeling after the interview. My father thinks that I want to interview him just because of convince. At the end, we were not quite happy after the interview. Actually, I can really understand more about my father. I know what is his expectation to us. It is the most valuable thing I got from the interview.