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ABSTRACT

“Immigration and settlement of transnational marriage between Chinese men and Thai women in Phuket: The Case Study of Ethnic Issue in Post Modern society” has the main objective to study changes in the way of life of Chinese men who married with Thai women and settle down in Phuket, and to study life problems and adjustment of Chinese men who married Thai women in the context of Thai culture and society. The In-depth interviews and Participant Observation of the Qualitative research methods were used in this study. The studied people were Chinese men age between 27-40 years old, graduated with a bachelor's degree or higher degree, had been living in Thailand at least 5 years, and had been married Thai women for minimum 3 years.

The result of the study found that factors that influenced Chinese men to immigrate are different from the past. Nowadays, the population had the knowledge, so immigrants are quality workforces who can support Thai economy such as tourism industry. Moreover, the development of transportation can reduce the time of travel, and make traveling more convenience. In addition, the technology can also support for their work, and also a communication with parents and relatives who live overseas. Chinese men might adjust to many things to survive such as language, cuisine, culture, etc. The most common problem in adjustment faced by Chinese men is the language. They can understand only simple Thai language, but could not truly understand the meaning. On the other hand, Chinese men also keep their original tradition and culture to teach their child/children Chinese language, culture etc. Chinese men teach their children language and culture directly and indirectly. They teach the language by themselves directly and they would take their children to join in community of Chinese people where can teach their children Chinese culture indirectly.

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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Statement of the Problem

Nowadays, the world is boundless as almost every society can connect together. Humans who live in different nations have an opportunity to meet and many people can immigrate to other countries, sometimes with objectives such as getting jobs and marrying foreigners. For these reasons, Chinese people emigrated from China to many countries around 100 years ago. It resulted in many overseas Chinese people living around the world and it motivated other people to become interested in overseas Chinese, such as their cultures, traditions, immigration to other countries and the growth of business.

Thailand and China have had good relationships for a long time. They began their relationships in the Sukhothai period (Yuan dynasty in China). Contacts between China and Thailand were started by Chinese people. In Chinese chronological notes it stated that around 1282 Guplai Khan of the Yuan dynasty sent an ambassador for contact with 'Siam' at the Chao Phra Ya river (ref. Thai Chinese Culture and Economy Association, 2009). At that time, there were Chinese merchants trading with Thai people, but there were not many Chinese merchants living in Thailand until the Ayudthaya period. [This period had more Chinese people immigrating to Thailand than before] (ref. Ramkhamhaeng University Library, 2011). Taksin Maharaj or the King of Thonburi had a Chinese father, so in that period many Chinese people emigrated to Thailand and their numbers increased, because Thai kings in the next generations supported them for immigration. In addition, at that time Chinese people didn't have policies or laws that allowed Chinese people to emigrate to foreign countries, so Chinese who emigrated couldn't go back to China. It made them stay in Thailand for a long time (ref. Niyomsin, 2012).

Nowadays, Thai women marry foreigners more and more. A survey by the Immigration Bureau revealed the numbers of foreigners who are Asian applying with their documents to stay in Thailand with their Thai wives, according to the law in 2016: the number of Chinese men, who applied with their documents, was the second highest of all nations, at 1,851 Chinese men. A survey by the Immigration Bureau stated that in 2013 Thailand was the most popular place in the world for Chinese tourists to visit. This is one of the main factors that make Chinese people choose to immigrate to Thailand, stay and marry with Thai women more and

more. When there are such marriages across nations, they lead to cultural exchanges especially adaptations to or by Chinese people in Thai society.

1.2 Objective

1.2.1 To observe the changes in the way of lives of Chinese men who married Thai women and settled in Phuket.

1.2.2 To analyze life problems and adjustments of Chinese men who married Thai women in the context of Thai culture and society.

1.3 Significance of the Study

1.3.1 To know about ways of life, problems and adaptations of Chinese people who immigrate to Thailand and stay in Phuket

1.3.2 Be able to use this research as a process of adaptation for Chinese men who want to marry with Thai women.

1.3.3 Be able to use this research as a process for government and private organisations to know the quality of Chinese people's lives in Phuket at present.

1.4 Limitations of the Study

1.4.1 Areas

The areas used in this research were Kathu and Muang/city districts because these 2 districts have many Chinese citizens, while Thalang (the other district in Phuket) has less Chinese people.

1.4.2 Content

For the related literature of study, it focused on related issues for the results and discussions:

- 1) Marriage in the path of immigration
- 2) Adaptations to Different Cultures
- 3) Opportunity and Hopeful Avenues of Work
- 4) Problems of Married Life
- 5) Future of Children.
- 6) Chinese Ethnic Community
- 7) The way of life of Chinese migrant workers

The research also described different factors between old Chinese immigrants and new Chinese immigrants, in keeping some Chinese identity to show the original Chinese culture and how Chinese men relayed Chinese culture for their children.

1.4.3 Time

This research interviewed and collected data by using observation methods from August 2016 to March 2018.

1.5 Definitions of key Terms

1.5.1 “Chinese” means people who are the majority ethnic group in China; in Chinese, they call themselves Han.

1.5.2 “Hybridity” means something that is a mixture of two very different things (Cambridge Academic Content Dictionary). In this research it is mentioned as the mixed culture between Chinese and Thai cultures.

1.5.3 “Postmodern” society (until 20th century) is the era that is characterized as postmodernism, especially in being self-referential (Oxford dictionaries). So, in this research it meant the era that came with technologies, modernization and people with more liberal ideas and freedom.

1.6 Theoretical Framework

1.6.1 Family System Theory by Bronfenbrenner (1986)

The family is an important social institution that has great influences on human characteristics and behavior, because the family is the primary social institution that raises and educates its members and teaches them about social values, thoughts, attitudes and also the cultures and norms to the members in a family. These things influenced the members to have proper behaviors and be accepted in the society.

Bronfenbrenner emphasized the importance of the interaction in the environment of people in a family, which is children’s nearest environment, while the children also had the opportunity to change the environment as well. Bronfenbrenner divided the level of interaction of family and external environments into 4 levels, from the innermost to the outermost level, as follows:

1) Microsystem was the innermost level or the smallest level. It means that the members in the family have direct interaction with an individual, for example: age, gender, health and the environment surrounding the family members. The change of the children's or family member's behavior depended on the closest surroundings.

2) mesosystem is the system between the innermost and the outermost level. It means the interaction between all the innermost systems which include the family and have interaction with other systems that are nearby systems, such as the community surrounding the family, school, and temple.

3) Exosystem is the outer layer next to the middle level. The other institutes that are separate from the children and family's closest environment, with indirect impact to the children's development, for example: the parents' workplace, the relatives in the extended family, neighborhood, and social service organizations.

4) Macrosystem is the biggest system that is the outermost level, apart from the systems mentioned above. It has impacts on the children's development and also the way of life in family, for example, traditions, cultures, values, attitudes and laws; all of these are the environments that affect the daily routine of the children and family members, and the individuals do not have the power to control the mentioned system.

Family means a social unit of two or more persons related by marriage, blood or adoption and having a shared commitment to the mutual relationship living in the same household and the family will be a complete family when having a child or children. Thai families can be divided into 4 main types (ref. Smakkarn, 1995) including:

1) "Nuclear" or "Elementary Family" consists of 2 generations that are parents and children, but in (socio-cultural context) includes relatives as well: for example in Thai society, some families have to take care of the husband's or wife's parents, or some families that have siblings who are still single, living together with the married family. Having the relatives doesn't make Nuclear or Elementary Family turn to be another type of family, because the head of family still maintains the power absolutely. This family type occurs easily and is usually known as an "elementary family" since this family type is the basis of other types.

2) "Extended" or "Joint Family" consists of 3 levels of family members: there are a father, mother and their children, and grandparents in the same residence. Pattern of

spending is in the form of “Gong si” which is the family business that is owned by the members in the family, and everyone in the family can make the decisions and bring the money to invest in other businesses.

3) “Composite” or “Compound Family” means the family that a husband or wife who has more than one spouse, but they live together as one family.

4) “Essential Family” is the family that has only a mother and children while the father has to go to work at other provinces or other countries. This type has gradually been increasing.

The function of the family is a form of reproduction so that the society can be sustainable. It is very important, because if there are no new members in the society, that society no longer exists. The new members have to be the new resources of nation, the quantity of new generation should not be excessive or deficient for balancing the scale of the society.

The next function is sexual gratification, in the form of marriage, which can lessen some sexual violence i.e. sexual assault. Marriage becomes essential in organizing the society since it is a way to control sexual relationships. The other function is Maintenance of Immature Children or Raising the Young. There is no social institution that can do this function better than a family, because it’s hard to find the love and warmth in any institutions except the family.

The family raises the children from birth to growing up. Although other organizations can raise children, it is not as good as the family does; such as educational institutions, and religious institutions. They can take care of the children’s physical health, but it’s hard to take care of their mental health.

The family has the greatest influence in basic socialization since the family can educate the children to know the rules, values, norms, etc. The family can teach children to adjust to any kind of surroundings. So it can be considered that the family is the institute that rears and educates the children since they were born. Social placement determines one's social standing in the family. It determines what roles and statuses one will occupy, who you are, living in - or with - which group. Besides, ascribed status is the thing that one occupies from birth, but it can be changed. It depends on the society that the individual lives in. Therefore, ascribed status plays important roles to create the opportunity and progress or lagging-behind for the individuals.

Giving warmth and affection, the family is where the members can get the love and warmth with all one's heart and soul. Therefore, if the members felt disappointed from work or other factors, the family will be the place to give them encouragement to overcome those obstacles. (ref. Suphap, 1993)

Family roles can be divided in many ways. The roles of the members in the family can be divided according to the actions, which can be divided into 4 types, as follows: 1) mover 2) opposer 3) follower 4) bystander (ref. Kantor and Lehr, 1975)

Kantor and Lehr (1975) divided the types of family into 3 types as follows;

1) Open family was the family that has the ideals of democracy. There was a protection of the rights of the members in the family and allowed the members to have an interaction with other people apart from the family. The members in the family respected the voice of each individual. An open family had flexibilities. The family members had the bond of affection and respect of each other.

2) Random family was the family that offered freedom and had few rules. There was no close emotional bond in the family. The members in the family lacked affection and care from the parents. Therefore, this type of family tended to have problems and easily led to social problems.

3) Closed family was the family that had close emotional bonds. There was no uniqueness of individuals because the family lacked contact with the outside and had a high value of privacy. This type of family tended to be frustrated because of the limits and inflexibility to think or do whatever they would love to.

The different types of family and the rules in the family can affect the characteristics of the children.

1.6.2 Cultural hybridity and Diaspora by Hall (1990)

Culturalists believe a process that a human forms the identity that can be seen from people's consumption or behavior in daily life, no matter what costumes they wear, how they spend free time, tastes, lifestyle, or even their spoken language.

Identity can be divided into 2 levels which are: "Individual Identity" and "Collective Identity". Individual Identity is to define oneself as who he/she is. It happens when an individual has an interaction or communication with other people. The individual can also have

many identities. Collective Identity is a group of people that have the same identity which is created, and based on the similarity of the members in the group. These similarities can be anything, such as occupation, language, religion, or political ideal, etc. Then it is created based on the similarity of the group, so it will be different from other groups, to define their own group identity. (ref. Leepreecha, 2004: 31-72).

Identity is not fixed and it does not go along with the change of life. But identity can always be changed anytime. Stuart Hall claimed that identity was just the many pieces which are assembled from many contexts. It depends on the circumstances of time and place. Identity will be changed according to the surrounding situation and in many aspects such as social status, gender, political ideals, etc. (ref. Jitnirat, 2005: 32). Therefore, identity is not stagnant, but the thing that always changes. It is an unstable state.

One's society can be seen even when each person and each group has different identities, but when they are living in the same society, it will lead to cultural hybridity. In this case, individuals have their own unique identity, so this will lead to the cultural exchanges. Some identities might change according to the society and context that one lives.

Stuart Hall also claimed that migration in this era of globalization, means immigrants move from their own hometowns into new places, but still have emotional bonds with their own culture and society. They still hope that they can get back there. While living in the new place, they are not willing to lose their own identity, so they live by combining the original culture and the new culture in the new place. Moving to a new place, while keeping their own identity, causes a struggle. The struggle, in terms of the political identity, is the struggle to create or maintain their own identity, for example: creating, producing, enjoying, negotiating, or reproducing the identity. These things made Hall think that he was unable to find a conclusion to discourse. This can emphasize that identity is not stagnant, but instead constantly changing.

1.6.3 Concepts of cultural adjustment by Roy (1976)

Roy (1976: 135) described the fundamental human nature which consisted of body, mind, and society which cooperated together as one unit, to keep a normal or good health condition. Sickness or other stimuli were caused from the external or internal changes that affect the life system and have impacts to individuals in body, mind, and society. Therefore, the individuals needed to adjust themselves to maintain the balance of body, mind, and society. The

people who can adjust themselves successfully would get stability in their lives. The behaviors that can be seen from people, who can adjust successfully, are good health, the ability to accept the truth, and find satisfaction in their lives. The people who failed in adjustment would have health problems, no ability to accept the truth, and become depressed.

Regarding the adjustment to maintain the balance of the individuals, Roy collected the behavioral adjustments of human beings and divided them into 4 types as follows;

1) Physiological Needs were the adjustments to keep and maintain the healthy condition of physical health.

2) Adjustment according to Self Concept had a fundamental mind. It was the feeling and attitude towards oneself. The people who had the stability of mind, had confidence, knew the value of their lives, and had ability to accept the truth, so they would be able to adjust themselves better, than the people who saw themselves as worthless and cannot accept the truth.

3) Adjustment according to role function was the response to maintain the stability of the individual's society. In any circumstance that the individual could not perform one's duty, the person had to adjust oneself in order to make a role to continue normally. Whether the duty was done successfully or not, this depended on how the individual adjusted to the circumstance.

4) Interdependence Relations was the response to the fundamental needs of individuals to maintain the stability of the individual's society. Therefore, the balance among self-reliance, relying on others, and letting other people to rely on oneself, had an important role to build the stability of emotion and society.

Adjustment is to encounter the unfamiliar and the change of both external and internal environments. It is the process of solving problems in any situation. Adjustment can affect the mind and society. When there is a change in the lifestyle and their being, they need to adjust to the environment to survive and have a better life. An appropriate adjustment can enhance mental wellbeing and have more emotional stability. So, a man who married a foreigner needed to adjust to many factors, so they can have a happy married life with the partner from a different culture. Transnational marriages can cause an acculturation. There are different forms of adjustment. An appropriate adjustment can enhance the individual to have good mental health. If

the individual can adjust to the change, he/she might feel pressured, stressful and unhappy in mental health. So adjustment is very important in a couple's life. (ref. Jamjuree, 2008).

A behavioral adjustment is the process of learning to enhance the balance of life by solving problems and trying to seek harmonious relationships with the environment and people surrounding them. Therefore, the individual can learn how to adjust himself/herself from many factors and can have a good relationship with other people and also be a part in that society (ref. Gilmer, 1971). The culture in each society will have its own specific attitudes and values. Changing into the culture of the society, the important factor is the fondness or dislike of the people in society. If they like it, it will be easily accepted. But if not, they will refuse and be against it. So acceptance of the new things can be easy or difficult, as it depends on demonstrability of innovation. If they found the innovation is truly useful, then the innovation will be highly accepted eg a computer, telephone, and so on. But acceptance of new objects is easier than accepting the abstract things like beliefs, values, ideals, religious, etc.

Acceptance of the new things has to conform to the original culture, which can affect the adjustment to the culture, to make it easier. (ref. Adsakul, 2012: 227-228). The definition of adjustment is the success of an individual to adjust into other groups. The individual, who can have a good adjustment, will learn the social skill that can improve the good attitude towards the society and can express feeling appropriately. (ref. Hurlock, 1984: 155).

The social adaptation can help an individual to encounter the changes and be able to handle the problems. An adjustment in the life of a human being is different from other organisms. The more advanced the society, the harder the adjustment, because human adjustment is a social mechanism, which is the individuals' own capability to adjust to the environment or adjust to different people. To live and have a satisfied life, the individuals can adjust to other people to live together in the society. Social adjustment can take place in the form of cooperation or maybe competition. The people in the society can live together by adjustment to prevent any conflict, though the individuals have different characteristics or different benefits. (ref. Jamjuree, 2008: 53)

To understand the problems of adjustment for Chinese men who are married to Thai women, the couples have to lessen the gap of different cultures, by trying to understand each other's details of culture thoroughly, including the concepts of living together, beliefs and

religions. Being open-minded to learn the opinion and the way of life of the partner can enhance understanding of the partner's behavior and opinion. Adjustment in the beginning needs an encounter of the problems, but he/she might feel pressured from him/herself or the problems in the surroundings. The individuals need to adjust to the problems that they are facing, to lessen the pressures and nervousness.

When the individuals face them with nervousness, the reason is the mental state or the social status having an effect on their living, causing feelings of suffering. But the pressure can encourage the individuals to adjust and have better understanding about those issues, and it is the encouragement for the individual to make a better life for oneself and society (ref. Taweewattanapreecha, 2006: 33).

It is in accordance with the research of Coleman and Hammen (1974) that the reasons of adjustment might influence the individuals encountering the problems, including one's own problems from surroundings in general. The individual tries to adjust to the situation that he/she is facing with, to reduce the pressure, stress, nervousness or anxiety.

1.6.4 Cross-national marriage by Cohen (2003)

Regarding a marriage with a foreigner or cross-cultural marriage, Cohen (2003) commented that this kind of marriage can be divided into 2 types as below:

1) Marriages between the people who live in the same society, for example marriage of Thai women and Asian men, which has happened for a long time since the Ayutthaya period until the present: however, they were largely ignored or did not get much criticism from the society as Asian people, namely Chinese, Japanese, Laos, Vietnamese, Burmese, and Malay, are Mongoloids and their appearances look similar to Thai people. Their physical appearances including face, skin tone, and hair color are similar. Regarding the reasons for marrying Asian men, for example marriages of Chinese men and Thai women, Chinese people are considered diligent and hardworking, so they have good financial conditions, especially Chinese merchants and farmers who own a lot of land. Moreover, the way Chinese men treat ladies is considered more respectful than Thai men.

2) Marriages of couples who come from different societies, for instance marriages between Thai women and Western men: in the past, marriages with westerners was prohibited because their cultures and religions were totally different from Thai people, which

could have lead to spying and war in Thailand. Another reason, in the past, was that most western men were merchants who came and stayed in Thailand for no more than 2 years and then went back to their countries, and the people who lived here for a long time were often religious priests. Western men, who could marry Thai women, were those who came and worked in the government and lived in Thailand but they still had to ask for permission. But if their daughters or the granddaughters wanted to marry Chinese or Muslim men, they were allowed to do so because Chinese and Muslim men normally stayed in Thailand until they died.

1.6.5 Motivation Theory by Maslow (1943)

Maslow's perspective is that each individual is capable enough of guiding their own self. Humans are never inactive but will change their behavior according to the situations that surround them and will seek the desire to understand themselves, accept themselves in both good and bad, and know their weaknesses and abilities. He explained that every human being has the need to satisfy their individual needs, and that there are many human needs, which first need to be satisfied with the basic needs before moving up to the more advanced needs respectively.

Maslow's assumptions about human needs are as follows,

- 1) Humans are always in need and their needs are endless. When those needs are satisfied, other needs will arise. This is a process that starts from birth until death.
- 2) A satisfied need will not later motivate the same behavior. Therefore, an unsatisfied need will be the motivator to the individual's behavior.
- 3) Human needs are aligned in a hierarchy according to their importance. when the lower level of needs is fulfilled, Humans will pay more attention to the higher needs.

Later, Maslow had described his ideas further about the sequence of motives by dividing the human motives into two broad categories, which include Deficit motive and Growth motive

- 1) Deficit motive or Deficiency or D motive

Is the motive in the lower levels, which is related to the physiological image of the human body and the need for safety. The purpose of this kind of motivation is to eliminate the body's stress from the state of lacking, such as hunger, thirst, cold, or insecurity. In these conditions, Deficit motive will create a behavioral propensity. The characteristics of Deficit motive causes five aspects of this type of motivation as follows.

1.1) The lack of Deficit motive causes the individual to have an illness, such as hunger. If humans did not eat food, they would later become ill.

1.2) The occurrence of Deficit motive will prevent illness. For example, if we felt hungry, but decided to eat proper food then we would not become ill.

1.3) Deficit motive will repair and cure the illness, meaning that there is nothing which cures hunger like food.

1.4) Under the complexity of the situation that allows people to choose freely, Deficit motive will be chosen from the person who is lacking rather than the satisfied ones, for example, a starving person would choose food over sex.

1.5) Healthy people's behavior is not controlled by this deficit motive, because healthy people have the opportunity to get enough of what they need. Therefore, their behavior is not controlled by seeking food and so on.

2) Growth motive or Metaneeds or B motive

Growth motive is the opposite of Deficit motive, because the goal of this motive is a long-range goal, which involve energies that were connected since birth in order to develop the individual's potential. The purpose of Growth motive is to improve our well-being by enhancing our experiences. This is not the same as Deficit motive, because Deficit motive occurs in order to reduce or increase stress. Here is an example of Growth motive, those who choose to study organic chemistry, reason that they want to have more knowledge of this subject, which reflects Growth motive more than Deficit motive. Growth motive will be evident after Deficit motive has been satisfied, to illustrate, individuals would definitely not be interested in studying organic chemistry if they are experiencing starvation near the point of death.

Metaneeds and Metapathologies

After Maslow had described about Deficit motive and Growth motive, he further did research on Metaneeds, which is like an instinct or an attachment since birth similar to Deficit motive and Growth motive. If an individual's needs are met to the point where they are satisfied, they will maintain that state and develop it for good mental health. In other words, an individual might be psychologically sick which is a sickness that results from failure to achieve completeness or progression. Maslow calls this sickness "Metapathologies", which is the mental state of apathy, alienation, depression, etc.

Maslow described human behaviors that are driven by the basic need hierarchy. Humans have many needs and they are almost endless. The needs happen, but they do not get enough fulfillment, so they will still exist and this will always drive human behavior which can be harder to go up to the next level of need. But once that level is fulfilled or in the satisfied level, the next general world is what motivates them, and so on. In other words, they must satisfy lower levels deficit needs before progressing on to meet higher level growth needs and will develop too generally. This hierarchy of needs can be divided into 5 levels with the more basic needs at the bottom, as follows:

Level 1: Physiological needs are the physical requirements for human survival including water, food, air, habitation, clothes, rest, excretion, sex, etc.

Level 2: The safety needs, after humans fulfill physical requirements: they will have upper level needs, namely security of life, assets, employment, etc.

