

第14篇 [學習開車的經過]

命題大意： 如題。

寫作大意： 說明我自己學習開車經過。

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[Write about how you learned to drive]

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Not like most of my grandchildren born in North America, who usually begin to learn to drive at their age of 16, I did not have a chance to do so before I was 41 years old. People now days are inconceivable about those strange transportation means I experienced in the old time, such as in the hilly country side. I sometimes rode on a hand cart, sedan chair and even was carried in a basket when I was very young. In the city I experienced riding rickshaws, a two wheeled vehicle drawn by man. In Taiwan the early time, when I served as a technician then an engineer, I had several options to transport with bicycle, bus, taxi or a tricycle driven by a laborer, but never had a car driven by myself.

During the year 1961 when I was about 41 years old, I had a chance to become a plant manager of a small electrical motor manufacturing factory to pioneer manufacturing refrigerators and air conditioners in Taiwan. I was provided with an old pick-up truck and a driver for office time use. The driver taught me how to drive, and this gave him the benefit to do other work, no need to accompany me constantly.

Through his teaching, I did not take very long to learn to drive and to get a driving license. From that time on, though I changed my job several times, I bought a car and became a very skillful but not a very good driver. My becoming a very good driver was as a result of having moved here to Los Angeles as a resident for over 17 years. During this time I had often got tickets for traffic violations and been forced to correct my previous bad driving habits.