

第006篇 [略談生平及喜愛的住處}

命題大意：如題。

寫作大意：由生平經歷談到晚年來洛杉磯的生活。

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[You could have been born in another time period, where and when would you have liked to live? Write about you life in this setting.]

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I was born in Mainland China in 1921 into a well- off family which supported me. I had grown up and obtained a bachelor degree in the famous Central University in China majoring mechanical engineering. I was graduated from the university in 1944 during in the Sino-Japanese wartime, I was suddenly conscripted to serve for one year as an interpreter in the army with the American Alllied Y- force in the southwest province of Yingnan adjacent to Burma. Back from the military service in 1945 shortly before the Second World War was ended, I entered an automobile repair shop in Keiwchow and worked one year as a parts manufacturing technicien. In 1946, I transfered to an aeroengine factory in the same province as a technician in the foundry shop.

China entered a four-year civil war perior of time. In 1949 when the Kao Ming Tong armies were defeated by the communist's armies in China mainland, I with my wife and a daughter, moved to Taiwan with the factory which was then changed to be under the Chinese Air Force ROC in Taiwan. The Korea War that exploded in 1950 changed the international situation of Taiwan caused USA aid poured therein. In December 1952, I was sent to the USA as an allied student to study in the US Air Force Institute of Technoloy in Dayton Ohio. I received air installation officer (AIO) training for about seven months.

Since returned to Taiwan in 1953, I had been working in the military

engineering field as a designer for many years until 1961. I was switched to the manufacturing industry as a plant manager for 3 years pioneering the production of refrigerators and air conditioners in Taiwan. From 1964 I switched back to work in the engineering design career until the year 1985 I was retired. In that same year my wife and I immigrated to the Canada sponsored by my youngest daughter, Julie, who is a Canadian citizen. We later then became residents in the USA sponsored by my eldest daughter Alice who is an American citizen. We have five children all married having their families well established, three in the USA, one in Canada, and one in Taiwan. At the first stage of our being moved to North America, we had planned to live with the four children here in rotation in each of the four children families. After trying this we realized this life style would not work for us. We bought our own condominium in LA in January 1986 when our younger son, John, was working in the JPL (Jet Propulsion Laboratory). Not very long afterwards John and his family moved to Albany, New York where he worked as a professor in the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. We didn't move with them because we had been used to our home and liked it here very much.

Among the many places we have ever lived, we like LA most. Good weather and facilities, and communities acceptable to us. My wife and I, have been here over 17 years. We have made quite a number of friends, some specifically hers, and some others specifically mine. We live somewhat different lifestyles. I like mental activities like reading, writing, and talking with friends and on the other hand, I like room dancing for physical exercise. My wife used to like playing mahjong and making friends with her playmates. In the recent two year her physical condition has been much degenerated worse and worse. She can no longer dance with me and not even mahjong playing. Besides driving and usually doing heavy domestic work, I now have

to share a part of the house keeping light works. The present time my social activities are considerably reduced. My present sole daily work is to take care of my wife and doing writing and reading.

I usually have been doing reading and writing in the morning, but dancing, shopping , social and miscellaneous activities in the afternoon. About a year ago, I danced five afternoons a week for 3 hours. Now reduced to only three afternoons a week for about two hours an afternoon. My wife no longer can accompany me but most of the time she is in need of my caring.