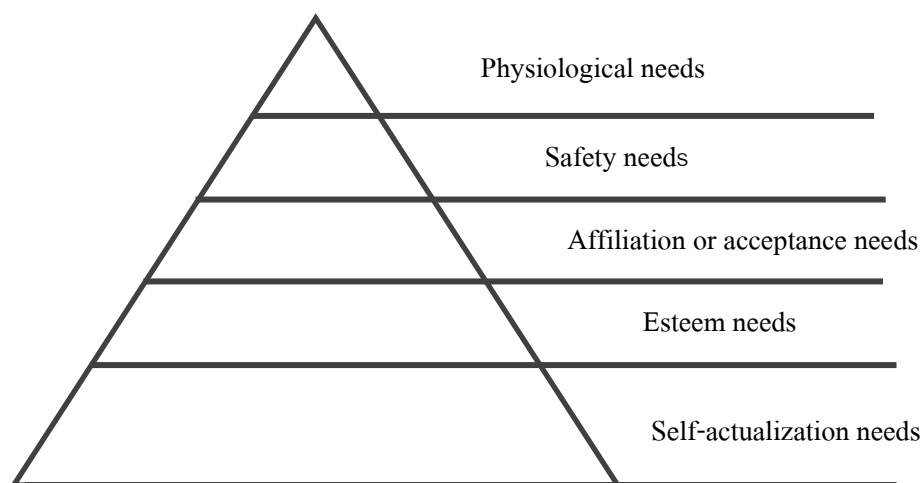
Level 3: Affiliation or acceptance needs; it is the nature of humans to be a part of society, for instance, love, trust, acceptance, and admiration.

Level 4: The esteem needs: all humans have a need to feel respected, in this level it is a kind of social need, self-respect and respect from others.

Level 5: The self-actualization needs: the highest level of human need. Normal people who can accomplish this level will get respect from society, for example they want to be a world famous scientist, want to be a prime minister or a president, want to be a world famous athlete, etc. In this level, everyone will have different thoughts.

From the above theory, they are related to this study, as humans have different needs, but basically they want to make themselves and family have a better life. There is no doubt why most humans choose spouses who can support their family. It is obvious that in this present time, there are many Thai women who decide to marry foreigners, as they believe that foreigners can satisfy their needs better than Thai men.

Figure 1 Motivation - Maslow (Hierarchy of Needs)



Sourch : Human Resources (2009).

1.6.6 Globalization by Toffler (1980)

The concept of Globalization did not emphasize the phenomenon of marriages directly, but it focused on the cross national and cross-cultural issues instead.

Toffler described the society with the development and progression successively from an agricultural to industrial society. Regarding the issue of the state of society in the post-industrial era, the academics who studied about globalization had different opinions from the academics who studied about the Structural-Functional Theory. Toffler (1980) called the post-industrial society “Super-Industrial Society”, while other academics called it different terms, such as Post-Industrial Society, Space Age, Information Age, Electronic Age or even Global Village. The important factor that caused the rapid change in this era was the deficiency of the energy power and the increased cost of production in industries.

Moreover, there were developments in new science such as solid state physics, system engineering, polymer chemistry, and genetic engineering. Therefore these developments brought the new productions as well. Toffler pointed out the change of the super-industrial society, called a third wave, was the change that happened at first in American society in the middle of the 1950s, and the change was very rapid compared to the development of the agriculture society, which humans had lived in for a thousand years. The development into the industrial society had taken 300 years.

There was an interesting fact that everything had not thoroughly changed, and the trails of these three types of society existed in the same society. The integration of agricultural, industrial, and information societies, or called the first, second, and third waves, had impacts on the way of life of people, family institutes, and also the culture which had to be encountered with more diversity in the fundamental renewable resources. There was a seeking of new production bases from deep space underground and deep oceans.

In the super-industrial society, the medias, that used to be powerful, would be affected, for example newspapers would become less popular, because fewer people read newspapers. More people turned to consume other types of media, such as radio and cable TV instead. Toffler described the culture that occurred in the super-industrial society as unorganized, which was the result from the various types of media that could not build the mass mind to the society, because people can choose to consume various mass media depending on one's satisfaction.

The individuals' characteristics and personality could be easily adapted to the rapid changes, being self-centered by looking after oneself while being a young adult, having various positions in jobs, and accessibility to technology.

The change extended into households: the house became the center to do activities including work as well. At present, family members in many households can work from home via electronics devices, for example salespersons, architects, and designers. Toffler called this phenomenon "Electronic cottage". Meanwhile, there were findings about what kinds of family were suitable in the society of the third wave. Toffler called this new type of family as "Electronic expanded family" which was affected from higher trends of moving the production bases into the house. Electronic expanded family was different from the extended family, which was the element of the agricultural society. Members in the family did not only have relative relationships but also may have connections due to the work, or relationship in business. The family in the third wave era had more diversity and this changed the role of the father, who had to earn a living for the family and the mother who had to take care of the children as well. The role of family members would be different for individuals. Moreover, the social movements, such as abortion and supporting the love of homosexuals, had an important impact to lessen the role of women in giving birth and being wives.

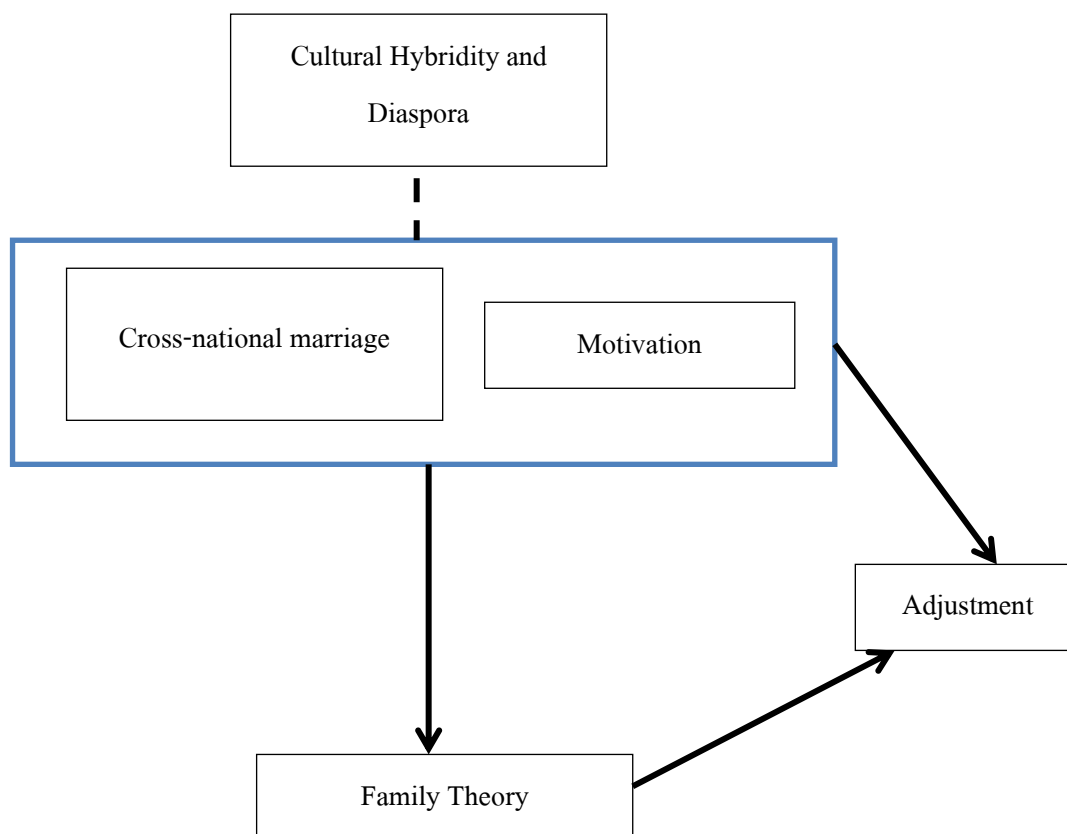
As mentioned above, the concepts of globalization did not focus on the family or the marriages specifically. However, the family and marriages were being affected and changed under the move of globalization. The extension of the world's capitalism had spoiled the cultural boundaries or did not have exact boundaries as in the past. Flows of capital, products, and people happened in this era and transnational marriages were also in this kind of flow. Although the concepts of globalization did not aim to change the marriage issue, the concept described more interesting issues than other theories that had been mentioned about the large effects on society. For example both domestic or international migrations affected the individuals to not rely on the economic system in households, and there was an effect on the social movement that was challenging to the ideal family, and also the role of family in the society, such as homosexuals who tended to increase more and more, since the people did not need to rely on the household economy and this regression in the relationship of relatives.

Moreover, society in the globalization era had new roles that replaced the original roles of the family, such as medical treatment, education, and social welfare. Additionally, the global society connected people via large-scale social networks which had the important effect to help people find out more about themselves. (ref. Adam, 2003)

1.6.7 Summary of Theoretical Framework

Cultural Hybridity and Diaspora included cross-national marriages and motivation. The cross-national marriages impacted the family theory, then led to adjustments. Meanwhile motivation of the immigrants can directly lead to adjustments. From the concepts mentioned above, they describe when Chinese men immigrated into Phuket province causing Cultural Hybridity and Diaspora in Thai society. First, after the settlement of Chinese men in Phuket, this led to cross-national marriages with Thai women. Second, the motivations from other factors also made Chinese men decide to settle down in Phuket; consequently they raised their families there, so when Chinese men immigrated and settled down in Phuket, they had to adopt adjustments so that they could live in society happily.

Figure 2 Theoretical Framework



2 RELATED LITERATURE

2.1 Oversea Chinese in Thailand

Thailand and China started communications and built relationships together since the Han dynasty (汉朝) and Tang dynasty (唐朝). The Sukhothai kingdom in the north of Thailand established a capital city (it was in the late Song dynasty (宋朝) and early Yuan dynasty (元朝) in China). Sukhothai sent ambassadors to improve relationships 9 times during 1292 -1303 and King of Yuan dynasty had sent his ambassadors to Thailand 3 times. In the Sukhothai period, molders of chinaware were invited to Thailand to teach how to make chinaware and produced chinaware to export to foreign countries. (ref. Yonla-or, 2015). At that time, Chinese merchants sailed their boats to Thailand for trading. There were records in the Sukhothai period that there were Chinese merchants importing Chinese products to Thailand for selling near

Nakhon Sri Thammarat, Surat Thani, and Chumporn, while they also bought Thai products to sell in China. At that time, there were many Chinese merchants trading their products in Thailand, but there were not many Chinese people who decided to settle in Thailand.

The Ayudthaya period matched the Ming dynasty. The Ayudthaya period was the best time in its history, when Thailand had the best relationship with China. It had been recorded that the Thai King at that time sent some lords and ambassadors to China to improve their relationships 112 times, while the Ming dynasty sent lords and ambassadors to Thailand 19 times. In addition, the eunuch named “Zheng He” was promoted to be an ambassador and went to Thailand 2 times. Zheng He got a good welcome and supported relationships between Thailand and China to be stronger. By sending ambassadors from both countries, it made their relationship stronger such as in the economies and cultures. Chinese citizens who settled up and traded in Thailand also increased. (ref. Pratoomsawat, 2014)

The Thonburi era was when Chinese people’s roles in Thailand increased, especially the Teochew, because King Taksin Maharaj was known as Thai with Teochew blood, and the important thing was that Chinese people became a group of people who were influential in the economic development of Thailand, including trade, agriculture and mining as Thai people buried treasure before losing it to Burmese. Chinese people used all the treasure by circulating inside the country.

In the early Ratanakosin period, the roles of Chinese people in society were still the same, especially the group of people who coordinated benefits with the royal court by keeping the tax and other benefits until the King Rama III era, when Chinese people completely became taxed farmers (ref. Her Royal Highness Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn, 2006: 127) until Thailand used the capitalist system by following the contract of the “Bowring Treaty” in 1855. Chinese people still had a role in the economy because they could adapt with the new economic system and they also could coordinate the benefits with everyone until the moment just before World War I, when Chinese were an influential group of people who had a role in the Thai economy by being merchants and business owners of factories such as rice mills, wood processors, miners and farmers. Almost every business, that Chinese people controlled at that time, had to use many workers, so that led to Chinese people immigrating here and finding jobs in Thailand, but when they came here the people, who paid them at that time, were business owners

and they had to find accommodation for Chinese workers and deduct their salaries later (ref. Aungkinan, 1971: 19).

In the late Qing dynasty (清朝), Mr. Sun Zhongshan (孙中山) who was the important revolutionary leader of China, came to Thailand to give ideas about a revolution for citizens and built an association of parties named publishers of China. He was supported by Thai-Chinese people and Thai companies. He also consulted and found ways to restore relationships between China and Thailand many times. After the China revolution finished (after World War 2) Thailand and China signed a relationship contract after China finished their revolution and established their country to be the Republic of China. Relationships in Thai and Chinese cultures were restored and developed again. They officially established their relationship on 1 July 1975, at the beginning of a new page of history about their relationships (ref. Yonla-or, 2015).

Niyomsin (2015: 1–16) studied about The Fourth Wave: Southeast Asia and New Chinese Migrants; he found that he could separate the immigration of overseas Chinese people into four eras as follows:

The first wave started from the Qin Dynasty (清朝); that was the era when the kingdom was controlled by Manju since 1644. It was during the big immigration of overseas Chinese people, or Han people (汉人) from China for longer than one hundred years until they had a big community of overseas Chinese people in the nineteenth century. But at that time, although China did not have any policy that allowed Chinese people to emigrate to foreign countries and the emperor did not allow them to come back to China again after they emigrated to other countries. On the other hand, citizens at that time still emigrated to other countries because they saw many overseas Chinese people who made their economies grow up very fast.

The second wave was when many Chinese workers left China after the Second Opium War from 1858 until 1860. The defeat of China in that war meant Chinese people had to give power to the western governments who took many of their workers to western countries without any permission. We could call that as a Chinese contract for coolie migration and Chinese workers were called “Huaging”. About five million workers settled in foreign countries in the late nineteenth century until the beginning of the twentieth century. Most of the Chinese workers labored in gold mines, tin mines, agriculture and big construction projects, especially railway lines in Asia, North America and Australia.

The third wave happened after the Qing dynasty finished in 1911. That era was when there were many conflicts inside the country, until the Chinese Communist revolution. This era saw many Chinese people emigrate to foreign countries especially South East Asia, because of the prosperous economy at that time, especially 1920 – 1930. After the recovery of the economy from the effects of the First World War, there were many improvements in investments and industries, so overseas Chinese people decided to emigrate to foreign countries and they were called “Huaqiao”. Most of them were highly educated and knowledgeable. Some of them hoped to go back to China in the future when the political situation in China was better. On the other hand, most of them could not go back because of the Communist revolution in 1949 and the emigration of Chinese people finished in the same year. During this wave was the new era of important immigration by Chinese women. Most of them emigrated as workers, some of them were Chinese teachers and some of them emigrated with their families. Emigration of overseas Chinese people decreased after the Second World War and the revolution in China.

The fourth wave happened after the revitalization of the Chinese economy since 1978. The objectives of those wanting to emigrate were to settle in developed countries in North America and European countries, especially the United States, Canada, England, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Italy and Spain. In addition, they also emigrated to countries with good economies such as Japan, Australia, New Zealand and Russia. China called this group of emigrants “Xin Yimin” (新移民) or new migrants (ref. Chan, 2006). Most Chinese people who emigrated from big cities, such as Beijing and Shanghai, were educated Chinese people when compared with Chinese people who emigrated in the past. The main factor that made them want to emigrate was to find an opportunity for better economic conditions than working in China. They emigrated by many ways; by land, sea and air. China allowed their citizens to emigrate to other countries after not allowing their citizens any freedom to emigrate for more than forty years. After that, the government of China changed some policies that prioritized neighboring or nearby countries more than inside the country, by creating a new policy that was called “Good Neighbor Policy” and Chinese investors came to invest in Thailand, so they brought some Chinese co-workers with them from China to Thailand. It was one of the factors that increased emigration of overseas Chinese people.

2.2 Oversea Chinese in Phuket

In the late Ayudthaya period, being a miner was the most popular job in Phuket. Tin was an important material for Phuketians, so they started trading to improve their lives because they found tin and traded with merchants who brought products from outside. At that time, they got a lot of profit from tin, so Dutch companies, who went everywhere they could get benefits, built a big shop in Phuket, but it was stopped after 40 – 50 years because Dutch people lacked consideration for others, so local people and Malayu people killed every Dutch person there at that time. French missionaries noted that situation in the year 1686 (ref. Manager magazine, 1986).

According to the census of 1903, there were 9,303 Chinese people in Phuket. There were many Chinese Hokkien people who migrated into Phuket from King Rama III period until the reign of King Rama V, as Thai Kings willingly allowed Chinese people to work in Thailand, therefore Hokkien people came to Thailand to escape Chinese famine. Moreover, the political unrest in China also caused plenty of Chinese people to immigrate to Thailand. At that time, most Chinese immigrants to Phuket worked as laborers, beggars and Chinese opera performers. Fortunately, there was a workforce scarcity in mining. Hokkien people, who already had mining knowledge, were the important workforce in the mining industry. At that time, the Thai government appointed Chinese, who stayed in Thailand for a long time and were reliable and respectful to Chinese immigrants, to be leaders so that it would be easier to manage the immigrants. After that, Chinese people had more roles working in the Thai government. Hokkien people immigrated to the tip of Malayu, and Malaka strait settlements and some of them immigrated to Phuket. At that time, Phuket was called Thung Ka. Chinese men who immigrated here were single and some of them were so young they grew up in Thailand. So, they started families with local people, and the word “hybrids” was created. Local people in Phuket would call them “Baba”, as most of them had children in new generations who were hybrids between local women and Chinese men. They would be called the same (ref. Bootterm, 2014).

In the middle of the 19th century, scientists found that using tin to enamel the iron could protect against rust. It created a demand for a lot of tin at that time, but that led to the problem of a lack of laborers. The Phuket Governor at that time had to find Chinese laborers and hired around 300 Chinese people in Bangkok and many Chinese people from Penang. Most of the Chinese people

were Hokkien and this group also called their relatives from China to work in Phuket. It brought a large wave of Chinese immigrants to Phuket Island.

2.3 Cross-cultural marriages

Jong (2015, p.119-144) wrote about “Transnational Marriages between German men and Thai women: Socio-Cultural Adaptation” and found that most of the 24 samples of Thai women were from northeastern Thailand. The characteristic of finding a partner and marrying German men could be divided into 4 types, which were: Thai women who met German men in Thailand and then married; acquaintances who introduced German men to them; those who went to Germany and found German men to marry with; and those who contacted German men via the Internet. These patterns of marriage between German men and Thai women indicated the pattern of women, from developing countries, marrying men from richer and more industrialized countries. Marrying German men could allow Thai women to immigrate into one of the top countries of the world with better infrastructure and social welfare.

Germany was not only a country of hope for Thai women who wanted to marry German men, but also the need of Thai women who wanted to have a better life, get more convenience, and have more opportunities to earn more money than in Thailand, and it was also the hope of their parents and relatives to get financial support. Considering the factors of migration of Thai women to Germany, one of them was the push factor of poverty, and the pull factor of Germany as a wealthy country with well-developed industries.

There was also the social interaction and community of Thai women who got married to German men. They held important Thai customs and festivals and did activities together at temples in Germany. These activities established a unity and social solidarity, causing help among each other, such as helping to find a job and giving advice about the problems they faced.

Thai women had to face many problems in Germany, for example marriage problems and financial problems for their families in Thailand. Thai women in Germany had to adjust themselves to the new environment including language, social interaction, weather, food, the surrounding people’s attitudes which were different from Thai culture and society, as well as social values in a new society.

Poonsawat (2009) revealed that immigration from hometowns to other countries was the one of the longest movements in human history. It showed that every time they left, it meant the beginning for people in new locations where they settled up. Occurrence of diaspora communities led to the combination of culture with local people. In addition, the occurrence influenced diaspora people to be a part of the nation's history, together with the local people. It can be said that no country in this world has developed without the impact of diaspora people, because they had important roles as well as local people.

Indian diasporas were familiar worldwide because India was a country with a history of diasporas for a long time. It affected diasporas around the world, as when considering the factors for Indian diasporas, it was found that that what made them decide to emigrate was economic reasons, so it meant some of them had to leave because of business. On the other hand, they also left because they wanted to go on pilgrimages, teach and learn about religions because Indians believed in saving their identities. As you can see, wherever there are Indians, they still hold traditional Indian traditions, customs or artifacts.

Moreover, there was an interesting fact about cross-cultural marriages of Thai women by Boonmattaya (2005: 122-125) especially women in the countryside of northeastern Thailand who decided to marry foreigners: although the foreigners immigrated to Thailand and used Western culture for a long time, the identities of locals were still not lost because this group of women supported local culture in their gratitude. Every woman sent some money to their parents and people, who were poor in the countryside, and they found ways to support their parents and families in the countryside, who had a better quality of life than they could before. In addition, they had to be appropriate mothers, as more than half of this group of women had married and divorced Thai husbands before they married foreigners, so they always took care of their children by themselves. Most of the time, they found a good opportunity for their children's education. For this reason, their children usually had high education in foreign countries. They also assisted temples by finding donated money to support temples and support their communities, for example supporting children by donating their money for education.

When the women stayed in a foreign country, women from the Isan countryside of Northeast Thailand, who married foreigners, still had a chance for meeting together under their local atmosphere, for example speaking their local Isan language, eating local Isan food and

holding activities about their local Isan cultures. They also used temple areas for building and reproducing the identities of their tribe, for example traditions, ceremonies, playing, costumes and local language. They also built libraries which provided books, audios, videos and Thai movies.

Holten (2017: 237-248) studied about “Adaptation process of Thai women who married foreigners in Norway” saying that the most difficult thing for adaptation, in the first 3 months in Norway, was the Norwegian language. This was the first problem in their daily lives in Norway, because if they pronounced it wrongly or did not have good accents, the Norwegians didn’t understand and it was easy to misunderstand each other. Activities in daily life in the first 3 months were also difficult because they did not have enough positive thinking and some of them felt lonely because some of them did not have friends, felt homesick, and missed their parents or relatives. Some of them had depression and high temperatures but Thai women who could adapt started to plan their lives in Norway such as learning Norwegian language at schools, to send their documents for visas and getting a job. The second problem was low temperature weather and ways of life, as Norway is near the North Pole, so the winter daytime in Norway was shorter than night time and winter lasted about 6 months.

Food at meals, cultural events and traditions, were not problems for Thai women. Everyone could gradually adapt themselves to local food. They could learn how to do as local people in Norway do, for example learn to respect the cultures and traditions, know how to adapt food for themselves and their husbands knew how to do some activities with strangers.

Preedaphan (2016: 127-137) said that families, whose daughters married foreigners, were separated into 3 types, as follows: 1) Families that had significant financial means, had higher incomes, had increased assets, had no debt, and had savings. 2) Families’ financial means were good, had increased assets, had no debt, but they had no savings 3) Families’ financial condition were quite good, but had no assets and no savings either. The objectives, that would make financial means in families better, were persuading women to marry with/during retirement benefits of their Western husbands and their husbands deciding to stay in Thailand forever, because husbands had high salaries, such as engineers and office workers. When they retired, their income would be decreased, which affected women’s households who had higher incomes than before, for example women who married engineers who had 120,000 THB a month, while women had only 15,000 THB a month. In addition, their husbands decided to stay in Thailand,

because the couples were legally able to purchase houses and land with many facilities, for example air conditioners and electronics. It affected women's households to have more comfortable lives and better financial conditions, while some families' husbands did not move to Thailand. They would not have a house and facilities, so they had to stay with their parents.

Prompakping et al. (2006) who studied about "Cross-cultural marriages of Northeastern Thai women", found that there were many patterns of cross-cultural marriage, for example, meeting their soul-mates by destiny/chance, contacting through connections at work abroad, finding them in tourist attractions, and contacting via agencies. Most of the marriages of northeastern people happened because of meeting their soul-mates by destiny, but most of them intended to find a husband and had many channels to do so. The study found that the women who had already married before, although they didn't have so good a living, they were not the poorest in the village. After getting re-married, their lives had been changed, especially material objects, and the obvious change of social status and culture. The women, who married to easterners, would participate in public work for communities and invest in renovating or building new houses, more than the women, who married to westerners.

Kraikrueng (2016) studied about the married lives of Thai women who married foreigners and how Thai society nowadays has different opinions, because Thai society at present is totally different from the past. Presently, it can be found that no matter how low or high the income, or high the education, there were more and more Thai women who want to marry foreigners. The reason was that foreigners can fulfill the need for material objects and can give better lives to Thai women and their families. This leads to the acceptance by the people in society and turns out to be a cultivating value about the marriages, which occurs continuously in some villages in northeastern Thailand. Even if there were more marriages with foreigners, Thai women, who had foreign husbands, still have to face prejudices from some people in Thai society. From the past studies, most Thai women, who married foreigners, had low income. Before marrying foreigners, many had married lives with Thai men, or some women had worked in night clubs and got the chance to know foreigners. Therefore, most Thai women, who married foreigners, are judged negatively by Thai people.

Buakwan and Buakaew (2015: 139-168) found that the motivation and opportunity of Thai women, who married foreign husbands, are different. The women, who

planned to find foreign husbands, had many reasons, for example having tedious emotions about Thai men's behavior, their financial conditions, weak points in appearance and likings for foreigners. They only had a short time to get to know each other, before they decided to spend a lifetime together. On the other hand, the group of women who did not have any interest to marry foreigners at first, got some advice from their friends and co-workers, spent time together, during work, or also studied together for a long time and had a relationship, before deciding to live together.

From the preceding work; the conditions on the decision to marry a foreigner and cultural exchange within a family of middle-class southern Thai women posited that the main decision to marry the foreigner men among the middle-class southern Thai women's key reason came from love that lead to better socioeconomic status (Phannarat, 2016). Besides, the cultural exchange of the middle-class Thai women pointed out that the language used in communication within the family was an important factor. Sometimes there were some misunderstanding during conversation or using some other slang words in their foreign culture, however, it didn't effect to the married life due to those Thai women had already got English's written and spoken skills. The major languages used between the crossed-cultural spouses are English, Chinese, and their local languages.

2.4 Summary of Related Literature

Immigration of Chinese people had started in the Sukhothai period. At that time, they didn't settle until the Ayudthaya period, so Chinese people immigrated to Thailand more but had many factors such as disasters, wars and poverty. In addition, China at that time did not have any policy that allowed Chinese people to emigrate to other countries, so they couldn't go back to China. This reason made Chinese people, who immigrated to Thailand, decide to settle here. Most of the immigrants were single, but when they stayed in Thailand for a while, they often married with Thai women. The Thai government at that time allowed Chinese people to work, therefore Chinese people had their own businesses, for example trading and agriculture. This was one of the factors that made Thai women decide to marry Chinese people.

Phuket province was the one of the most popular provinces, where Chinese people wanted to immigrate to, especially Hokkien people. During the reign of King Rama V, Phuket did not have enough workers for mining, so Hokkien people, who had ability related to tin

mining, provided skilled crafted men. Moreover, the Thai government promoted Chinese people, who stayed in Thailand for a long time, as leaders for taking care of overseas Chinese people who immigrated to Phuket. At that time, many Chinese men married with local people, so there were mixed cultures between Thai and Chinese. At present, Phuket is still one of the most popular places for Chinese people who want to travel, find a job and settle down.

There were many related research papers about marriages across the nations. Most researches would explain about the factors that made Thai people marry foreigners, because foreigners tended to respond and react to the situation more simply than Thai people. When they got married, both of them adapted together, by studying and adjusting to the culture of each other for a happy life after marriage. They also adapted themselves to external environments. These were stimulations that made their daily lives decrease different culture conflicts.

3 RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

The research was on “Immigration and settlement of transnational marriage between Chinese men and Thai women in Phuket: The Case Study of Ethnic Issues in Post Modern society”, due to the current rising phenomenon of cross-cultural marriages, although the transnational marriages between Chinese men and Thai women has been happening for a long time. Most factors of immigration and settlement were focusing on the economy, which is in accordance with the group of interviewees, whose were from the north and central Mainland China. Mostly of their homes were in countryside areas. Moreover, there are so many people in the Chinese population, so it is highly competitive. The researcher has been living in Phuket province and found that there are plenty of Chinese tourists traveling in the province and some Chinese men have married Thai women.

The purpose of this research was to observe changes in the way of life of Chinese men who married Thai women and settled in Phuket, and to analyze life problems and adjustments of Chinese men who married Thai women, in the context of Thai culture and society.

The researcher conducted the qualitative research by snowball sampling. In this research, the researcher used a mixed method: in-depth interviews, observations, recording the interviews using audio, and note taking. The researcher studied the social networks of Chinese

men who married Thai women, and by introduction from friends or acquaintances, who suggested the researcher go and interview them. The researcher already asked for permission from the interviewees and informed them about the research ethics before the recordings, to get the complete and precise data for analysis

3.1 The process of data collection

Choosing the sources of information for the research from friends or acquaintances, who suggested the researcher conduct the interviews, the researcher asked for permission before conducting interviews. The interviewees were 15 Chinese men who married and had families with Thai women, living in the area of Kathu district and Muang district in Phuket province, selected by Snowball or Chain sampling. The criteria of selection were as follows;

3.1.1 Being a Chinese man who had a legal marriage (registered with a marriage certificate) and had a family life with a Thai woman for at least 3 years

3.1.2 Living in the area of Kathu district and Muang district in Phuket province for at least 5 years

3.1.3 Having a willingness to provide and share their information

After the selection of information for interviewees, the researcher used an informal interview as a tool to collect the basic data, making small talk before interviewing, to build a familiarity and a good relationship with the interviewees, then appointing a date for a main interview.

The researcher described the interview process, asked for permission to record audio and note-take, and also informed about the research ethics to keep information from the interviewees confidential, to ensure and make the interviewees feel free to share their information, so that the researcher can get the complete and precise data. The researcher set up the pseudonym or *alias* to protect their identities and respected the rights of the interviewees.

3.2 The research instrument

In this research, the researcher used instruments to collect the data as follows;

3.2.1 In-depth Interview Semi-Structure

The research created the questions for the interview in accordance with the objectives of the research. The questions were open-ended, moreover the researcher was able to ask other questions that were not in a prepared list of interview questions, in case of finding an interesting issue during the interview, to bring it as more information for the data analysis.

3.2.2 Observation

The researcher collected the data by observation of case studies. Observations were made during the interview, that were in accordance with the talk or not, so that the researcher could bring the information to describe in data analysis.

3.3 Data collection

To collect the data, the researcher mainly used non-participation observations and interviews to gather the information. The interviews of individuals on the in-depth issues that the researcher was interested in, started with informal interviews. The researcher chose the informal interviews as first instruments of interview, by talking about the personal information and general topics. During the conversations, the researcher observed the behavior and the relationships between the interviewees and their families. After building familiarity with the information interviewees, the researcher conducted in-depth interviews by using the semi-structure questions which are open-ended, that are in accordance with the objectives of the research; to know the reasons why Chinese men chose Thai women to be their wives, the cultural differences, how to adjust themselves for living together, and the effects on family, community, and society. Moreover, the researcher also used other questions that were not in the prepared list when finding other interesting issues during the interview, to bring them as more detail for the data analysis.

In each data collection, when the interviewees shared their information, the researcher recorded the audios to collect the accurate and precise data completely. The researcher asked for the permission of the interviewees before starting the recordings. Besides, the researcher also told the interviewees about the necessity of the audio recording, and also promised to keep information from the interviewees confidential. Then the researcher converted the information from audio recordings into note taking and brought it to the data analysis.

3.4 Data analysis

Data analysis in qualitative research is to bring the data from the studies, concepts and related theories to describe the change of the phenomenon, by analyzing the data from the audio recording from the interviewees to link it to the study issues, by collecting all the data thoroughly by observation, note taking, and semi-structure question interviews. The researcher divided and organized the data system to find the relationships of the data and described them under the condition of social and cultural environments of the phenomenon. By bringing the interviewees' opinions to describe the phenomenon, the researcher put the information into the summary to find out the facts. Doing an analysis of the related issues and presenting the research results and concluding the issues from the data analysis, which are from the interviewees individually, the researcher explained the process of adjustment in living together.

3.5 Basic information of the interviewees

The first interviewee, Mr. Ni Mingkun (pseudonym), was 37 years old, and graduated with a bachelor's degree. His hometown was in Tianjin province. He had been in Thailand for 15 years. At first, his reason to live in Thailand was just because he had been refused a work visa in United States, and he had traveled to Thailand twice, so he decided to work in Thailand instead. Since he realized that Phuket is one of the provinces in Thailand that has a successful economy, there are many Chinese people traveling here, and there are so many opportunities for working, he decided to live in Phuket. Currently, he was living in Muang district. His wife was 37 years old. He was married to her for 10 years and now had one child. He met his wife from working in the same place.

The second interviewee, Mr. Hu Yifei (pseudonym), was 31 years old, and graduated with a bachelor's degree. His hometown was in Heilongjiang province. He had been in Thailand for 7 years. At first, the reason to live in Thailand was because of his work. His company in Beijing sent him to work in Phuket, and he realized the opportunity for more work, so he decided to work here. Currently, he was living in Muang district. His wife was 30 years old. He was married to her for 3 years and now had one child. He got to know his wife from his friend.

The third interviewee, Mr. Feng Silei (pseudonym), was 29 years old, and graduated with a bachelor's degree. His hometown was in Guilin province. He had been in Thailand for 6 years. The reason he came to live in Thailand was because the work was highly competitive in China, he felt so pressured, so he decided to work in Phuket. Currently, he was living in Kathu district. His wife was 31 years old. He was married to her for 4 years and now has one child. He met his wife at a restaurant and felt interested in her so he asked her name and the ways to contact her.

The fourth interviewee, Mr. Wu Qingwei (pseudonym), was 35 years old, and graduated with a bachelor's degree. His hometown was in Henan province. He had been in Thailand for 8 years. The reason he came to live in Thailand was because he applied as a volunteer Chinese teacher and the organization sent him to teach in Phuket. Currently, he was living in Muang district. His wife was 32 years old. He was married to her for 3 years and now had one child. He got to know his wife from his friend.

The fifth interviewee, Mr. Zeng Jingcai (pseudonym), was 47 years old, and graduated with a bachelor's degree. His hometown was in Chongqing province. He had been in Thailand for 5 years. The reason he came to live in Thailand was because at the beginning he was doing business in China and saw the opportunities of business in Phuket, so he decided to move to Phuket. Currently, he was living in Kathu district. His wife was 28 years old. He was married to her for 4 years and now had one child. He met his wife when she was working as an interpreter for him when he came to invest in a business in Phuket.

The sixth interviewee, Mr. Liu Xiaohua (pseudonym) was 28 years old, and graduated with a bachelor's degree. His hometown was in Jiang Xi province. He had been in Thailand for 5 years. The reason he had to live in Thailand was because his wife wanted to live in Thailand and saw the opportunities for work in Phuket, so they decided to live here. Currently, he was living in Muang district. His wife was 28 years old. He was married to her for 5 years and now had one child. He met his wife when she was studying on a summer course in China and they had been keeping in touch.

The seventh interviewee, Mr. Liu Zhilu (pseudonym), was 38 years old, and graduated with a bachelor's degree. His hometown was in Hubei province. He had been in Thailand for 11 years. The reason he had to live in Thailand was because his company in China

sent him to work in Thailand. Currently, he was living in Muang district. His wife was 36 years old. He was married to her for 9 years and now had 2 children. He met his wife when he bought Chinese steamed buns and felt interested in her.

The eighth interviewee, Mr. Li Yiqing (pseudonym), was 32 years old, and graduated with a bachelor's degree. His hometown was in Shan Dong province. He had been in Thailand for 7 years. The reason he had to live in Thailand was because his wife wanted to live in Thailand, so he decided to stay here. Currently, he was living in Muang district. His wife was 31 years old. He was married to her for 7 years and now had one child. He met his wife when she was studying on a summer course in China and they had practiced Wushu martial arts performance together, so they had known each other.

The ninth interviewee, Mr. Zhang Zhongxin (pseudonym), was 29 years old, and graduated with a bachelor's degree. His hometown was in Xi'an province. He had been in Thailand for 6 years. The reason he had to live in Thailand was because his friend, who lived in Thailand, suggested to him to come and work here. Currently, he was living in Kathu district. His wife was 28 years old. He was married to her for 4 years and now had one child. He had got to know his wife from his friend.

The tenth interviewee, Mr. Huang Xingfu (pseudonym), was 33 years old, and graduated with a bachelor's degree. His hometown was in Zhejiang province. He had been in Thailand for 7 years. The reason he had to live in Thailand was because it was hard to find a job in China, it was very competitive, and his friend suggested him to come and work in Phuket. Currently, he was living in Muang district. His wife was 30 years old. He was married to her for 4 years and now had two children. He got to know his wife from his friend.

4 RESULTS

4.1 Marriage in the path of immigration

China is known as the country with the highest population of citizens in the world. From the survey of total population by country in 2017 China had the highest number of citizens in the world. The second was India and United States. Every year, there are many Chinese students in bachelor level study abroad, but China's competition for jobs is really high,

so this situation makes some Chinese students very pressured, and sometimes expenses are also much more than income, although their salaries are not much different from many foreign countries and at present China is a leading country with development in their technology and industry. On the other hand, there are many provinces still with slow development processes. These factors also influence new Chinese people to decide to immigrate to other countries. Thailand is one of the most popular countries for Chinese people who want to immigrate there, because of its long relations in bilateral diplomacy and similar societies. Both cultures are similar, and expenses are not high as in China. As a result, there are so many Chinese people who visit Thailand for work, travel, and immigration by getting married with Thai people, especially in Phuket, as it is well known as a popular destination. When Chinese people stay in Thailand for 3-5 years, they learn directly about Thai culture and they feel they positively learn and adjust to the local culture, so they often decide to marry with Thai people.

Table 1 Statistics for staying in Thailand by Chinese immigrants in 2013 and 2016

Chinese men filed applications to stay in Thailand		
Dates	Temporary Visas	
	To Stay with Thai wife	
	Applied	Approved
01 January – 31 December 2013	1,163	1,038
01 January – 31 December 2016	1,851	1,648

Sourch :Thai Immigration Bureau<https://www.immigration.go.th/index>

According to the statistics of the Thai Immigration Bureau about foreigners filing applications to stay with Thai women and live in Thailand, in 2016 there were 2,464 British men, 2,431 Indian men, and 1,851 Chinese men. Plus the amount of Chinese immigrants was increasing too. Researcher chose information only two years because this two information were clearer than other information.

At present, we can see that immigration of foreigners to Thailand has been increasing. They are not only Westerners, but they are also Asian people. The following data was from the categories of immigration by Chinese men who married Thai women.

4.1.1 Friends or Acquaintances Advice

Chinese men who stayed in Thailand approximately 3-5 years, often learnt some Thai language until they felt interested in Thai culture and they wanted to settle in Thailand. Therefore those Chinese men inquired with their friends about Thai women who were single. Consequently, Chinese friends found opportunities to make friends and meet Thai women together and have some social interactions, such as having meals together. If Chinese men like Thai women, they would ask their friends to find other opportunities to establish satisfying relationships. When Thai women feel interested in the relationship, Chinese men make an appointment with the Thai women by themselves, without asking their friends.

According to the deep interview of Mr. Hu Yifei, his hometown was in Heilongjiang Province. After his graduation, he got a job at a company in Beijing. He worked for 1 year and the company established a branch in Phuket. The company sent him to work in the Phuket branch. Mr. Hu Yifei had worked for 1 year and decided to quit this job and found a new job, but the target job was still related to tourism. Mr. Hu Yifei also said that the field that he graduated in was not directly related to his job, but he could learn to adapt. Furthermore, his boss knew that he could speak English and Chinese. The co-workers also professionally taught Mr. Hu Yifei about his work.

Mr. Hu Yifei had a Thai girlfriend he knew by work in the office, but he stopped his relationship. One day, he said that he knew one Thai woman as a friend in the office. She had good behavior and the woman felt interested to have a Chinese boyfriend. His friend invited him to have a meal together to get to know each other. The lady could speak Chinese; however, they talked about the normal greetings without special communication topics. The friends of Mr. Hu Yifei tried to make both of them meet together again, by making appointments over meals. He could learn her personality and felt interested in her. They exchanged their telephone numbers and some ways for connection. Their relationship slightly increased; consequently, they made appointments by themselves. Both Mr. Hu Yifei and the Thai lady met for a year until he decided to ask the lady to marry him. They registered for a marriage certificate and lived together in Phuket.

Mr. Hu Yifei also said that he had Thai girlfriend before but they broke up because some of their behaviors couldn't get along well. Later, his friend introduced his

nowadays wife to him, anyway, at that time they were still stranger to each other and he still hesitated in the beginning because his still could not forget about his ex-girlfriend. Later, when they got to know each other more and more, they started to like each other increasingly afterward.

In addition, from the interview of Mr. Wu Qinwei that Mr. Wu knew Mr. Wu's wife by advice of Mr. Wu's Chinese friends because Mr. Wu's wife was friend of Mr. Wu's friend. When Mr. Wu and Mr. Wu's wife had a chance for a meal, Mr. Wu's friend advice Mr. Wu to Mr. Wu's wife. At first time, Mr. Wu and Mr. Wu's wife did not well known each other. Mr. Wu also told that Mr. Wu's wife could not speak Chinese. Most of the time Mr. Wu and Mr. Wu's wife would speak English. When Mr. Wu got married, Mr. Wu and Mr. Wu's wife had a chance for meeting together. In this time, Mr. Wu's friend told Mr. Wu that Mr. Wu's wife was single and Mr. Wu's wife had good behaviors. Mr. Wu's friend tried to make Mr. Wu wanted to know Mr. Wu's wife more. Then, Mr. Wu registered Facebook and asked Mr. Wu's wife for Mr. Wu's wife Facebook because Mr. Wu knew most of Thai people would use Facebook. Mr. Wu and Mr. Wu's wife talked together for a few months through Facebook and telephone. The third month that Mr. Wu invited Mr. Wu's wife for the first meal, Mr. Wu told Mr. Wu's wife that Mr. Wu was excited in first time. After that, when Mr. Wu and Mr. Wu's wife were free, Mr. Wu and Mr. Wu's wife would have meal together. When Mr. Wu talked with Mr. Wu's family, Mr. Wu would talk about Mr. Wu's wife to Mr. Wu's family. In addition, Mr. Wu's wife also invited Mr. Wu to Mr. Wu's wife's house to meet with Mr. Wu's wife's parents. Everything was good, so Mr. Wu and Mr. Wu's wife had a relationship for a year. Then, Mr. Wu and Mr. Wu's wife got married.

Mr. Zhang Zhongxin gave an interview saying that fortunately, technology has evolved over the years. Traveling is more convenient which helps shorten the travel time. Communication is also borderless, all that's needed is a phone and access to the internet and you are able to communicate. At first, when his friend invited him to work in Thailand, he did not feel worried, because traveling to Thailand took only a few hours. It did not take long like travelling by boat for long periods of time and there was not risk of disease or death during the trip. Communication with family members in China was more convenient. It was not limited to just writing letters or seeing the messages, but you could both hear and see your family at the same time. This also made his hope of coming to work in Thailand even more carefree. He came here

determined to work hard and gain full income. He had hoped that Phuket would definitely create a career and provide income for him. Chinese job opportunities were quite easy to find because in Phuket, there were many Chinese people who opened private companies, or worked in high managerial positions in large companies. It was very casual that Chinese people would welcome their compatriots into the same workplace, and at that time, his friend had recommended him to come work for a Chinese-owned company. The owner of the company saw Mr.Zhang and did not care about his academic major background or his professional experience, reasoning that the job could be taught. At present, the labor market in Phuket needed people that were capable of speaking Chinese. Especially Chinese people, who are much needed in the workplace. In addition to the language aspect, his boss also saw the positive nature in Chinese people of being very serious about their work and rarely taking leave, Mr.Hu Yifei gave an interview saying that the types of jobs that Chinese people do when working in Thailand are jobs that typically do not match with their academic major background. To illustrate, He had graduated with a degree in marketing but he later found a job in tourism. In recent years, Phuket has been in need of a large number of Chinese workers. As for him, he thought that just so he can communicate in Chinese and have a job that provides income for him, he would be ready and willing to learn. In terms of his job responsibilities relating to the travel industry, his boss would usually have him contact clients or agents in China. He mentioned that when Chinese people communicate with each other, they tend to have a better understanding of each other than compared to associating with a Thai person who might not understand what is being said in some situations. He added that when his friends came to work in Phuket, some of them started as Chinese teachers in private schools. Although they did not graduate with a teaching degree, they were still considered as native speakers who understood the Chinese language more than a skilled Thai person. Some of them worked in tourism because most of Phuket's income comes from tourism. There were many Chinese tour operators, this led to workers inviting their Chinese friends to come work in Thailand and offering better proposals to them compared to working in China. This included better job positions or free accommodations.

This situation reflected intimacy had power and could persuade others, because intimacy would make people, who were advised by their friends, feel trust in their friends; they could assist them to establish a relationship and develop the relationship later by themselves.

4.1.2 Supportive Married Life

This issue was directly related to the time couples spent together, after their marriages. Couples had activities together after finishing work such as having meals, shopping and traveling. These activities influenced them to have opportunities spending time together, and the intimacy affected their conversations about life of each other. Hence, their relationships could change from friends to be lovers. According to interviews, Mr. Ni Mingkun graduated and applied with his documents for a visa to work in America, but the documents did not fulfill the requirements, so Mr. Ni Mingkun decided to come to Thailand because he had visited Thailand 2 times before and he realized that Phuket had a good economy mainly focused on the tourism industry. He thought he would have really high opportunities to get a job in Phuket. The field that he graduated in was not connected with the job in the sales department of the hospitality industry. Mr. Ni Mingkun could speak English and Chinese, so his language skills were very helpful, Although Mr. Ni Mingkun had not graduated from a linguistic major, he could do this position through the allowance of his boss. Mr. Ni Mingkun said in his interview that the first time he did not think anything special about the lady at his company, he just categorized it as a co-workers relationship, but there is one quote about love in Thai translated to “intimacy influenced love”, while Mr. Ni Mingkun and the lady always met together. The lady was also very kind and cute, so Mr. Ni Mingkun loved her although he never thought before that he would have a Thai wife. The lady could not speak Chinese, but both of them spoke English for communication. He realized that language is not the main factor in his married life. When they had a relationship, they kept it secret because they did not want to be gossiped about in the company. So, the relationship was still secret until Mr. Ni Mingkun’s close friend knew about this. When they had the relationship for 3 years already, he resigned from the job, asked the woman for marriage and registered for a marriage certificate. They established their own tourism business and the relationship was more open.

In the story of Mr. Zeng Jingcai told that in the first time when Mr. Zeng Jingcai wanted to invest in Thailand, Mr. Zeng Jingcai asked Mr. Zeng Jingcai’s friends to announce for sign up as translator for Mr. Zeng Jingcai because Mr. Zeng Jingcai could not speak English and Thai. When Mr. Zeng Jingcai came, Mr. Zeng Jingcai’s wife signed up as Mr. Zeng Jingcai’s personal translator. In first time, Mr. Zeng Jingcai did not think anything excepted job with Mr.

Zeng Jingcai's wife because Mr. Zeng Jingcai thought Mr. Zeng Jingcai's wife was a staff. One day, Mr. Zeng Jingcai fraternized with Mr. Zeng Jingcai's wife and Mr. Zeng Jingcai saw Mr. Zeng Jingcai's wife was a grateful person. So, Mr. Zeng Jingcai appreciated Mr. Zeng Jingcai's wife, but Mr. Zeng Jingcai did not feel anything special. When Mr. Zeng Jingcai and Mr. Zeng Jingcai's wife worked for a year, intimacy made Mr. Zeng Jingcai's feeling changed, so Mr. Zeng Jingcai decided to tell Mr. Zeng Jingcai's wife that Mr. Zeng Jingcai loved Mr. Zeng Jingcai's wife and asked for a relationship. Mr. Zeng Jingcai and Mr. Zeng Jingcai's wife had a relationship for two years, so Mr. Zeng Jingcai decided to get married with Mr. Zeng Jingcai's wife because Mr. Zeng Jingcai did not want to have babies when Mr. Zeng Jingcai got older.

Mr. Zhang Zhongxin gave an interview that six years ago, he lived in Thailand for the first time. He joined the marriage of his friend in work. He also told that it was the first meeting between him and his wife. So, his friend introduced each other to know each other. After marriage he and his wife met more often from making appointments from his friend. At the first moment of his relationship, he just was a friend of his wife. When the time passed, he was his wife's boyfriend because of his friend's impetus. Mr. Zhang Zhongxin and his wife had a relationship for a long time until both of them decided to get married.

The result from the interview reflected the intimacy which indicated a satisfying relationship. The good relationship slightly transformed into true love. The true love could span the different nationalities and religious issues.

4.1.3 Destiny Led People

The meetings in this research mean the meetings that happened by chance. The meetings happened at the time when 2 people realized them as "Destiny." From the interview of Mr. Liu Xiaohua, who saw his wife when she went to study Chinese language in China, he said he did not hope that he would have a foreign wife, but he saw her so many times in the university, and he thought she was very cute. So, he started to talk with her and exchanged the WeChat ID with her to build their relationship. Mr. Liu Xiaohua made appointments for dinner, but her friends went with her every time. She went back to Thailand, but Mr. Liu Xiaohua still contacted her by WeChat, and the lady had to study in China again the following year in a different province so he sometimes went to see her. The relationship was categorized as long-distance relationship, but the distance was not a problem. Mr. Liu Xiaohua also said that technology was very

convenient to contact each other as they could talk and see each other online, influencing the feeling of warmth. The transportation fee was not expensive for the travel, and the time spent together was shorter than in the past. This factor influenced Mr. Liu Xiaohua to decide he could meet with the lady more often, when she studied on a summer course in China. When they had a relationship for 2 years already and graduated, Mr. Liu Xiaohua decided to ask her for marriage and registered for a marriage certificate. Mr. Liu Xiaohua's wife wanted to stay with her family in Thailand, so Mr. Liu Xiaohua lived in Thailand and found a job where he knew that he could contact his family in China by using technology to communicate with them. Sometimes, he also visited his family in China by plane.

In another interview, Mr. Liu Zhilu said he met his wife when he went to her steamed bun store to buy a steamed bun the first time. She helped her parents in front of the store; he felt that this was his destiny with her. Mr. Liu Zhilu bought steamed buns at the store every day. She could not speak English and Chinese. Mr. Liu Zhilu stayed in Thailand from 2007, so he could speak and listen to Thai language. He used Thai language to make friends with her. Mr. Liu Zhilu and his future wife got to know each other better and he developed the relationship after 2 years, deciding to ask her for marriage and register for a marriage certificate. He worked in Phuket, and settled down in Phuket.

From the interview of Mister Feng Silei told that Mister Feng's first meeting with her wife by having a meal with Mister Feng's friend at a restaurant in Phuket. At first time, Mister Feng interested in her wife (as known as love at first sight), but Mister Feng did not plan to continue relationship. A month later, Mister Feng met Mister Feng's wife more often. Mister Feng thought, Mister Feng wife could be Mister Feng's destiny, so Mister Feng decided to ask Mister Feng's wife's name and application for communication such as WeChat, telephone number. At first, Mister Feng's wife told only Mister Feng's wife's name because Mister Feng's wife did not trust Mister Feng. When the time passed Mister Feng knew Mister Feng's wife was friend of Mister Feng's friend. So, Mister Feng asked Mr. Feng's wife WeChat from Mister Feng's friend. Then, Mister Feng could continue Mister Feng and Mister Feng's wife relationship. From first time, Mister Feng's wife answered Mister Feng sometimes and Mister Feng and Mister Feng's wife met together by Mister Feng's friends for a long time. So, Mister Feng and Mister Feng's wife knew each other more and Mister Feng asked Mister Feng's friend

to connect relationship. A few months later, Mister Feng made an appointment with Mister Feng's wife for meals without Mister Feng's friends. Then Mister Feng and Mister Feng's wife could develop relationship until Mister Feng and Mister Feng's wife could be a couple.

Destiny is the factor that brings 2 people from a long distance apart to have a chance to meet and develop it into a relationship. The power of love gives motivation to make both people solve any problems. At present, technology and transportation also help them to feel warm and more intimate.

4.2 Adaptations to Different Cultures

Adaptation is an important factor for married life and the process for supporting each other or solving problems. When the ways of life change, it is important to have adaptation for survival and having a better life. Chinese men, who got married with Thai women, must have adaptation in many dimensions to have a happy life in the society of different cultures. Marriage with people who have different cultures influences cultural hybridity which had different ways to adapt. The suitable adaptation influenced how to have a good mind and health. On the other hand, those who unsuccessfully adapted themselves would face pressure while living in the new society. Those who could successfully adapt themselves for the society would have good mind and health, and they could live in the new society happily. The following data shows categories of adaptation:

4.2.1 Adaptation in the field of Language.

Language was the main factor to get married with foreigners. The linguistic skill was mainly influencing Chinese men who successfully married Thais. They used Chinese to communicate each other, and Chinese men learnt to speak Thai after marriage. However, some Chinese men immigrated to Thailand before they met their wives, so they studied Thai language before, but they could not speak Thai language truly. Before Mr. Li spent his life in Thailand with his wife, he learned some basic Thai language on the Internet and during his relationship with his girlfriend. He asked her to teach Thai language to him. Mr. Li said one reason was that he studied Thai language before he moved to Phuket, because he wanted to have some conversation with her family and people around him as much as he could and because he could not speak English well. He could speak and listen to basic Thai language, clearly motivating him to comprehend his wife better, although his wife could understand Chinese language. On the other hand, when he was in a

real situation to speak with Thai people, there were so many new words and sentences that he had to learn more. When he moved to Phuket and worked as a teacher at a hotel, he said that it was good luck for him that there were Chinese and Thai teachers who were Chinese language teachers. He was happy about the conversations, but most of the time he asked a Thai teacher, who taught Chinese language, to teach him Thai language. Mr. Li wanted to learn more to explain and understand the conversations between him and his students. He said that right now he could speak and listen to Thai language better than before, but he still could not read and write Thai language.

Mr. Feng Silei in his interview said that he did not have any preparation about the Thai language before, because he thought Phuket had many Chinese people, and there would be many people who could speak Chinese. He also said that he could speak English, so he did not worry about Thai language. When he immigrated here, he learned Thai language because he wanted to talk with others and understand more. The first time that he arrived in Phuket, he bought some things at stores where the merchants could not speak English and Chinese. He could not speak Thai, so he spoke by using body-language to make them understand, using application namely "Google Translate", and finding pictures to make them understand clearly. Mr. Feng Silei always used these ways for communication, but when he worked in Phuket for 2 years already his co-workers taught him basic Thai language. He could also learn more Thai language by watching Thai series, movies, listening to Thai music or learning Thai language on the Internet by himself.

Mr. Liu Xiaohua said that he did not prepare any studying of the Thai language before and his English was not good enough. When he stayed in Phuket the first time, he thought it was good luck for him because most of his co-workers could speak Chinese. He learned more about Thai language on the Internet and asked his friends in the office to teach him more to make it easy for his future to stay in Thailand.

Mr. Ni Mingkun told that he did not prepare for Thai language before he came to Thailand. He could speak English. He told that Phuket was a country in Thailand where many foreigners wanted to spent their vacation time. It made he had confident that he could use English language in Phuket. In the first time of his working life in Phuket, he worked in a hotel. In that hotel would use English language. He though language was not problem for his working life. When he stayed for a month, his Thai friend taught basic Thai language to him such as greeting.

When he went outside, he would have Thai friend who always helped him to translate in the case where the merchant could not speak English. In addition, he was an active learner, so he could remember and speak Thai language with his Thai friend in office. He also told that after he got married with his wife, he wanted to learn Thai language more because he wanted to talk with his wife more clearly although his wife could speak and listen English language. He said that language was not a problem if we readied to learn new things.

Mr.Zeng Jingcai gave interview that before he immigrated to Thailand, he did not learn Thai language before, but due to his business needed to come often to Thailand. He asked his secretary to teach him Thai language for basic communication in daily life and about those necessary words for his business, for example, have you had lunch?, what are you doing?, what is your name?, etc. Anyway, for his own could only communicated in Thai only for a very basic conversation, he couldn't read and write in Thai yet. He chose to study only what really important conversation in Thai because he thought that if he went out he already got his secretary as the translator for him. When he got married he doesn't concern about study more Thai language because his wife could write, read, speak, and listen well in Chinese.

Mr. Hu Qingwei said that his first career in Thailand was the Chinese teacher, his colleagues were both Thai and Chinese, most of his colleagues could speak Chinese language. Besides, he said he used Chinese language almost of the time. For communication at school, if his students didn't understand the lessons, he would use picture, both English and gesture language to describe the meaning. However, sometimes his students still didn't get the meaning even he used all those methods above to clarify, he would change the teaching plan by asked his Thai-Chinese colleague to pronounce and wrote the meaning of those words in Thai for him. He learned Thai from his colleague starting from words and improving into phases. This way of teaching made his students became easier to understand and more efficient in studying Chinese language. In addition, he could improve his Thai skill at the same time. Initially, when he went outside he did not understand any Thai words and didn't know how to communicate with the merchants in English, so do the sellers didn't know how to communicate with him in Chinese. He found that language was the biggest obstacle to live in Thailand. Later, because of his job he needed to study Thai in order to improve his teaching skill, this was the reason that he could communicate better

with Thai people, even now he still couldn't speak very fluent in Thai but he could communicate by using basic words in conversation and not too complex sentences with other people.

Mr.Hu Xingfu gave an interview that learning Thai grammar structure was easy because it was similar to Chinese grammar structure. But later when he studied deeper in Thai he found that to Thai and Chinese grammar structures were totally different, for instance, example of SOV (subject+verb+object); ฉันรักเธอ and 我爱你 referred to “I love you”, ฉันชอบวาดรูป and 我喜欢画画 referred to “I love drawing”, the usage of SOV in those two sentences were similar in both Thai and Chinese grammar structures. However, if the sentences became more complicated in which sentences were composed of preposition, time, place, for example, เขาดื่มชาอยู่ที่บ้าน and 他在家喝茶 referred to “he drinks tea at home”, เขาดื่มชาตอนเช้า and 他早上喝茶 referred to “he drinks tea in the morning”, as demonstrated above, the preposition of place and time in those sentences were different: Chinese grammar structure (subject+prep time/place+object) compared to Thai grammar structure (subject+verb+object+prep of time/place). He also said that there were a lot differences in Thai and Chinese grammar structures. However, if he spoke wrong in Thai his friends or the other people will help him correct those words.

Mr.Hu Yifei gave an interview saying that when he first came to Thailand, he had never learned Thai before. He could not communicate in Thai but could only speak Chinese and English. At his workplace, people could speak Chinese, so he did not worry about communication. Or sometimes he communicated with his Thai coworkers who could speak Chinese. For better understanding, he would have them explain the sentences using easier vocabulary or gestures or looking up those words on Google. But the real challenge was when he had to go outside the workplace, because the street vendors that sold food were both Thai and Burmese. Some Thais could speak English but some places did not have anyone who could speak English at all. At first, he would look at the pictures on the menu, but later, because he had to communicate with Thai agents or with his Thai friends, he gradually absorbed the Thai language. He did this by having his coworkers explain the meanings of the words to him during the conversation. He did not study Thai seriously. He just wanted to learn the essential things about conversations, such as vocabulary related to work, the name of the foods that he regularly ate, or Common sentences like, have you eaten? what are the side dishes? how are you doing? do you

understand? He also added that when he came to work in Thailand, learning more Thai was necessary, but with the limited free time that he had, he had no time to study Thai, so he would have his coworkers teach him or simply remember when the Thai people translated sentences for him. His friend would warn him and correct him when he pronounced different words similarly or said a sentence that was grammatically incorrect. He admits that he sometimes does not remember, but he tries to be as careful as possible to avoid misunderstandings when communicating. Especially when he got married and had children, he had to be even more careful about using Thai than before fearing that his children might remember the incorrect meaning of the words or sentences.

Mr.Liu Zhilu gave an interview saying that although Phuket has many Chinese tourists, there are not many Thai people who could speak Chinese. There are only some professions where the people could speak Chinese, such as Chinese tour guides, ground staff or hotel staff. He added that when Chinese people come to Thailand, first, they have to be able to speak some English, because most people living in Phuket can speak English more than Chinese and also because of the fact that English is the universal language of the world. Mr.Liu could speak some English but he was not fluent. When he went outside, he could communicate with simple vocabulary, but when he had to go eat at a local restaurant where nobody could speak English or Chinese, he would use Google translate, gestures, simply drawn pictures or simple sentences to help support what he was explaining. After that, when he was dating his Thai girlfriend. He had her help teach Thai to him in the necessary parts. Or when there were some sentences where he needed precise explanations of the definitions, His girlfriend was very helpful in telling him what they meant. He focused mainly on speaking. Reading and writing were very difficult for him. At present, he did not have any plans in learning to read and write Thai. He also added that for foreigners who could speak and understand Thai, it would be very beneficial to their daily lives. Or sometimes it is necessary when communicating with Thai customers in order to negotiate more easily, because some Thai people do not speak Chinese and are also not fluent in speaking English on top of that.

Communication is an important factor in daily life, because people from different cultures and nationalities use different languages for communication. Most Chinese people can adapt themselves, with the Thai language learned more for communication with

people inside family and outside the family, indicating successful adaptation to the new culture. The adaption of immigrated Chinese in Thailand's research discovered that the majority of the immigrated Chinese in Thailand could speak simple Thai by using simple words in the conversation, and their listening and speaking skills were equally, reading and writing skills were rarely found in this group of people. Besides, most of the immigrated Chinese would learn Thai language from Thai people around and some Chinese people studied Thai through websites. According to technology these days were very fast growing, thus, studying Thai from the Internet was very simple and easy way to access to the pool of knowledge.

4.2.2 Adaptation to Local Culture

During the Songkran Festival, many Thai family members go back home to visit their parents and relatives, similarly during the Chinese New Year Festival, and Mr. Ni Mingkun gave some information from his interview that his wife brought him and his children to go back to her home at Pathalung province every year. His wife taught him about Thai culture in the festival: Thai people going back home and paying respect to their grandparents or some elders of the family, for instance to bless their youngsters for Thai New Year. He realized that he could learn Thai traditional culture, and also got to know the relatives of his wife.

Mr. Ni Mingkun told that he did not learn only local culture and tradition, but he also learned culture in the dining table. He learned that Pathalung people would eat spicy foods, in the first time he went to his wife house, he ate Thai rice flour noodles with fish organs sour soup. So, that was his favourite Thai food, but he did not like parkia speciose because of its smell. In addition, in his wife's house had rambutan orchard, when the rambutan tree had fruits, his wife told him to try to pick fruits and gave it to his staff in Phuket. During he lived in his wife's hometown, he could see the different ways of life and happiness of his wife with her family. He told that he was taught since he was a kid until adult about adaptation of eating. When he married with his wife who had difference culture with him, he could change and adapt himself to his wife's culture.

Mr. Liu Xiaohua said that when he stayed in China, there was a Vegetarian Festival, but he had never participated in the festival. On the other hand, when he came to Phuket and got married with his wife, they ate vegetarian food during the Phuket Vegetarian Festival, so he followed them and he could learn local culture of Phuket

Figure 3 Vegetarian festival in Phuket



Sourch : khaosod.(2018)

The family of his wife also invited him to participate in the festival. Mr. Liu Xiaohua could learn and participated in many local festivals such as the Vegetarian Festival, Por Tor festival, and so on. He could learn new cultures and identities of Phuket like how next generations should inherit from their ancestors. In addition, Mr. Liu Xiaohua realized that the purpose of all Phuket cultural events was to increase social solidarity.

Mr.Hu Yifei said that in terms of local culture, he still had much to study, because his wife was half Thai and Chinese. So, whenever there was a festival for Thai people with Chinese descent, such as the Chinese New Year, Tomb Sweeping Day or The Moon Festival, his wife would do the rituals that the family had inherited. When it came to the Thai festivals, such as, Songkran Festival, The Buddhist Lent Day, Visakha Bucha, Asalha Bucha, or The End of Buddhist Lent Day. He did not neglect to enter the temple, to make merit, and to inherit the culture to the younger generation. His wife once said that, whatever were the good things, we all had to preserve and inherit them to our children, so that these cultures would not fade away over time. He also added that whenever his wife invited him to join in the activities of the various traditions, He would learn from those traditions and participate in them with respect. He thinks that in terms of local culture, it is the belief and faith of the local people. When we as outsiders come to learn and follow in these traditions, it is considered as an inheritance of these cultures to the younger generation, to help preserve it.

4.2.4 the candlelight procession during The Buddhist Lent Day

Figure 4 The Buddhist Lent Day



Source : typhoononline (2018)

Mr. Zhang Zhongxin gave an interview saying that he had learned the local culture of Phuket from his colleagues and from the Internet. The local culture of Phuket is a mix of Thai and Chinese culture, such as Phuket's vegetarian festival, is similar to the vegetable eating tradition of the people who worship the goddess Guanyin in China. But the rituals or beliefs may be somewhat different. He did not do much research in this area, so he was not sure. Regarding other local Phuket culture, he often visited the shrines because he noticed that the culture of the people in Phuket usually happened at the shrines. His wife, who is a native Southern Thai, often returned home during the Thai festivals or the local southern Thai festivals, such as Songkran, Chak Phra, etc. Songkran Day is considered to be the Thai New Year just like the Chinese New Year, where the children return home to visit relatives and parents, to meet and talk, and to ask for blessings for the prosperity in the Thai new year. As for Chak Phra or Ching Pret day, they are similar to Tomb Sweeping day where the children return home to honor their ancestors. On this occasion, they would meet their relatives, and during these days, it could be considered as a family reunion. Or if anyone was not free to come then they would call by phone instead. He thinks that even though technology has advanced tremendously, but in the end, parents at home still would want their children to return home to be together during that time. Adaptation to local

culture for him was is difficult because he believes that wherever we go, we must learn those local cultures in order not to become different and to be able to live in that society peacefully.

Figure 5 Chak Phra festival



Sourch : Guideubinditcom (2017)

Mr.Feng Silei was interviewed that his wife went to her home on the long weekend, such as New Year's Day and Songkran Day. If there had free times for 1 week, he would go back to home with his wife as New Year's Day or Songkran day. Sometimes, his wife left from work and he would stay at home alone. Furthermore, he would go home too if there had free times. He could not leave from work for long times. It was able to leave as much as he could only three days. His wife knew well on this situation. As being at home period, he had learned Songkran festival which is different upon places. During Songkran festival at his wife home, it was considered New Year's day to be a family day. Relatives were gathering together at home and went out to eat all together. In addition, they would cook at home or went to temple and made merit together. He had a chance to talk with his wife's family with easy sentence in Thai. His wife helped translating to her family for comprehension. Songkran day seemed like Chinese New Year which is a family day. He learned local cultures from his wife by storytelling, such as Buddhist Lent Day, Visakha Puja Day and Asarnha Bucha Day. We went to the temple for making merit in every year because those were consider a Great Buddhist Holy Day. He noticed many people participated in making merit because Thai people believed that if they usually made merit, it would be resulted in present and future. He added that he knew local culture from his co-

worker. His friend always told him about important day in Phuket, for example, Chinese ghost festival (Phor thor Day) and Vegetarian Festival. He sometimes practiced it, but did not take it seriously.

Mr.Liu Zhilu was interviewed that he knew local culture in Phuket from his wife. She often invited him to participate in some festival or activities. He saw Phuket people were all follow a traditional practice and felt interested in learning and practicing. He followed people who joined the activity and notice the way of people practicing. He had an opportunity of taking wedding photos in Phuket. His wife worn Baba Yaya which is a traditionally local dress of Phuket, but he worn a normal suite. He explained that Baba is from Chinese father and Local Phuket mother. Furthermore, Local Baba people were in a group and there had a descent that inherited many traditional cultures of Baba. He knew that there were a lot of Thai-Chinese people in Phuket. He felt like he also was one of their relatives because their ancestors came from China as same as him.

Figure 6 Baba wedding dress style



Source : จรินทร์ นีรนาทวโรดม (2017)

Mr.Liu Zhilu added in an interview that local culture of Phuket that he had to learn and adapted himself to familiarize Vegetarian Festival because people there were serious on practice and there were fewer of meat in that period. There were full of vegetarian food over there. Although he was Chinese, but there was vegetarian festival in some doctrines. People wearing white shirt were over Phuket. In the vegetarian festival period, his weight loose to 3-5

kilograms because he ate vegetables in every meals. He actually felt not full and had to find meat in the department store. In vegetable festival, meat price was rising. However, he followed a traditional culture practice and could eat entire period of the festival without meat. In vegetarian festival's procession day, he did not join the parade because of crowded people. He admitted that he did not like a place that was full of people. Adaptation on local culture for immigrant was to learn in deeply detail in what was the do and don'ts because local culture involved with belief and faith that local people respected and practiced for long time. He told that it was not necessary to follow, but it was necessary to not resist because you would be in pressure and unable to live in that society.

Local culture showed the ways of life or root of people in society. Local tradition was an aura that showed the identity in each people. Many people chose to inherit their culture by their next generation. Adaptation to local culture is the one of the most important factors for Chinese men because they can get closer to their wife and the relatives of his wife. The adaptation also affects the comprehension of new cultures of each other, which also brings positive relations in the family.

4.2.3 Adaptation to Food

There are various tastes of Thai food with many cooking methods. Thai food is quite different from Chinese food, as Chinese food focuses on oily tastes and originality. When Chinese people came to Thailand for the first time, they realized that Thai food was very different from the local food of their hometowns in China. From the interview of Mr. Huang Xingfu, he said that the taste of Thai food was very intense which was quite difficult to be familiar with.

There are many Chinese restaurants in Phuket such as Ju Yuan, Lao Di Fang, and so on. But Mr. Huang Xingfu was still open-minded to try Thai food with his wife at her house.

His wife cooked "Thai rice flour noodle with fish organs sour soup" for him, He thought the taste was very intense but he enjoyed it. This dish became his favorite dish. Mr. Huang Xingfu said that was very good fortune to stay in a place with delicious food, like Phuket. "Stir fried Hokkien Noodle" is similar to Chinese food, although he found it difficult to adapt to the food the first time. On the other hand, he knew how to buy ingredients for cooking in his accommodation. The reason was that he knew cooking food by himself was a way to save money,

and he could cook the taste he was interested in. When he ate outside, he ordered basic Thai food, such as fried rice. Sometimes, he went to the restaurants where they cooked standard tastes for foreigners, for example steak and salad.

From the interview of Mr. Zhang Zhongxin, he said that when he came to Thailand, he really was not familiar with Thai food tastes, so he talked with his wife to cook at home by herself. Mr. Zhang and his wife rarely ate out, and he tried her Thai food and found that he could not have too spicy a taste, so he had "Green curry with chicken". On the other hand, he did not want to try some spicy food such as spicy papaya salad.

Mr. Zeng Jingcai gave an interview that in the first time he came to work in Thailand, he did not be familiar with Thai foods. In that time, he always asked his wife (who was his personal translator) for taking him to Chinese restaurant. When he lived in Thailand for a week, he did not feel good with his wife's action when she ate Chinese foods every day. So, he told his wife to go to Thai delicious restaurant. His wife took him to eat around street restaurant. The first Thai dish that he had was fried rice with pork. His wife gave him a reason that this dish did not spicy and easy to eat, so he tried it. He really liked it. After that, when he went to restaurant, he tried to order other foods. He still ordered the foods were not spicy because he could not eat spicy foods. In that time made he could eat and know Thai foods more than before. He also told that when he lived in different culture especially culture of foods, he must adapt himself for local foods because he would know the ways of eating in that local. In addition, he could be happy and did not have problems.

Mr. Wu Xingwei gave interview that eating considered to be the hardest thing for the adjustment for him. Because of his personal behavior, he was quite picky about eating. During his first visit to Phuket, he admitted that he had been eating omelet everyday for a week because he didn't want to eat outside. Later his friend introduced him the Chinese restaurant in Phuket but at that time he wanted to save money for his family in China, then he bought the ingredients to cook at home, even he had never cooked before in China but he tried to search in website and asked his family at home how to cook Chinese food. He sometimes went out with his colleague to Thai restaurant. Any how he still did not familiar with Thai taste because he always cooked at home, so he could eat simple dishes like fried rice, fried vegetable, soup, and green curry, etc.

Mr. Liu Xiaohua gave an interview that when he immigrated to Phuket. Local foods or Thai foods were not strange for him because his wife already took him to have Thai foods in China (when she studied summer course in China). So, he knew some Thai foods although Thai foods in China did not have good taste as in Thailand. After his wife went back to Thailand, he had a chance to meet her in Phuket. His wife and her family took him to local restaurant and ordered local foods such as fried noodle. He could eat local foods because local foods were not too spicy for him.

The interviewee Mr. Hu Yifei said that food was his first obstacle in Thailand. Because when he first arrived to Phuket it was vegetarian festival, for him this festival was quite strange because normally people in China didn't strict much about vegetarian festival, wherever he went were only vegetarian restaurants opened, so he was automatically vegetarian at that time, or if he wanted to eat meat, he would go to the shopping mall for having meal. Nevertheless, the vegetarian festival took not so long, he said that Thai food was clearly different from Chinese food, he was also not familiar with Thai food, then, he chose to eat simple Thai dishes like fried rice, noodle with clear soup, and rice and curry which kind of pick and mix meal, he would select only not spicy food such as hard-boiled eggs in the sweet gravy, or clear soup with vegetable and meat, etc. Besides, he spent about a month for adjusting about eating, finally, he began to get used to it, anyway, he still chose to eat only the not spicy food. After his marriage, he found that his wife's family did not eat beef but he was kind of beef lover. In the beginning he also did not understand why a lot of Thai people didn't eat beef especially for those Thai Chinese descent. He talked to his wife about his favorite food and what he could change and adjust. Mr. Hu Yifei said that he wouldn't have beef when he was with wife, but if he went out with friends or alone, he would eat as normal, so she agreed with this agreement and did not force him to stop eating beef. During vegetarian festival, his wife was very strict, she had vegetarian food in advance for one month and this effected directly to him since he had to have dinner with her everyday. Anyway, he admitted that he was not very strict about being vegetarian because he didn't have a strong belief in being vegetarian could create positive karma for himself. Besides, his wife also did not force him to be vegetarian as well because she explained that being vegetarian was all about mind. If that person was unwilling to have vegetarian food or not happy that wouldn't bring any merit to their lives.

Mr.Hu Yifei also told more stories about the differences between Chinese and Thai's dining tradition and etiquette. Normally, when he was in China, he would eat quickly in order to have more time for working, relaxing, or doing something else. Diversely, Thai people's tradition preferred talking and sharing on the dining table, they did not worry much about relaxing time, and they spent almost of their breaking time on having the meal. There was one thing in common that everyone in the family would gather and having dinner altogether, and the head table could be just for the most elderly person in the family.

Mr.Liu Zhilu said that when he first arrived to Thailand, he noticed that Thai people loved eating BBQ pork, he was curious about this so he asked his friend and they told him that because it's worthy. In China, there was only Korean BBQ buffet, there was no this style of BBQ pork like Thailand. Hence, he thought that this Thai style BBQ pork could be only in Thailand. Moreover, he also noticed that in Phuket, there were a lot of Chinese restaurants, thus, he could find where to eat easily that made him relieve a lot even it was not like the original Chinese taste. Anyhow, he could also eat Thai food because his friends always took him out to try new cuisines, but he just didn't prefer spicy food and he became to get used to the taste of Thai.

Figure 7 Thai style BBQ



Sourch : OpenRice (2014)

Figure 8 Phuket Pork Stew and Fried Hokkien Noodles



Sourch : Wongnai (2017)

Mr.Ni Mingkun was interviewed that he established travel agent and had opportunities to visit other provinces in order to search for new business market and supplier. He tired variety food of each province and he also can identify that each region of Thailand have its own local food, for instant, Khao Soi Kai (Curried Noodle Soup with Chicken) is a signature dish for Northern Thailand, Som Tam (Papaya Salad) menu is for Northeast Thailand, Pad Thai (Fried Noodle) is a famous dish of central region of Thailand and recommended dish of Southern Thailand is Kang Som (Sour Curry). When he participated in seminar or travel in other provinces in Thailand, there is its own specialty in different city. For example, signature dish for Phuket is originally not local southern food, but Chinese Hokkien food. It is because many Chinese Hokkien people lived in Phuket since Chinese Hokkien's ancestors had settled here. Famous local

food of Phuket includes Hokkien noodle, Phuket pork stew, crab curry with rice vermicelli and O-Aew for local desert. Phuket people do not really eat spicy food, but he is likely love those mentioned menu because he also do not eat spicy food too. Phuket local food seems like Chinese food style that he is familiar. His adaptation on variety of food is flexible. When he had to go out to eat with Thai family, he can also eat Som Tam. However, he prefers cooked food and avoid to eat pickled fish because he still worries about hygiene.

Figure 9 Curried noodle soup with chicken (Khao Soi Kai)



Sourch :goohiw (2015)

Figure 10 Papaya salad



Sourch :MThai (2017)

Figure 11 Pad Thai



Figure 12 Sour soup with vegetable



Source :nativefoodnakhon (2015)

Mr.Feng Silei was interviewed that he is more familiar with central region of Thailand's food, such as, fried rice, fried rice sticks with shrimp (Pad Thai) or mild taste. He do not like spicy food, for example, Northeast Thailand or Southern Thailand' food. He attempts to avoid eating it and if his wife prefers eating spicy food, he will order a softer one. For example, grilled chicken or grilled pork. His wife knows his taste and always avoids eating spicy food. Normally, they cook and eat at home because it is convenient to cook any menu they want to eat. If there is a special occasion, they choose Europe restaurant or Thai restaurant as well, but noted that no spicy. He added that since he lived in Thailand for 6 years till present, he really cannot eat spicy food. Fortunately, there are cooked-to-order restaurants in Thailand which is we can order

any menu. He most often order fried rice with shrimp because it is medium taste and easy. Thai friends convince him to try spicy food, but he felt burning pain in his stomach finally. Later, his friends understand and avoid convincing him to eat spicy food.

Mr.Li Yiqing was interviewed that most of Thai people are meticulous in cooking. As you can see seasoning in restaurant, they can add preferable flavor they likes. In china restaurant, there are no any seasoning for customer because Chinese people are easy eating as an idiom “eat to live, not live to eat”. He narrated that he and his friend went to eat noodle at first time he came to Thailand and he ate suddenly when the noodle was served. In the other hand, his friend added chili, fish sauce and sugar as his satisfaction for a while. He noticed that Thai people addicted seasoning food before eating and do not like flavorless food. For instant, if they eat fried rice, there will be fresh vegetable and fish sauce with chili for eliminating bland flavor. All cooked-to-order restaurant sets fish sauce with chili on the table for customer. These are familiar things and familiar taste of Thai people because their family would cook that familiar taste since they were child. Having seasoning for customer is good because they can add any flavors to suit their taste. Anyway, he admitted that he also adds seasoning in some menu because some restaurant’s menu are still distasteful for him.

Mr.Zhang Zhongxin gave an interview saying that the first time he had come to Thailand, he was quite concerned about the taste of the food because he thought that Thai food was quite spicy. During the first week, he ate at McDonald’s every day. He said that he did not know what to eat and did not know what other foods tasted like, but McDonald's was considered to be the most balanced tasting food to him and he could be full by eating just one hamburger. The first two weeks had passed and his colleagues noticed that he ate hamburgers every day. They thought that this would not have been good for his health, so they wanted to recommend some Thai food to him. The first time, his Thai friends took him to order food at a local food-cooked-to-order restaurant because you could order a variety of food. He did not know what to order because there were so many food choices and he did not know what each of them were or what they tasted like. His Thai friends saw that he was very hesitant to order, so they helped him choose a dish that had a simple taste and was not too spicy, which was Fried Hokkien Noodles, the provincial food of Phuket. They also figured that it was a good choice to start because he was accustomed to eating noodles. The Fried Hokkien Noodles that he had eaten were similar to the

Chinese fried noodles, but less greasy. He also noticed that Thai people liked to use seasonings to add flavor, which every table had seasonings that you could add on your main dish. He did not add anything, because he thought that eating till he was full was good enough for him. On later occasions, his Thai friends took him to eat North-Eastern Thai food, Japanese food, Southern Thai food, and also took him to many famous restaurants in Phuket. After he had been in Thailand for three months, he finally started to become more accustomed to the taste of Thai food and the local foods of Phuket.

Foods were a factor that made immigratory must adapt themselves. In the first time they could be not familiar, but when they lived for a while they would know the ways of life. In addition, they should adapt themselves with local cultures of eating because Thai cultures would have a meal with spoon and folk, but Chinese would have with chopsticks. When Chinese men married with Thai women, the importance thing was adaptation of eating. Chinese husbands who lived in Thailand, they must know how to adapt themselves with Thai women's family. In addition, Thai women also must know how to be a good housewife especially how to cook Chinese foods or took her husband to have local foods. It made Chinese husbands felt happy as them stayed with his families.

4.2.4 Adaptation to Religions

Religion seems to be a delicate topic, as we moved to the new place, we must adapt to get along with new local people. The majority of these Chinese immigrated men in Thailand had no specific religion, however, they believed in the doctrine of Confucius and the transcendent ideals of traditional ancestors' society. Anyhow, they were able to believe in their religion and as the same time learn in order to live in Thai society.

In some cases Chinese people got married with Thai Muslim women. Mr. Liu Zhilu said that the family of his wife was not extremely strict about the religion. He was not forced to transfer to their religion, and the marriage was simply held. He respected his wife and wife's family by prohibiting himself from having pork. When his wife's family participated in some religious ceremonies, he supported it by socializing with his children to participate in the ceremony. Mr. Liu Zhilu believed that all religions taught everyone to be good, and he also respected all religions similarly. Mr. Liu Zhilu said that everyone could be open-minded, learn and respect every religion, thus marriage life would be happy.

In another case, Mr. Zhang Zhongxin said that he did not have any religion when he was in China; he did not go to Chinese temples. When Mr. Zhang Zhongxin got married with a Thai woman, his wife invited him to participate in the festival of the temple. Normally, Chinese people in Thailand, who respected Guan Yin Bodhisattvas, would not have beef. During the first part of their relationship, they were in China and he brought his wife to go to a buffet restaurant and ordered beef. His wife told him that she never had beef because of respect to Guan Yin Bodhisattvas, consequently, Mr. Zhang Zhongxin never had beef, similar to his wife. The religious issue was very sensitive, because each person has different religions and faiths. Everyone should learn and adapt to make their married lives happier.

As same as Mr. Ni Mingkun, when he first came to Thailand he found that most of Thai people are Buddhism, besides, the population of Thai-Chinese origin who lived in Phuket also worshiped Guan Yin Bodhisattvas. Moreover, in the beginning his wife thought that he also respected Guan Yin Bodhisattvas so that he would not have beef. Afterward, Mr. Ni explained to his wife that there were only some groups of people in China whom worshiped Guan Yin Bodhisattvas and would not consume beef. In addition, his family and him did not believe in any religion but they only followed the principle of Confucius teaching, for instance, act of gratitude to family, moral and practice like worship ancestors, etc. Once Mr. Ni Mingkun migrated to Thailand, he followed his wife to the temple to make merit as usual, likewise, he also supported his children to participate in Dharma practicing activities at the temple, and he also went to follow up closely everyday. So do his wife, she also worshiped the holy object at her office for the auspicious followed her belief.

Mr. Hu Yifei gave an interview saying that normally, most Chinese people are non-religious. They rely on individual beliefs and attitudes that they think are right and good. And those viewpoints are based on the principles of doing the right things and not troubling anyone. But when he came to live in Thailand, most Thai people believed in Buddhism. When it was Buddhist Holy day or a national Buddhist holiday, they would go to the temple to make merit, or whether it was their own birthday or a family member's birthday, they would also go to the temple to make merit for prosperity as a blessing to both themselves and their family. Every year on his Birthday, his wife would take him to make merit at the temple. At first, he did not understand why he had to wake up early in the morning to go to the temple. But he did not want

to upset his wife, because he trusted that what his wife was doing was the belief of Buddhists, who believe that these activities would be beneficial to their lives. He also believed that his wife wanted his birthday to have nothing but good things. During that time, he remembered to buy offerings, food, fruit, and flowers to give to the monks. When he arrived at the temple, the monks chanted a prayer of blessing for him but he did not understand what they meant. There was also the sprinkling of holy water at every stage of the process that he did not understand, so he asked his wife what all of this meant, and his wife explained it all to him thoroughly. His wife would gradually practice these traditions so he could steadily absorb the beliefs of the Thai people. These practices had to do with respecting the guardian spirits at home and at work, and belief in the Buddha's teachings, by believing that the teachings of the Buddha will lead to a good way of life. Although he was non religious in the beginning, he was still able to adapt in this matter. He believes that all the religions teach people to be good people. By being human, it is good to have a source of spiritual support because whenever we have faith or a strong spiritual anchor, it will be a driving force in doing good.

Figure 13 merit making by Thai Buddhists



Source : Postsod (2017)

Mr. Li Yiqing gave an interview saying that his wife believes in mysterious things, such as asking for a blessing by vowing or worshipping sacred items. She is very respectful to these things. There was one new year during the time when he first married his wife when his wife had bought offerings to the guardian spirits at their house for prosperity. But he did not care much about it. His wife had asked him about why he did not worship the guardian spirits at their home so that the spirits could protect them both when they are at home or away from home. At

that time, he did not understand why he had to worship the guardian spirits because he thought that life was mostly more up to how each individual lived and behaved. His wife was quite unhappy about this. He did not want to argue or have a problem with his wife so he quickly changed the subject and did as his wife told him. He respects his wife's beliefs, even though sometimes he might question the things that she does. But In the end, he discovered that religion is the belief that is inherited from generation to generation. We cannot change our attitude or viewpoints in this matter. All we can do is adapt and learn from what has happened.

Mr. File Silei gave an interview saying that religion was definitely a major factor in his adaptation to the Thai culture of Buddhism because most Chinese are non-religious but will instead, respect the teachings of their parents and relied on their personal beliefs in deciding about what was good or bad. When he had come to Thailand, because he came from a totally different religious background, it was normal for him to have questions like Why? How? or Because of what? Most Thai people believed in Buddhism, so when it came to religious holidays or on Buddhist Holy Day, they would go to the temple to make merit or offer food to the monks in front of their homes in order to have peace of mind or to make amends to deceased ones for their wrongdoings in the past towards the deceased, and to help encourage for a better life. At first, he admitted that he saw it as rather ignorant, because he thought that whatever happened to us was depended on our actions and that people are the ones who choose to walk their own lives. Sometimes he asked his colleagues of why they had to go make merit at the temple when they could make merit in other ways or do many things that gives them peace of mind. But his colleagues answered that each person had different beliefs, he may not have had a religion as a spiritual source to hold on to, but that did not mean we could measure whether someone was good or bad based on if they had a religion or not. Religion is a very sensitive topic to talk about, because everyone who has a religion, all need a spiritual anchor to hold on to, and hope that what they are putting their faith into will be good and would lead to good things in their life. Having questions about something is not wrong. But he should not interfere with their beliefs or decide not to adapt to the situation. Adaptation in this matter did not mean he had to become a Buddhist, but it was for him to learn and to understand about what Buddhists did.

Mr. Wu Qingwei was interviewed that he would not respect in any religion or he had non-religious belief, but he did follow traditional descending custom and culture by more

focusing on practicing. In the other hand, his wife respected Buddhism as fulfillment in her soul and right way to practice. Belief and faith in religion of her was more serious than him. He noticed that his wife considered Buddhist Holy Day as important day. She usually invited him to make merit together at the temple in order to make amends to deceased ones for past wrongs or offense and relatives who had passes away. Praying for deceased ones seemed like Chinese Qing Ming Festival which is praying for ancestor annually. When he and his wife went to the temple, he always felt a little ill at ease with proper practice. He noticed other people and his wife also told him how to do. He did not understand the language in Buddhist Chanting, but followed other Thai people to raise hands in order to pay respect. Later, he felt uncomfortable when he went to temple and sat for a long time. He avoided visiting there, but if it was one in his family's birthday, he would come with them too. He told that although Phuket people respect to Buddhism, but it was noticed there are Guan Yin or Chinese god's representatives in each house. Those people would not eat meat and visited more Chinese temple than Thai temple. There held Chinese ceremony as Phuket people's belief. He learned religion, culture and belief of Thailand Phuket from people around him and his wife's practice. He was invited to join in activities all together.

In conclusion, when people went to other countries, they should know what religion that most people in the country respected. People should be open-mind, because all religions taught everyone to be good, while different people from different religions live together in society. People should also respect each other, because religion is a sensitive topic in conversations.

The adaption of belief and religion, the present research pointed out that the foreign-married couple did not force and push their beliefs, religion, and religious activities to each other. In addition, they gave independent, they were being ready to participate, exchange, and both learn each other religions. In particular, they made an agreement to live together that a belief should be rationale and would not besotted with irrational belief. Finally, they were trying to bring up the advantages from each cultures to applied as a basis of living a married life and growing great kids and family.

4.2.5 Adaptations for Relationship inside Wife's Family

When two people get married, they would choose the family to live with. According to the interviews, most Chinese men who got married with Thai woman decided to live with their wife's family, rather than buying a new house. This situation happened because the wife felt better when living with her family and Chinese husbands also agreed.

From the interview of Mr. Liu Xiaohua, before he married his wife, she told him that during the first moments of their marriage life, he should stay with the family of his wife, because both of them just graduated. They did not have enough money to buy a private house, so they had to live in her house. Mr. Liu Xiaohua realized that the problems he faced were different languages and cultures. On the other hand, the family of Mr. Liu Xiaohua's wife warmly welcomed Mr. Liu Xiaohua after arriving at the house. This situation created a more positive atmosphere. The family tried to talk with him although they could not speak Chinese. Mr. Liu Xiaohua usually asked his wife to translate. In the dimension of respecting the elders in the family, Mr. Liu Xiaohua did not need to adjust, because this tradition was similar to Chinese tradition. The oldest one sits at the head of the table and rice is served for the oldest first.

Mr. Zeng Jingcai told us in the interview that his wife's family gave a warm welcome although they couldn't understand Chinese language, but her family still tried to talk with him in a friendly manner. Sometimes these made him feel uncomfortable. During the cooking time, they would try to ask her about his favorite food and took care of him for everything. Now, he felt better because her family had taken good care; they also took care of his children and his wife when he had to go work outside. This point made him feel better. He also said that, he must thank her family because of their good care and love for him. They had warm welcomes for new members of the family, which made him feel like this is his new home. He thought it was good luck that he met his good wife's family. In addition, when they had holidays, they travelled to other provinces and had some activities for making their relationship stronger.

For Mr. Ni Mingkun, he said that he would not be able to get along with his wife family unless her encouragement and guideline for the first met with family. His wife's family were all real Thai descent and not Phuketian, her family got the southern traditional culture. In the beginning, he tried to get along with his wife's family by searched information through the Internet, asked his friends and his wife about how to behave, then he knew the entrance to her

family. Next, about making good relationships with his wife's family, for instance, when he wanted to have a private conversation with her family's member, he asked his wife to be the interpreter because her parents could not speak both English and Chinese. Later, when he had children, he asked his children to translate some conversation for him. Mr.Ni said that trying to tight up the relationships with his wife's family, not only conversation within the house but he also tried to go out with her family on the holiday.

Mr. Hu Yifei gave an interview that after his marriage he talked clearly to his wife that the wanted to separate to live with his wife's familyby giving the reason that made him feel more comfortable, sometimes he might need privacy, and he didn't want to let her family know much when they had problems that might make him feel uncomfortable to meet her family. In the beginning his wife did not understand him, she thought that Mr. Hu disliked her family or he didn't want to get along with her family, still Mr.Hu insisted on his opinion, he told her that he didn't hate or unsatisfied her family, but he just wanted his own family privacy. He often took his wife to see her family in when they had free time, during that time they were happy altogether. Communication with his wife's family seemed hard to him due to the language barrier, most of the time his wife helped him to communicate with her family, he said that adjusting oneself with the other side's family needed most each other supports to connect and create good relationships among family's members.

Mr.Zhang Zhongxin said that if he was going to live in Thailand, he has to get familiar with his wife's parents and family. He asked his wife to translate for him when he wanted to talk to the parents, sometimes he also used the gesture language to communicate with her family. Later, he tried to improve his Thai language skillin order to communicate with his wife's family, moreover, Mr.Zhang was also trying to get along with his wife's family better by searched through the Internet about the Thai family culture in order to understand deeper in Thai context, custom, and behavior, etc.

Mr.Liu Zhilu gave an interview saying that because his wife's family believes in Islam, He would not approach her family first, because he felt that it was difficult to adapt to them. His wife also agreed. That is why when they got married, she decided to buy a house and live with her husband. Mr.Liu and his wife would return to visit the family once a week or on the days when they were free. His wife usually would find activities to do together, such as eating,

exercising or travelling to a different province. During family meals, his wife would be the one who would mainly talk with him. His wife's parents could not speak Chinese, so his wife would translate for them. Whenever it was the holidays, they would go on a family vacation together. During this time, he and his wife's family got the chance to know each other better. When he and his wife had children, his wife's family would help take care of the children as well. Later, when he and his wife's family developed a better relationship with each other, and because he was able to communicate in Thai, he had more courage to speak with them and to consult with them about life or his work.

Mr. Huang Xingfu gave an interview saying that in the beginning, it seemed like his wife's family was not very welcoming of him because he was a foreigner. At that time, his living conditions were also quite unclear which made it difficult, but when he and his wife were still dating, he tried to develop a closer relationship with her family. He sometimes brought them gifts or tried speaking Thai in order to help improve their relationship. Two months had passed during their dating period and her family started opening up to him. They started to chat with him more. They invited him to eat together, and even invited him to join them on a trip to another province. He had learned that when approaching Thai adults, the important things were to have a sense of respect, to pay homage, to smile, and to speak humbly. He tried studying these things from his Thai friends or doing some research from the Internet. He added that sometimes, approaching adults is not always difficult if we know about the country's culture or customs of approaching them. At first, when the family did not quite welcome him, he did not feel angry or upset because he understood that they were being protective of their daughter and they did not know him well enough. All he could do was be patient and proved his worthiness to them through his actions which normally takes time.

Mr. Li Yiqing gave an interview saying that he is a rather shy person and is not very talkative. As a result, his skills of approaching his wife's parents were not very good. But he had focused on learning the customs of how to approach Thai adults and how to behave. For example, he learned that you had to dress up nicely to look clean and tidy, or your sitting position had to be composed in a polite manner, and most importantly, you had to pay homage. Paying homage is a Thai greeting culture which represents respect to adults by younger people. When he had the opportunity to meet his wife's parents, they started talking with him and engaged in some

conversations. At first, he felt nervous because at that time, his Thai language was not fluent enough. In most of the conversations, he had to use gestures to help him explain, which made it look cute in another way. Approaching adults was not limited to just this, he learned that you also had to give them importance, such as on Father's Day or Mother's Day by going out to eat with them. Or taking them to the temple on their birthdays to make merit and later having a lovely dinner or doing other activities in the evening. When he and his wife were dating, he studied the lifestyle of both his wife and her family. After they were married, He told his wife that he was more comfortable with living on their own as a family instead of living together with his wife's family, not that he did not like living that way or had a problem with her family but it just felt better overall, which she understood him completely. He added that Life after marriage, he learned more about what her family liked or disliked or what were the activities that the family gave importance to. To illustrate, her family gives great significance to Songkran Day because they consider it Thai New Year's Day. It is the day where descendants must go home to their parents to pay their respects by pouring scented water on their parents' hands and receiving the blessings from them in return, and also to meet and greet other relatives. When it came close to Songkran day, he decided to get all his work done and take leave in order to visit his wife's family during that time.

Family is a very important institute, especially in Thai society, because when couples get married, Thai culture will be expected as the background of that relationship, and we will see many situations where husband and wife's relationships between families have some problems. If they have this problem it will make a person, who stands in the middle, feel embarrassed because he or she will be difficult to criticize, because one side is family and another side is husband and wife. On the other hand, if they have a good family, their married life will be happy, although we have heard that marriage is about two people, that is husband and wife, but we live in the extended Thai family society. The institute of family in Thailand is the system that in a family everyone joins together, like grandparents, parents, relatives, husband, wife and children. These members will know everything inside the family and they will try to find a way to solve any problems, so marriages of some families are not just only husband and wife, but marriage is about all the members of the family, because there are many couples that divorce and some cases where the husband has relation problems with his wife's family, therefore she has to

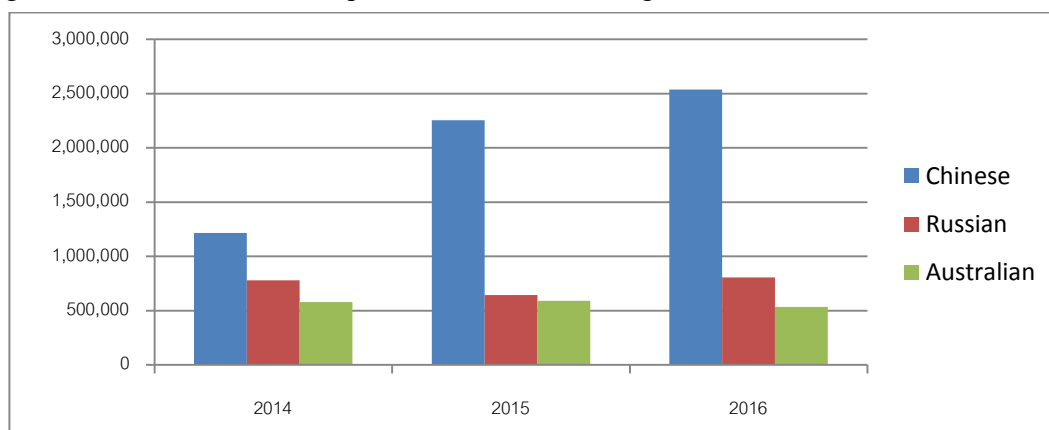
find a way to solve this situation. In this matter she takes the role to connect between her husband and family to negotiate and improve their relations.

4.3 Opportunity and Hope Avenues of Work

Phuket is the only province where all its terrain is an island and it is an important attraction place for tourists, so Phuket was named the “Pearl of the Andaman” because there were clean beaches and the sea’s color could be seen clearly and Phuket also had the identity and iconic culture and architecture, especially built in Sino or Chinese-Portuguese styles. Many people called Phuket a place where “East Meet West”, as Phuket was a province with western modernity and many old eastern cultures, however people in Phuket still show their local identity and iconic items to tourists.

Phuket is also the center of sea tourism which most tourists around the world are interested in. There are many attractive places and it has many activities for tourists, because Phuket has main beaches and tourism activities especially entertainment activities, water sports and connected tours to islands around Phuket and neighboring provinces.

Figure 14 Phuket Tourism and Sport office record of Foreigners who visited Phuket 2014-2016



Sourch : Phuket Tourism and Sport office

The graph 14 showed that the number of Chinese foreigners/tourists, who came to visit Phuket, have the highest rate (compared to Russians and Australians) and still increase every year, so many Chinese entrepreneurs are interested to invest in Phuket, more than before. These group of Chinese will help together to promote attractive places in Phuket in Chinese language on their websites. Therefore these ways support Phuket to gain more income in a year. Moreover, most tourism business owners, who are Chinese people, always persuade their friends

to work with them at their office. From that reason, it leads to the immigration of Chinese workers to Phuket due to Chinese people deciding to find a job in Phuket.

The interview of Mr. Huang Xingfu revealed that at that time he was worried about finding a new job in China because his old job at that time did not earn enough salary to send money to his parents and the competition in China was really high. One of his friends who worked in Phuket invited him to work at a tourism company with him by giving him higher salary and better welfare than his job in China. He agreed to work with his friend in Phuket. When he told this story to his family, they did not oppose him, because in most Chinese families one of member in the family must go abroad or to other provinces for education or work, as there are better opportunities than their hometown. He also said that his job in Phuket is not connected with his field and his old job, but his friend's boss, who is also a Chinese person, prefers to employ Chinese workers in his company, because they will know the ways to promote his company.

Although he can use Thai workers, they cannot understand Chinese language on the website as well as Chinese staff; also the Chinese staff understood the character of each other better than other nationalities. When Chinese customers had any problems, Chinese staff solved the problems for them and the conversations will be clearer than with Thai staff. He also said that when he was working in a tourism company for a while, he resigned from the company, then invested in his own company, because he could learn how to promote and know basic information about customers. This is a one of the steps of his working life abroad.

Mr. Liu Xiaohua said that his first time he moved to Thailand was to follow his wife. He sent some documents to apply for a Chinese teaching job at a school. He did not graduate in the field of teaching, but the school allowed him to teach Chinese to their students, so he had to teach speaking, reading and writing Chinese skills, which was not difficult for him because his native language is Chinese. In addition, he planned the lessons by reading the books that the school gave him for teaching their students, and after a while the school also gave him training about the ways to teach the students. He used every skill that he got from the school. When he was a teacher, his wife was pregnant, so he wanted to build a better family and he also wanted his wife to quit her job and take care of their children at home. He saw that Phuket is a province with many Chinese tourists coming to visit, so he resigned from the school and invested in his own tourism company. At the beginning he had some problems because he did not have

basic skills for this job, but he tried so hard to learn the ways for promoting and contacting with customers. After that his company kept operating, although it is not a big company, but this is the main source of earning an income for his family and he can send money to his parents in China too.

It was the same for Mr. Li's first time in Phuket. He registered for a teaching job in Chinese language at a school. He knew that job because of his wife, who was a teacher who taught Chinese language in university. When he taught for a while, he thought with his wife that he wanted to invest in some business, because he wanted to be a business owner. He started from his favorite things, so his wife advised him to open a Wushu (武术) Academy for martial arts because he was a Wushu athlete when he was in China. He was also interested to teach Wushu for Thai people, so then he tried to contact people for a place to open his academy. His was the first Wushu Academy in Phuket, but he was still a teacher at the school. He went to teach Wushu after he finished his work at the school or on his holidays. This was a way of livelihood that could help him to increase his income and he could send much more money to his parents than before.

Mr. Hu Yifei gave an interview about job opportunities. He believed that his past 5 years since coming to Thailand, he found that Phuket is in need for labor that can speak, listen, read and write Chinese. Many schools, along with both public and private universities offer Chinese language courses and give scholarships to study in China. The Chinese population is already very high to begin with and after China had developed their country to keep up with the world, competition in the field of domestic work also increased relatively high. Income and expenses when calculated were not enough to live on. Many Chinese people wanted to work outside the country when there was an opportunity. Mr. Hu had an opportunity from a company in China that saw his skills and potential, so they were going to give him a raise and give him a promotion but with exception of having to be stationed in Phuket. He saw that it was a great opportunity and quickly accepted the offer. Plus, at that time, he had no obligations. But he worked with this company for only a year and decided to find another job but he still worked in Phuket. Because he saw the good job opportunities and progressive growth in Phuket, that there would be more Chinese people travelling in. He moved to work at a tour company and took care of Chinese tourists. He promoted the tourist attractions into the Chinese websites and offered tour packages to customers that were worthwhile. While he was doing the tour company, he also took

on the job of marketing by promoting products onto a Chinese website for a certain company that cannot be mentioned. He saw that both jobs would not have a negative effect on each other. He also added that although now both of his jobs were well suited, he still wanted to open his own business. That business is now under construction at the moment

Mr.Zeng Jingcai gave an interview saying that since he is a businessman. He had traveled to many countries. Whether it was Europe or Asia, he saw that even though Phuket was a small province in Thailand, it still created a valuable source of income for the country. Phuket, besides being a natural tourist attraction, it is also thought to be a place where he thinks many more businesses can be conducted. Because in the past five years, whether it was the Thai government that promoted tourism in China or the private sectors of both China and Thailand that promoted the tourism and identity of Phuket. Therefore, Phuket is another province that tourists and businessmen from various countries come to invest and he is one of them. During his first visit to Thailand, he initially studied businesses in Bangkok because it was the capital city and it was the center of business in Thailand. Then, he went to visit and study the location, culture and channels of where he can do business. He did two years of research before he could come up with a decision because he wanted to study the market well before doing it. He opened a small business. At the beginning, he hired only a few Thai employees that were able to communicate in Chinese. By opening his business, he was hoping that his profit would increase every year. He also added that during the last two years, we can see that Chinese people have emigrated into Thailand more than before. The Chinese have opened more companies in Phuket. We can see more Chinese restaurants and see more people speaking Chinese than before. In the future, he believes that Phuket will still be the hope of earning a profit for the Chinese people.

Mr.File Silei gave an interview saying that before he came to work here, he was worried if he could find a job because when he was in China, it was very hard to find a job that suited his preferences due to the competition in China that was quite high. When he came to work here, he discovered that the Chinese labor market competition in Phuket was not high. Finding a job was quite easy because the owners of many companies were Chinese people and many companies now are demanding employees who can already speak Chinese. Especially Chinese people who have Chinese as a native language. Also, along with the modern Chinese that can speak basic English. When he had been working for a year, he also invited his Chinese friends

that were working over there to come work here too. Even though he is far away from home, he still works hard so he can send money back to his family.

Mr. Ni Mingkun gave an interview saying that of course, Phuket is a lot easier to find a job than his country and that it is still the place of hope that it will be a good source of income for the Chinese people who come to work here. In fact, what he studied in class and what he is doing now in his work do not match. But he does not mind this because He sees that whatever he can do to gain income, he will do it without hesitation. He is always ready to learn new things because he thinks that everything will teach him good experiences and would be enough to make him versatile. He worked at a hotel in Phuket for about five years. He also considered this to be another class he had studied, apart from what he had learned in university. At the beginning of his career here, he was insulted by many that questioned if he could do this job because he did not graduate with a degree in hotel management and did not know anything about it. But he was lucky that his boss gave him the opportunity to try it out and he proved to many people that, no matter where you graduated from or in whatever degree, when you have the opportunity to do something even though it does not match what you have learned in school, but if you are ready to learn the job. In the end it is the experience that will help teach us to be versatile.

Mr.Zhang Zhongxin gave an interview saying that fortunately, technology has evolved over the years. Traveling is more convenient which helps shorten the travel time. Communication is also borderless, all that's needed is a phone and access to the internet and you are able to communicate. At first, when his friend invited him to work in Thailand, he did not feel worried, because traveling to Thailand took only a few hours. It did not take long like travelling by boat for long periods of time and there was not risk of disease or death during the trip. Communication with family members in China was more convenient. It was not limited to just writing letters or seeing the messages, but you could both hear and see your family at the same time. This also made his hope of coming to work in Thailand even more carefree. He came here determined to work hard and gain full income. He had hoped that Phuket would definitely create a career and provide income for him. Chinese job opportunities were quite easy to find because in Phuket, there were many Chinese people who opened private companies, or worked in high managerial positions in large companies. It was very casual that Chinese people would welcome

their compatriots into the same workplace, and at that time, his friend had recommended him to come work for a Chinese-owned company. The owner of the company saw Mr.Zhang and did not care about his academic major background or his professional experience, reasoning that the job could be taught. At present, the labor market in Phuket needed people that were capable of speaking Chinese. Especially Chinese people, who are much needed in the workplace. In addition to the language aspect, his boss also saw the positive nature in Chinese people of being very serious about their work and rarely taking leave, such as only going home once a year.

Livelihood is an important factor that makes Chinese people decide to immigrate abroad. Money is also the thing that everyone needs for survival and to take care of their family with. When foreigners immigrate to Phuket, they hope that Phuket will make his family and his parents' life better than before. The opportunity of each person's life is different, so Chinese people, who have money and job problems, must find a good opportunity for survival in their life and their family to be better.

4.4 Problems of Married Life

The life after marriage will have normal problems because every human was born to have different styles of many things, such as ways of life, culture, tradition, belief and favorite things. So they must adapt to each other to make their married lives be happy and not have problems, because they have many different things that each other must try to understand together for protection or to solve the problems that will happen in the future.

4.4.1 Working

Mr. Hu Yifei said in his interview that the first time he started a relationship with his wife, she always did not understand and complained, because whenever he finished his work, when he went back home, he would still answer questions that his customers asked him all the time. She said normally Thai people do not bring any work to continue to do at home; they work only in their official working time. On the other hand, he was always busy with his work, so she did not understand him, because she thought they must have time for each other and stop working and stop thinking about work. There were many times that they had conflicts with each other until they were nearly divorced. Then one day, he explained about Chinese culture in work to his wife. Then she listened to him and asked him to change his schedule, as he must plan the schedule for work and his family. After he talked with her, he changed his behavior about his

time. Some may think this problem is just a little problem, but when they marry and have family, they must manage their time for work and time for family, because good quality time can make a relationship between members in a family be stronger.

Mr. Ni Mingkun said that his wife also did not understand his work, although she was an office staff member too, but she would work only in her official work time; it was different for him because he quit his job and then worked in a tourism company. This situation seemed like he must work twenty-four hours a day, as his working time also included when he was driving his car, when he had to communicate with agents at the same time. His wife warned him about this problem many times, because if he did not change this behavior he would get bad effects on himself, such as a car accident. He explained to her that sometimes he had emergencies because he was the boss, so he must solve the problem, as soon as he could. So, she tried to understand him in this problem and sometimes they traveled abroad together, however he still had to solve his company's problems by talking with agents. At night, he also accepted calls, talking with customers who had problems with his company, thus he has to bring his telephone wherever he was. This made family travelling not happy enough, because travelling abroad with family should be relaxed together, but he worked all the time, like as if he did not travel with his family. After time passed, she asked him to divide up his work to his staff, by delegating power to solve problems, so he should just solve big problems only when his staff could not solve them or they should ask the customers to wait for him, until he went back to work. Using his personal behavior he would solve the problems as soon as he could, because he did not want the problem to be unresolved.

Mr. Liu Zhilu was interviewed that the way of Thai people doing job was different from Chinese people. As he had experience from working, Thai people would be responsible for their own duty. If there were any extra, they would be compensated with overtime compensation. Nevertheless, Chinese style of working is to hire for hard and multiple working. It would be good at enhancing working experiences. In other view, it would be over limited working. Chinese working style. He found his Thai friend did not understand on Chinese working styles. Chinese style was quite serious about on timing, but Thai would be flexible on starting and getting off time. They would have left over assignments done before getting off work. Thai friends were complained about working without overtime compensation. Its impact affected him

when he prepared wedding ceremony. He always brought assignments with him to finish at home every day. Sometimes, his wife did not understand why he was still mess up with assignments instead of spending time with family. His wife thought he should worked only at the office, but he wanted to take responsible on that and did not leave those to manage next time. It would be delayed to find a solution. Later, he tried to adapt himself and explained Chinese working style to his co-workers and his wife.

Mr.Li Yiqing was interview that when he was a Chinese language teacher at school. He felt that teaching methods of Chinese teacher and Thai teacher who taught in Chinese are different. Chinese teacher focused on applying in communicative society, such as conversation, vocabulary. In grammar structure, he revealed that there would be inserted in some sentences. There were several keys of teaching and he set examination questions that students were able to do and were not over the limit of knowledges getting in class or book. He explained on assigning more tasks for students that students would not get better comprehension because they were likely to copy their friend's homework. Thai teacher heard that and felt slightly unpleased with his opinion, but he did not want to cause any trouble at workplace. He gradually adapted himself on working style because of various style of teaching. When he ate at the school, he noticed Thai people were often talking while sitting to eat in a group. He familiarized with Chinese style during living in China that people ate separately or some ate with friend, but not much talking. They finished eating and then take a rest. Chinese working style considered in timing to be very important thing. However, he familiarized with Thai working style for 1 month and he was closed to flexibility in time. He saw his friend was late in teaching first period in the afternoon after having lunch for 10 minutes. In the same time, he just finished eating and asked his friend about being late in teaching. His friend replied that he went to canteen lately and he was hurried to finish eating too. Later, he attempted to be in the middle and not be curious on other people business.

Mr.Zeng Jingcai was interviewed that most of working obstacle is he could either not communicate with people in field work to observe and collect data about people or not understand local culture. He had Thai employees living in other province and they always left of absence from work for many days. In other hand, Chinese staffs would leave only 2 times a year or they would change day off or worked overtime. In China, holiday included Chinese New

Year's Day, Labor Day and Chinese National Day. Chinese people would take a long leave of absence in order to return home in their homeland. Frequent leaving of absence from work for Thai staffs would affect to working process that needed extra employees for continuing proper working process. There were extra company's budget. His company had both Thai and Chinese staffs. Actually, working styles were different and he tried to convince them living in harmony for effective company's policy. There would held an activity for dissolving staff behaviors, strengthening the relationship and relaxing as well.

Therefore, the working style of Chinese people is really a hard-working behavior, as they will spend most of their time working, because they were cultivated about hard-work when they were children. So when they have families with Thai people, they will have problems because Thai people have different working styles from Chinese people. There are many couples that have this problem about their lovers' interest in work more than family. Then their wives could not understand and this is the cause of conflicts.

4.4.2 Language

Language is one of the factors that affect married lives for couples who marry foreigners. Some couples' wives studied Chinese language before, but some couples can speak English together and some couples' Chinese husbands stay in Thailand for a long time, so they can speak Thai language. However, language was a problem such as in the case of Mr. Zeng Jingcai. His wife was his translator when he opened a company in Thailand. Her Chinese language was very good, but sometimes when they had problems, they could not solve their problem as fast as they wanted, because when they tried to explain the problem to each other, they could not understand clearly and misunderstood because of the language. There were many times that he stopped talking, because he saw that if he and her were angry to each other and used feelings more than reasons, the problem would not be solved and would be bigger, so he solved that problem by not talking whenever they could not explain anymore. When each other calmed down, they would talk again by using reason, so he used Chinese language for conversation with her sometimes. On the other hand, after that period he learned Thai language although he could not understand clearly, but he could use Thai language to talk with his wife.

Mr. Ni Mingkun said that his wife could not speak Chinese language, but both of them could speak English and sometimes they spoke Thai language. When they had conflicts,

they used English and Thai language to explain the problems, but sometimes they could not understand each other, although he used Thai language to explain, because his Thai language was not good enough, so it made his wife misunderstand. In addition, he could not mean what he really wanted to mean to his wife too. Sometimes language makes them misunderstand each other due to different accents, so they had to learn each other's language accents, then he had to learn Thai language and she had to study Chinese language to understand each other more.

Mr.Liu Zhang said that language barrier was sometime caused little problems because his wife did not know both Chinese and English and he couldn't speak English as well. Mr.Liu could speak Thai but not that advanced level, he chose simple words to explain in Thai, sometimes he was misspoken and his wife helped to correct that words or sentences for him. Anyway, whenever quarreled, his wife would choose to ended up the conversation because she realized that both were upset and without understanding in communication the interpreting might not be accurate.

Mr.Wu Qingwei described in an interview that his language problem was word usage and pronunciation because if he pronounced some words wrongly, its meaning would change. He sometimes used foreign language to communicate by using incorrect words, so there was misunderstanding to each other. When the situation was calm down, then began explaining again what was a meaning of communication.

Language is one of the problems that can happen while the couple has conversations, because when he or she speaks, another cannot understand or misunderstands. This will be the cause of bigger problems, so many couples solve this problem by stopping, not talking, and waiting until each other calm down, then they talk about that problem and try to solve together again or both of them try to learn each other's language for solving this problem.

4.4.3 Raising children

The main problem to raise children is time. In some families, the wife must stop work to raise her children, but some families' wives decided to work and asked their families to help raise children. Mr. Zhang Zhongxin said that in the first phase of pregnancy, his wife still worked normally, but when she nearly gave birth, they consulted together about a plan they would follow at that time. He would let his wife decide on work or not, but he decided to tell his wife that she should quit the job for raising their children. He gave a reason that it would be better

when the children grew up with the love of parents, but the problem of their raising was that he had to work and find money to support the family alone. Therefore he did not have time for raising his children, so most of the time his wife and her family would help together.

Mr. Li said that he and his wife agreed that after she gave birth, she would ask her boss to stop her work for only three months. After three months, she would go to work the same. He gave a reason that it was the time when both of them were building up savings of money. He did not live in Thailand for a long time, so only his salary could not support everything for the family. So, his wife decided to work as a teacher and she asked her family for help to raise their children. He also said that money was the most important factor, when he did not have enough money to support his family, so money was a problem that he and his wife had to sacrifice their time for, raising their children by themselves. For this reason, they decided to go to work and they raised their children when they had holidays. They would try to bring their children children to have activities outside together and help his wife's family raising their children.

Mr. Zeng Jingcai said that before he got married, his wife was his translator, so when she was pregnant he allowed her to stop working to prepare to be a mother. After she gave birth, she raised their children by herself, she did not ask anyone in her family to help her raise their children. The problem during raising was that he often had to go to China, because he had to contact his customers in China, so he did not have time to raise their children with his wife.

Mr. Ni Mingkun said that his wife was not a local Phuket person. When she gave birth to a son, she stopped work for three months. Then, she went back to work after three months, as she reasoned that at that time he had just invested in a tourism business, so the business did not have enough profit at that time. Both of their families and son needed money, but there was only one source of money, so it was impossible to have enough money at that time. His wife asked her parents, who lived in another province, to help raise their son for a while. Sometimes his family travelled to Thailand from China to help them raise their son. He also said that money and time made them not have enough for them to raise their son. They had time just only when they finished their work; however her family and his family in China helped them to raise their son.

Mr.Liu Zhulu was interviewed that a problem of raising children for her is him and his wife opinion was not same because each person had their own reasons and raising methods. For example, he thought if the child was young, there was not necessary to study extra. He wanted his child to gradually grow and develop in the way that mended to be. In contrast, his wife noticed people around her that they let their child to study in extra courses including arts and sport in order to encourage their child inspiration of interest and be good at all dimension. He had talked with his wife for many times and decided that if it was good for child to have various abilities, they would surely support. However, it was better to ask for child's satisfaction and interest. He did not want to force and highly expect to the child whether his child could do well or not. His child would be under pressure and not really like in that field of study. The result for the problem was both mother and father should discuss on should they let the child choose what was his interest.

Mr.Li Yiqing was interviewed that his problem of raising child was choosing school for his child. At beginning, his wife wanted his child to study in regular school where could teach in Chinese, but he thought that his child should study in an international school because there was a chance for his child to communicate in English, have foreign friends and explore the world. However, the problem was a high tuition fee. He added that he would let his child use smartphone to play games as normal in limited time. He played along with his child because it was a way of relaxing and strengthening family relationship if we chose a suitable game for a child. In the other hand, his wife did not want a child to use smartphone or be closed to technology because it would make her child addicted to using it and rarely talked with people around him. Both had reliable and accurate reasons on their own view, but they had to find a middle point that could suite raising the child because they could not avoid using smartphone. Due to high technology, there was some limit of using the phone aiming for doing activity together.

Mr.Liu Xiaohua explained in an interview that his problem of raising child is he did not have time being with a child because he had to work for his family and his wife quitted a job for raising they child. He had to take responsible for all on his own. If there was free time, he willingly helped his wife to raise his child. Another problem was his child seemed more close to his wife than him. His child obeyed his wife's way of teaching, but she sometimes was too strict.

Such as, immediately washing hand and feet before entering home, taking bath before laying on bed and no eating food on bed. He thought he would gradually teach these things to his child and also his child would be absorbed gradually with parent's behavior. In addition, it would mean parent controlled their way of life. According to his child's activity, he would support as much as he could, but his wife had some limit for several activity included adventure activity and faraway area. There were often problems about religion and he thought that his child would choose which religion he respected. However, his wife viewed that her family respected to Buddhism, so her child must respected as same as his mother. He had explained for many times that we were in changed world, so we could not control anything in other life. Buddhism is good religion that their child would respect as soul's fulfillment. However, he thought they could behave in good way, and then their child would also followed doing those good things. As he had talked about this problem for many times, he did not want to cause any trouble because his wife was more responsible for raising his child. Finally, he decided to let his wife consider on that issue.

As you can see, most problems of raising children came from the parents who did not have enough time. In addition, money was also an important factor that had to be used for raising children in a family. Many families did not have enough, so they decided to sacrifice their time for raising their children. One of the couples had to raise the children and one of them had to go to work outside, but if they have a good luck, most Thai families helped to raise the children together. Parents of Chinese men's wives help to raise their children for a while, so both of them can trust parents because close people come to help them. Also it is better than hiring nurses for raising children.

4.5 Future of Children

Mr. Ni Mingkun said he planned with his wife that when they had children, they would support them in everything, especially about cultures. Then, they took care of their children by themselves until their children had to go to school. He and his wife sent them to an international school in Phuket, because they wanted their children to have good skills in language for their children's future. Every day when they picked up their children at school in the evening, their children spoke Chinese with him and spoke Thai with his wife. He was happy that his children could speak more languages, since his children were young. In addition, his children also spoke English when they went in school because the children had to speak English with foreign

friends in the classrooms. When everyone had the same holidays, they went to temples to make merit and practice the Dhamma, so their children had knowledge about Thai culture. He really wanted his children to know Chinese and Thai culture together, but he really supported his children to know Thai culture more than Chinese culture, because they stayed in Thailand, so if children get Chinese culture more than Thai culture, it will be difficult for children when they had to join school activities or live in Thailand. On the other hand, when there was any Chinese cultural events, such as Chinese New Year Day, he dressed his children in Chinese costume and called his parents in China for his children to talk with them and ask for good wishes. So, their children knew how different it is between Thai traditions and Chinese traditions at the same time. In addition, he also supported his children to have more than education skills, such as playing musical instruments and sports. He brought his children to take guitar courses, to get some music skills, and swimming courses for sports. He and his wife planned to make their children have skills like these because they did not want to be worried about their children's future. Another reason was that they wanted their children to know what he/she liked more, between education, sports or playing music. When children know what he/she wants to improve and be serious almost like a professional in that, they will support their children in direct ways by allowing them to have more courses about those things. At present, their children can go to participate in swimming competitions, and whenever their children joined the competitions, they went to give some encouragement to their children; it means they never forced their children what he/she must be, but they supported everything for him/her in the things that are wanted and interesting.

Figure 15 Participating the Dharma practicing camp during summer vacation by parent's support



Sourch : นำมาจากวีแชทของผู้ที่ให้สัมภาษณ์ from Wechat

Figure 16 Participating the hotel's activity by parents support



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Mr. Liu Xiaohu said he had a plan when his children was born. He and his wife planned to make their children know and understand Chinese culture, because Phuket is a province where most people in the province use Chinese culture, as most local people emigrated from China. When their children were born, they spent most of their time to take care of their children. Everything they gave and fed to their children had be the thing that they did by themselves, such as when they fed any food to their children, they would cook by themselves, because they could not guarantee that the food from outside was clean enough or had enough benefits for their children. When the children grew up and could speak to their parents, he always spoke Thai to the children and tried to teach a little bit of Chinese language and culture each day by himself, because he thought that his children should not worry about Chinese language by learning at school, because his native language is Chinese, so he could teach Chinese language and culture by himself.

Next, Mr. Li's plan is really different from Mr. Liu Xiaohua or maybe you can say that his plan is opposite to Mr. Liu Xiaohua's plan. He planned for his children to learn Chinese language and culture at school and he would teach English for his children by himself, because he believed that English language is the language that he could teach by himself as every day he worked, he normally used English for communication in work society and his wife could also speak English. This reason made him decide to teach English language to his children by himself and made his children emphasize Chinese language in school, because whenever the

children get new words, knowledge and grammar, children can use that as soon as they get it, because when the children study in school, they must have some practice or exercise to improve it.

Mr. Huang Xingfu's plan is really similar to Mr. Ni Mingkun, but his plan was really good for his children because his plan helped the children get more knowledge and helped make the children's brains think faster. The plan of Mr. Huang Xingfu was that he would teach Chinese culture to the children and speak Chinese to the children. He did not worry about understanding the conversation because he thought if the children listened to Chinese language from him every day, the children would gain a lot of Chinese language skills, because it seemed children must practice listening skills for Chinese language every day. He also taught his children about Chinese culture too, so he taught children about the basic Chinese culture, such as youngsters must respect the elders and he also made children see the similar Chinese and Thai cultures. On the other hand, Thai language and Thai culture were a role for his wife because his wife is Thai. She talked to children in Thai language for the same reason as him, but children understood and could speak faster than Chinese, because they stayed in Thailand, so the environment made children have common sense in Thai language. In addition, she also taught children about Thai culture in daily life, because it is not difficult to teach by using daily life and children could see the culture that she taught, time by time, for example when there was a Buddha holiday, they went to a temple and she taught her child why Thai people must go to temples on this day and how to make merit. When children grow up, they will know what he/she likes to do, so when he/she knows and tells parents, they will support in everything needed, such as if the child likes to play sport, they will support them to be good in sport.

Mr. Feng Silei was interviewed that when his child was 1 year olds and if there is a question about the future. He only planed for where is he going to take his child to kindergarten, but there is still no conclusion because he wanted to find further information about environment, learning and teaching methods and school fee. He do not want to pay expensive amount on tuition fee for kindergarten. He would discuss on kindergarten school with his wife when the study time is around the corner. He want his child to study in English and Chinese language teaching school because of English language is a key international language. Also, he wants his child to learn Chinese language along because he has no free time to teach himself and it would be better to

learn reading in Chinese with teacher. They practiced Chinese listening and speaking skills every day because he wants his child to absorb Chinese language since he was a child. He expected his child would not be shy to speak and can speak fluently. For Thai language, he did not worry about Thai language because his wife and family spoke Thai to his child. In future, he has no plans, but he supported in what his child wants to do.

Mr. Wu Qingwei was interviewed that although his child was born for several months, he and his wife planned the future for his child since his child was unborn. He consulted with his friends on how to raise children, which is a good school for children. Raising children methods of each family are different. His friends suggested him to observe children behavior because raising method is up to behavior that is flexible. For school, his friends suggested Kajonkiet International School Phuket because all courses would be taught in English. It would make children to familiarize with English language because of daily practice in the school. Mr. Wu Qingwei also agreed with international school because he saw many of his friends' children can speak in tri lingua fluently. It would be good effect to his child in the future. He speaks Chinese to his child daily and the environment forces his child to speak Thai as well. In the future, he has no plan because it is up to his child interest.

Mr. Zeng Jingcai was interviewed that he and his wife want his child to study in regular school because he speaks Chinese with his child at home and also his wife speaks Thai. However, his child absolutely can communicate in Chinese. For English language, he knows that all school must apply English in their courses. Overall, it would be upon children interest. Studying in normal school would save cost on payment and he knows he still requires more amount of money for his child study. It would be better to keep budget for the future study. All schools are full of quality and activities, such as, dancing, performance. He will support his child to participate in school activities. If there are free time, he will visit the school in order to see the performance. Although he is busy, his wife will go by herself. The way he pays attention as supporting and encouraging his child is to make them important and not feel alone.

In brief, a family's plan is one of the most important things for family life, especially children in that family, because if parents do not have a good plan for their children, their children can grow up with bad behavior, as we told you before that family is the base for society in every life; people can learn many things or decide what they will be in the future from

the family, such as if parents force their children too much, when they grow up they will have negative minds with their parents, for example they do not want to listen to them anymore and try to break the rules. So, the plan from above is really good and deserving for every family, because they never force their children to do what they want, but they support everything that their children want to do, for example if their children like to play sport, they will find a good teacher to teach children to play sport, give them some encouragement whenever they join a competition and they will support their children as much as their children want. In addition, they do not make their children be too serious at school. They never force their children to be good and have high grades in school. In addition, they can teach their children some subjects by themselves and allow their children to not learn that at school, such as Mr. Huang Xingfu's family. He taught Chinese language and culture to his children, because his hometown is in China, so his native language is Chinese. He has more knowledge about China than teachers in school, so he teaches everything about China to his children by himself. On the other hand, he cannot teach his children about Thai language and culture, so he lets his wife give Thai lessons to teach the children.

4.6 Chinese Ethnic Community

The observations found that the Chinese men, who gave the information in interviews, lived in Muang district and Kathu district. There were many Chinese communities in both Muang and Kathu district and there were many new Chinese restaurants opened in these areas. Chinese restaurants were not only popular among Chinese people, but also among Thai people.

Moreover, the other symbols that show about the Chinese culture were Chinese shrines. The oldest Chinese shrine in Phuket province was in Kathu district, while there were many Chinese shrines in the area of Muang district. Chinese communities in Phuket province had existed for a long time, because Chinese people had immigrated into Phuket province for about a hundred years. However, at present, it had been found that the Chinese communities were different from a hundred years ago.

4.6.1 Social interaction

Most Chinese men would have social interactions by doing activities as follows;

1) Chinese men have meetings with friends and general talk when going out for a meal to chat and exchange ideas and opinions. From the interview of Mr. Wu Qingwei, we found that he and his friends would often have social interactions. Mr. Wu Qingwei normally would hang out with his Chinese friends in some Chinese restaurants, or the karaoke club that had Chinese songs. Mr. Wu Qingwei and his friends not only would have a talk and exchange their opinions, but also got relaxed and recalled the moments in China again. In addition, Mr. Ni Mingkun also told that he and his friends normally met at his or friend's house and would have cooking and drinking some alcohol drinks. Having fun talk with his friends made Mr. Ni Mingkun and his friends feel relaxed every time they had spent time together.

When Mr. Huang Xingfu and his friends met each other once a month or sometimes every 2-3 months, they would meet together at Mr. Huang Xingfu's house because his house was comfortable and had the space to do activities such as barbeque, cooking, drinking some drinks, and talking. Mr. Huang Xingfu's friends sometimes also brought their wives to talk with Mr. Huang Xingfu's wife as well and share about how to take care of their children, or the problems in families. Mr. Huang Xingfu also said that holding the activities together often could make him and his friends closer, so whenever there was any problem, Mr. Huang Xingfu and his friends could help each other.

2) Chinese men also held important Chinese festivals together. Chinese people gathered together to hold Chinese festivals such as the Chinese New Year festival. Chinese people had a small party at their home or sometimes had a party outside with their friends. Mr. Wu Qingwei said he had many Chinese friends in Thailand. When Chinese New Year arrived, firstly Mr. Wu Qingwei took his family to celebrate the new year, and called his parents in China to ask for blessings from his parents. Sometimes Mr. Wu Qingwei took his wife and children to meet his family in this special occasion for Chinese people. After that he asked his friends to celebrate the new year party together at restaurants or one of his friends' houses. Mr. Wu Qingwei also said that most Chinese people prioritized their own family in Chinese festivals. However, sometimes they brought their family and friends to have a celebration and to have a memorable Chinese new year together.

4.7 The way of life of Chinese migrant workers

When there was a migration, Chinese people who immigrated to Thailand maintained some original ways of life, while they faced the different ways of life in Thailand in both superior and inferior ways. However, migration to work in Thailand gave an inspiration and hope to these Chinese migrant workers, who hoped to work and earn a living to take care of themselves and their families to have a better life, than when they were living in China. Most of the migrant workers were male. In the past, males were the gender that easily migrated to work in the new place. Additionally, there were more male people than female in China. In addition, males were expected to be the heads of the family, and males were more decisive than females.

4.7.1 Styles of occupation

About a hundred year ago, most Chinese men who migrated into Thailand worked as laborers, miners, and agricultural workers. Those migrant workers, who stayed for years and had some savings, opened their own business. However, nowadays Chinese people who migrated to Thailand were well-educated. From the interviews, it was found that ten interviewees graduated with bachelor's degrees. However, there was high competition in China. Moreover, working in the big cities such as Beijing, Guangzhou, and Shanghai cannot guarantee that Chinese people could afford what they needed or wanted, since the cost of living in Beijing, Guangzhou, and Shanghai was very high, such as rents, food, and transportation fee. After calculating the income and expenses, the income was not enough. Therefore, some Chinese men decided to work abroad, and Thailand was one of the destinations for Chinese people who were interested to emigrate for work. Most of the work came from suggestions by friends who had worked in Thailand already.

Since Phuket province was very famous for the tourism industry, therefore most Chinese people decided to work in the tourism industry, for example working in hotels at front desk departments that had to contact, coordinate, solve problems, and had to deal with Chinese guests, or even as sales staff in hotels that had to talk to Chinese suppliers. Chinese staff who talked to Chinese guests could have effective communication and Chinese migrant workers would have more understanding about the market in China. Another popular occupation, that Chinese people choose to work in, was Chinese language teacher. Some Chinese people did not have a degree to teach, but Chinese people can still teach Chinese language since they were native

language speakers and had good understanding about Chinese culture. Chinese people who had lived in Thailand for years could collect some money to open their own business. Some Chinese people started tour companies. Mr. Ni Mingkun said that he had left a full-time job to start his own business, because he wanted to have financial stability for his family. Mr. Ni Mingkun had known some Chinese friends who ran a business about tourism in China, and Mr. Ni Mingkun also had connections with hotel and tour companies, when he had worked in his old workplace. Mr. Ni Mingkun also said that his friends, who had business in Phuket, also had worked as employees in the company to get some work experience and money to be able to start their own business.

Mr. Li Yiqing said that at first he had worked as a Chinese teacher at a secondary school. Although he did not graduate with a degree for teaching, he had the ability to teach Chinese language and some Chinese culture to the students. Mr. Li Yiqing had worked for years and could collect some money to open an institute to teach Wushu (武术). Wushu was one of the Chinese popular martial arts. Mr. Li Yiqing had passion in Wushu and Mr. Li Yiqing loved to bring Chinese martial arts to Thai people as well. There were students from the school, and others from suggestions by Mr. Li Yiqing's friends. Currently, Mr. Li Yiqing was working in both the secondary school and Wushu institute; because Mr. Li Yiqing saw that a full-time job still was important for him to earn regular money. Mr. Li Yiqing would like to collect some money for years before starting his own business completely.

For Mr. Liu Zhilu, the first time he came to work in Phuket, he started to work as the diving instructor. He came to Thailand without any budgets and he was working as an employee for about 5 years. Since he decided to marry Thai woman, he got full time works for one year before opening his own travel company. He saw that since he had his own family, he should have stable income as the guarantee for a family's stability. When he opened his own business in the beginning, he'd still not yet quit the diving instructor job because he was extremely passionate about diving, so, he took it as a part time job instead

Mr. Hu Yifei gave an interview saying that the types of jobs that Chinese people do when working in Thailand are jobs that typically do not match with their academic major background. To illustrate, He had graduated with a degree in marketing but he later found a job in tourism. In recent years, Phuket has been in need of a large number of Chinese workers. As for

him, he thought that just so he can communicate in Chinese and have a job that provides income for him, he would be ready and willing to learn. In terms of his job responsibilities relating to the travel industry, his boss would usually have him contact clients or agents in China. He mentioned that when Chinese people communicate with each other, they tend to have a better understanding of each other than compared to associating with a Thai person who might not understand what is being said in some situations. He added that when his friends came to work in Phuket, some of them started as Chinese teachers in private schools. Although they did not graduate with a teaching degree, they were still considered as native speakers who understood the Chinese language more than a skilled Thai person. Some of them worked in tourism because most of Phuket's income comes from tourism. There were many Chinese tour operators, this led to workers inviting their Chinese friends to come work in Thailand and offering better proposals to them compared to working in China. This included better job positions or free accommodations.

Mr.Zhang Zhongxin gave an interview saying that now, in Phuket, Chinese people can be seen working in almost every field. Because at present, China is considered to be a country that influences the world in many different ways. In the hotel sector, Chinese women can be found working in all positions from general staff to the high managerial positions. In the tourism sector, the positions consist of operating staff to business owners, or even in the real estate sector that currently Chinese people are increasing their investments to help encourage more Chinese investments and tourism in Thailand which will help circulate funds domestically. He added that the occupations that the Chinese people are focused on are the ones that generate income. They will work hard and dedicate themselves until they succeed.

Mr. Liu Xiaohua gave an interview saying that the working styles of Thai and Chinese people are quite different. Chinese people are very determined in their work, they take it seriously and will finish it without worrying about getting off work. As for Thai people, when it is time to get off work, they would continue part of it and finish the remaining work on the next day. He used to have problems with his family in this matter because they did not understand why he had to get all his work done when he could finish it on the very next day. But he thought that everything had to be completed so later he would not have to worry about it. Or in some situations, his subordinates did not understand the working style of why they often had to work overtime. This made them uncomfortable because it caused problems with their families when

they got off work late. In the beginning, he did not quite understand much about the Thai working style, but he thought that if he wanted to be a good boss, he ought to learn these things and adapt his working style to be more flexible so that everyone will be happy.

4.7.2 Residences and environment

From the interviews, it was found that most interviewees were previously middle-class in China. The interviewees' hometowns were not in the big cities; when the people had to work in the big cities of China, they would stay in a condominium or apartment which provided high cost compared to the income. There were many expenses, and the size of the room was not spacious. Mr. Huang Xingfu said that when he was working in China, he had rented a small room in an apartment. Comparing the rental fee in China and Thailand, the rental fee was so different. When Mr. Huang Xingfu came to work in Phuket, he had rented a small house to live in, and the cost was almost the same with the rental fee of an apartment in China. The environment of the village he was staying in Phuket was pleasant and beautiful. Mr. Huang Xingfu decided to stay in the village because of the suggestion of Mr. Huang Xingfu's friends. However Mr. Huang Xingfu also said that the transportation in Phuket province was inconvenient, because when he was in China, he could take public transportation to go to work. At the beginning when Mr. Huang Xingfu came to Phuket, he needed to borrow his friend's motorcycle. Then, a few months later, Mr. Huang Xingfu had collected some money to be able to buy his own motorcycle. However, Mr. Huang Xingfu realized that riding a motorcycle in Phuket was very dangerous, especially in the rainy season. Therefore, Mr. Huang Xingfu collected some money to buy a car.

Mr. Liu Xiaohua said that after he married his wife, he moved to Thailand permanently. Fortunately, Mr. Liu Xiaohua could move to stay in his wife's house, although the house was not huge, it provided many conveniences to him. Currently, he and his wife needed to stay in the house, so there were people who could help to take care of their children, and Mr. Liu Xiaohua's wife was not so lonely when Mr. Liu Xiaohua went out to work. Compared with life in China, Mr. Liu Xiaohua said that the life in Thailand was better and more convenient than in China. The residences in Thailand were better than in China. However, the transportation in Phuket was really inconvenient. Having no car in Phuket would be inconvenient since the public transportation still needed many improvements.

Mr.Huang Xingfu gave an interview that the accommodation fee between Phuket and China were not much different. If he chose to live in a crowded community, the price would be quite high. But if he chose to stay a little far away from the city, the price will be lower. For him, accommodation was not a problem but transportation. He said that though Phuket was the top province in Thailand where foreigners chose to come to travel or stay. But the public transport was not as convenient as it should be.

Mr.Feng Silei said that since he first moved to Thailand till now, he had been working for the same travel company because he wanted a proper income. Besides, he also had the extra income from selling tour packages for tourists sometimes. Meanwhile, Mr.Feng was thinking about quitting the regular job to open his own business. He was planning to open the tour company due to all contacts were in his hands already. However, that time was not the right time, Mr.Feng wanted everything to be settle first because Thailand's economic at that time was not very stable and the currency was gradually decreased, the investment in small business still risk for him, moreover, he had to responsible for many things.

4.7.3 The culture of food consumption

The culture of food consumption of Thai people and Chinese people was different. Chinese people were used to oily and not spicy food, while Thai people were used to bold flavors. When having meals, Thai people talk with their family or friends, while Chinese people nowadays do not talk so much, as Chinese people have their meal quickly instead. Mr. Hu Yifei said that at the beginning, when he was in Thailand, Mr. Hu Yifei was not used to the flavor of the food, and he was not used to the culture of food consumption in Thailand. At noon, Mr. Hu Yifei had the chance to go out and have lunch with his Thai coworkers, and that was the new experience for Mr. Hu Yifei. Because normally in China, Mr. Hu Yifei and the coworkers would go to have lunch in their own ways and had to eat quickly so that they can get back to work quickly, therefore Chinese people would have meals without chit-chatting. However, when Mr. Hu Yifei had meals with his Thai coworkers, Mr. Hu Yifei found that everyone really enjoyed the lunch, and no one was rushing to get back to work, as the co-workers would have a meal and a talk together, it was really a break time that everyone could relax in. Mr. Hu Yifei thought that lunch time in Thailand was better than the lunch time when he was working in China

While Mr. Feng Silei said that the culture of food consumption of Thai people was different from Chinese people. When Mr. Feng Silei was in China, Mr. Feng Silei would buy only steamed buns and soy milk or sometimes some refreshments before going to work. But when he was in Phuket, he saw many Thai people went to Dim Sum restaurants to have dim sum, porridge, or rice in a leisurely way. Mr. Feng Silei also said that when Thai people had meals, they would not be so rushed like Chinese people who always rushed and needed to work against time.

5 CONCLUDING REMARKS

5.1 Conclusion

From the interview found that Chinese men who married with Thai women and immigrated to Phuket, most of them were the men who are in twenty-five to forty years old. They graduated with bachelor degree. When they immigrated to Phuket, most of them lived in Kathu district and Meaung district because these two districts have many Chinese people and they also have many Chinese companies for Chinese people who immigrated and want to get a job. We can call that these two districts are the community for overseas Chinese people. The factors that make two people who live in different countries have the chance to know each other are the technology, transportation, economy and education which are very progressive. These developments make both of them can be known each other easier than in the past time or we can say that the destiny had led both of them to meet together and became a couple.

After they had relationship for a while, they decided to marry. Most of their marriage will be a simple ceremony in Thailand and they will register a marriage certificate by the law after they get married. Both of them use different language and cultures, so sometimes they will have problems and the main factor that make them have problems is different cultures because each other have different background, in each family will have different teaching. On the other hand, when they decided to live together as a family, both of them tried to adapt for each other such as languages, cultures, foods and ways of raising their children. Both of them had to find the best point for their relationship for making their relationship can move together, so when Chinese people live in Thai society, they had to survive in the society and they also had to keep

their identity for making themselves and their children do not forget that they have Chinese blood. They kept and inherited to their children Chinese language and some of Chinese cultures, they taught their children by themselves, so it means they will do in their daily life when their children see every day, their children will absorb it by themselves too. Most of teaching inside the family the mother would speak Thai and teach some Thai cultures to their children. On the other hand, father would speak Chinese to his children and teach some of Chinese cultures to his children. Some family realized the importance of English language, so they sent their children to learn in the international school or spoke English with their children. Their education plan does not emphasize only academic skills, but they also support their children about other activities. They included their children's private activities or public activities.

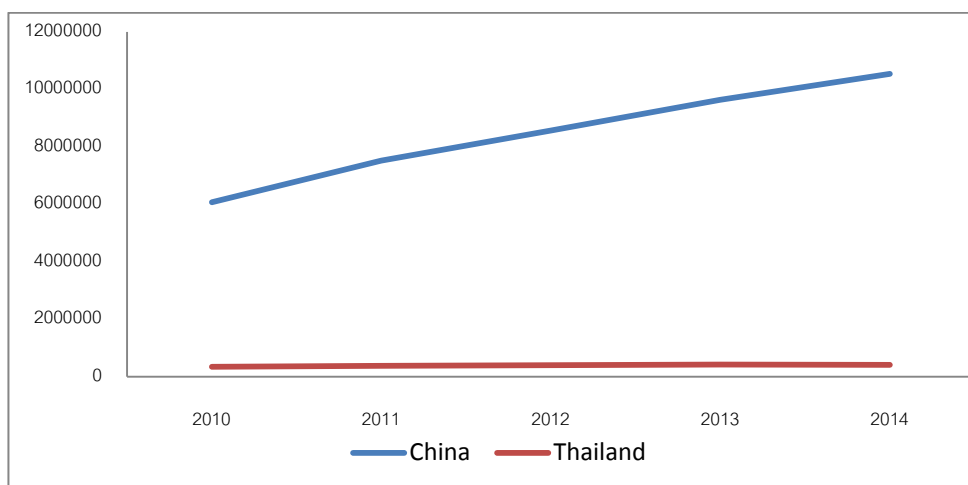
Every activities that their children like, they always ready to support to their children and always give an encouragement because the parents always see the important of the activities, they believe that activities can help their children to improve many skills for themselves and their children also can learn many things from the activities because something that their children learn from activities is the thing that the lesson inside the books cannot teach him especially social skills because social skills are the skills that most people must learn by the experience when they were young such as joining in some activities, travelling, being a volunteer or making friends in classroom.

5.2 Discussion

5.2.1 Ways of Immigration of New Migrants by Marriage Across the Nations

In forty years before, China had a big changing of economy in 1970. China was poor country and lagged the Western Country. China also lagged in Asia, they lagged about industry, technology and agriculture. On the other hand, in the present China is the country where have a big economy at the second ranking in the world, but China is the country where the first ranking of trading the goods with foreign countries because China is the biggest country where produce car, boat, computer and mobile phone.

Figure 17 GDP between China and Thailand 2010-2014



Source :HomilyChart

Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is the broadest quantitative measure of a nation's total economic activity. More specifically, GDP represents the monetary value of all goods and services produced within a nation's geographic borders over a specified period of time. As you can see from the graph 5.2.1, the graph showed you about GDP between China and Thailand. Overview of China since 2010 from the graph was increasing, it was different from Thailand. On the other hand, from the result of the research found that quantity of Chinese people especially Chinese men wanted to immigrate by marriage and registered a marriage certificate by the law was increasing. They wanted to immigrate to Thailand more although GDP of Thailand was lower than China, but the reason that made them decided that is the competition of finding job and working in China was really high. Most of the time, they must work in a big city such as Shanghai, Beijing and Guangzhou. When they calculated their salaries with their expense, they did not have enough money remain in a month when they compared with their salaries if they got work in Phuket. They would have more money and higher occupation for a job. In addition, normally Phuket is a tourism place, in each year Chinese people will have Chinese people came for travelling. So, it makes Chinese investors interested in Phuket more and Chinese people who live in Phuket before will invite their friends in China to find a job in Phuket. Chinese people who immigrate in the latter will be graduated people and the main factor that make them immigrate is they want to have a better opportunity in economy. If we see in the theory of Ravenstein (Ravenstein, 1885) showed about the factor that made immigration is suction and push factor. He said that push factors meant the factor that make people were in under pressure and forced them

to immigrate to other countries because they were poverty, difficult to live in daily life, difficult in their job, political situation in that country or injustice of that country that happened in their hometown. These things could be Push factors inside the country that made them decided to immigrate for their better life by immigration from their hometown to other countries. On the other hand, pull factors also an important factor that made immigration situation happened. It meant the factor that lead or pull the workers wanted to work in that countries such as peace country, politics are stability, economy that cans make them have a good future, there is better environments and the opportunity for working or finding ways to make them life to be better. These things are the thing that make that countries to be countries in the ideal or hoped countries that most people hope to have a better life although in fact they must fight to go to there, survived or find a good opportunity. However, immigration will happen, it must have process by at the first moment they will have a short-term immigration and they are pulled to the city. The quantity of immigration will be finished when the expanding of thee city cover the countryside. The immigration of workers by fallowing the theory of Lee (Lee, 1966) told that immigration would happen or not, it depended on the evaluation of advantages and disadvantages in their areas with the areas where they would immigrate. If they saw the advantages in the area where they would go more than their area, immigration would happene.

Immigration of workers is a factor that make marriage across the nations. When Chinese men who are single work in Phuket for a while, they will find girlfriends through the invitation from their Chinese friends, know from the work or accidentally meet. When their relationships develop until they get marry, so it makes marriage across the nations and both of them will register marriage certification by the law and both of their nationality still be the same. Marriage across the nations between Chinese men and Thai women will have more cultural exchange such as wedding, they will plan their wedding by using contemporary styles, they will have engagement ritual in Thai styles and they will have celebration in the evening.

Therefore, in term of motivation theory (Maslow, 1954), Maslow divided human's need from the basic requirements to advance requirements. Maslow could divide human's need into five steps. The first one was physiological needs. Physiological needs were a basic need of human for surviving in term of main four factors. The second of human's need was security or safety needs. Security or safety needs was the needs of treasures and careers. The third

of human's need was need of relationship or respect, in other word was affiliation or acceptance needs. Affiliation or acceptance needs were the needs that human wanted to be famous in society or human wanted to be a part of a society. The fourth step was esteem needs and the last one was self-actualization. Self-actualization was the highest level of need in human, for example, a human wanted to success in human's life or a human wanted to respond everything for human's life. So, needs were the origins of motivation that had much power for human's behaviors.

From consideration of Chinese immigration as marginal people in Thai society, Thai people could say that at first Chinese people came to Thailand by motivation from physiological needs. Physiological needs of Chinese people could be seen by saving money for Chinese men's wife and Chinese men sent money to Chinese men's family in China.

5.2.2 The adaption of cultural difference

The social adaptation can help an individual to encounter the changes and be able to handle the problems. An adjustment in the life of a human being is different from other organisms. The more advanced the society, the harder the adjustment, because human adjustment is a social mechanism, which is the individuals' own capability to adjust to the environment or adjust to different people. To live and have a satisfied life, the individuals can adjust to other people to live together in the society. Social adjustment can take place in the form of cooperation or maybe competition. The people in the society can live together by adjustment to prevent any conflict, though the individuals have different characteristics or different benefits. (ref. Jamjuree, 2008, p.53)

This research found that the Chinese men who immigrated to Thailand must adjust themselves to the new environment as Thai proverb posited that 'when in Rome, do as Romans do', whether they would not able to live happily in Thai community, meanwhile, facing new culture and environment were under pressure in the beginning. Chinese men's first time when they get married with Thai women. When both of them must face the various of cultures that they never seen before, they will have a situation that called "Culture Shock" (Rubawichet, 2011: 18: referenced from Furnham; & Bochner, 1986). Living together with foreigners or have some conversation, it is normally to have a problem for adaptation themselves to understand each other's cultures or new societies. It makes that people have culture shock, this situation can be happened with the people who do not have a good social skill in the field of adaptation

themselves for cultures (Krajang, 2000: 13) Culture shock can be happened with people who work in the different countries, they will see when that people must adapt themselves for understanding the situation where they face under the pressure. They will be less serious or do not be serious when they can adapt for the environments in that community. Research in the topic of Transnational Marriage between German Men and Thai Women: Socio-cultural Adaptation (2015, p.119-142) found that Thai women who marry with German men will adapt themselves for the society, new cultures and language. In addition, they also adapt themselves when they have conversations with people around them, atmosphere, foods and the attitude of people to them and difference of cultures. Thai women who immigrate to Germany are really difficult for adaptation because of language, foods and culture that different from Thai cultures, but they must adapt themselves to face with the situation in their daily life. In different from the research about Chinese men who immigrate to Thailand, because Chinese men can adapt themselves for Thai society easily because most of Thai and Chinese cultures are similar.

The scholars discovered that when Chinese men lived in Thai society, they learnt to respect for adults, did Wai by raising his hands to greet, they followed Thai ways with open mind. Learning these new traditions made them found something in common or the similarity between Thai and Chinese cultures such as the respected for adults and the gratitude. These are good things that he needed to teach his children to inherit the culture.

There was not only culture dimension which reflected the survival through adaption of Chinese men in Thai society, but also another aspect like livelihood, for example, the adaption to climate change, Phuket had two seasons; rainy season and summer which were different from China that had four seasons. Hence, moving to Thailand there could be health problems that might took time to adjust at the first period.

The adaption to climate change for those Chinese immigrated men in Thailand also depended on how healthy each individual was. It took about 1-2 weeks for adjustment for the healthy group. Then, the adaption to food consuming, Chinese people were not familiar with Thai food taste, Fortunately, Phuket was the travel attraction city thus there were many Chinese restaurants in some area such as Naka market, the taste of Chinese food made them feel like home. Next, the adaption to out-fitting, normally, Chinese people used to walk a lot in everyday, so they wore the sneaker as usual. However, when they moved to Thailand which

called tropical country and rainy often, thus, they chose to wear sandal instead. Initially, the immigrated Chinese men's perspective about wearing sandal were not quite polite, anyhow, they needed to adapt to the weather changes by wearing sandal for the convenience for walking.

There were many aspects that Chinese people needed the adaptation to live harmoniously in Thai society. So, they must learn to accept, adjust, but still kept their traditional identity. Sometimes adaptation might face the obstacles, for example, language barriers or person who didn't support them. Therefore, their Thai wives or friends should have help, teach, and support these Chinese to learn good things in Thai so that they can practice correctly. So do Thai wives, they must also adjust, learn her husband's culture. These would help them to understand each other the most.

The married couple learning each other was very necessary, especially for transnational marriages, they needed more effort to understand the cultural differences. Due to the differences in culture origins, languages, there were certainly misunderstanding in context, finally, love from both sides would overcome all these problems.

So, immigration happened in Thai society and there was adaptation to Thai culture of Chinese men. Immigration was the situation that showed adaptation of human to different societies and cultures from human's own societies and cultures. Adaptation for surviving in new environments, so this adaptation included receiving new cultures and socialization for understanding new environments to live. Receiving Thai culture was the effect from socialization by formal and informal ways. Formal socialization was a study languages and cultures at school. On the other hand, informal socialization was a study from environments, experience and people in daily life.

5.2.3 The pressure of immigrated Chinese as the minority group in Thailand

Normally Chinese people in China thought that they were the majority group of people. Moreover, Chinese people gave an important to the genders that male was more significant than more than female. When they moved to Thailand especially for men, they would be seen as the minority group.

The sociologist stated that the majority group combined of bigger members than the minority group that got less members. For instance, in Thailand, Thai people with Thai descent got bigger population were counted as the majority group, and Thai people with other

descents that had less members were counted as the minority group. The power of decision making of the immigrated Chinese men in Thailand were reduced due to their status as the minority group. The research of transnational marriage between German men and Thai Women: socio-cultural adaptation posited that Thai women in Germany were the only side who adapted in order to live with their husbands' family (Jong, n.d.). Regarding to wife's responsibility, so women had to take care of their husband, and Thai women who got low education couldn't find good job in Germany, hence, they became the minority group and had got less power to make decision. This present research discovered diversely to the above research on the gender status and education level that the Chinese men as the minority group in Thailand, if they got same level of education, both could earn and raise themselves equally that would not only depend on only the family leader, they got same power of decision making. Thai women respected their Chinese husbands even Chinese men were counted as the minority group, but they still be the family leader. Thai women would give the power of decision making to their Chinese husbands like making the family plans or setting the teaching plans for their children. Thai women would always be supported their Chinese husbands, at the same time if the Chinese men lived with his wife's family, they would feel they had less power to make decision due to the obligated feeling which implied in the Chinese culture.

5.2.4 Chinese Men Were More Accepted Than Western Men.

Marrying a foreigner in Thai society had existed since the past for especially in Ayutthaya Kingdom after there was exchanged product with foreigner. According to Ayutthaya Kingdom, there were sellers from many countries, for example, Chinese, Muslim (Indian, Iranian and Hertz). Many westerners entered for trading in Thailand. First race of foreigner who came in the reign of King Ramathibodi II was Portuguese in 1511. Due to historical record, it revealed that China had sent a diplomatic mission to royal court of the kingdom of Sukhothai while Thailand also sent a diplomatic mission to visit China. At first, Chinese people lived along coastal of Thailand because it was comfortable to travel.

When immigrant settled in Thailand, there were ideas of building a family. New comer who was firstly single, they would marry local Thai people, especially, during World War 2. According to Chinese political situation, the condition was to expel many people and forced to move to other countries. Chinese existence and settlement at the ending era of Sun Yat-sen,

researcher saw Chinese people in different way. First, researcher thought they were sojourners who lived in China to be Chinese people who permanently settled in other country. Shinner said that in several decade before that evolution, oversea Chinese played a major role in economic development and social prosperity of important countries in South East Asia. In addition, they had a role in economic and society development of those countries.

The context of changing position of Thai-Chinese people and modernity were a result of 25th Buddhist century when the king developed Siam country to be source of Chinese working completely. Way of Chinese immigrant life in the early Rattanakosin period was divided into 2 ways. First group achieved in economic and society meaning they were good at social status and could infiltrate into the feudal system. For example, working as a government officer and moving to high rank or closely associating with the Thai feudal system. Other group of Chinese immigrant, they were more success in economic development than normal Thai people. At least, they were in economical money system, while Thai people were still in the middle of economy for subsistence and marketing. Those Chinese people lived in all over provincial head in order make mining, grow cane, be a technician and ship builder. In the early Rattanakosin period, blooming of economic prosperity caused Chinese merchants were wealthy and finally be a magnate.

In a comparison with westerners, Thai people in that period would think that westerners who settled in Thailand would be a pastor and lived for long time of period. Thai people did not like their daughter marrying to westerner. Some families were afraid of westerner who was an official spy. Thai people saw Chinese life style since they settled in Thailand and there were a comparison between Chines and Western. Chinese people were hard-working and could be a founder of business. Chinese people lived there for a long time, so Thai parents wanted their daughter to marry with Asian people, especially Chinese. There were many factors caused Thai family did not support daughter to marry westerner, such as, religion, language and culture. Therefore, we found Chinese community was available all over Thailand and descendants were Thai-Chinese race as well.

5.3 Suggestions

This study in Immigration and settlement of transnational marriage between Chinese men and Thai women in Phuket: The Case Study of Ethnic Issue in Post Modern society

researcher found Chinese men had attitude different the past, adjust activity, and fostering their children that can take to study in the further.

1. The issue of Chinese men and Thai women fostering children, when their had different background.

2. The issue of growth Chinese tourism and strategy of manage Chinese tourism.

3. Researcher found that Chinese men would marriage register with Thai women but would not change nationality. This point of the phenomena could be studied in the further.

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APPENDIX

Immigration and settlement of transnational marriage between Chinese men and Thai women in Phuket: The Case Study of Ethnic Issue in Post Modern society

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Abstract

“Immigration and settlement of transnational marriage between Chinese men and Thai women in Phuket: The Case Study of Ethnic Issue in Post Modern society” had the objective to study transformation of life of Chinese men who got marriage to Thai women, and analyzed the life problems and adjustment of those Chinese men who got marriage to Thai women. The in-depth interviews and participant observation of the qualitative research methods were used in this study. The result of the study discovered that Chinese men had high educational degree to work in Thailand who were the qualified workforce supporting Thai economy. Chinese men adjusted their way of life to live in Thai society. However, Chinese men preserved their tradition and culture and were inherited by their children by bilateral types of socialization.

Keywords: Transnational Marriage, Transnational Migration, Postmodern Society

การอพยพและการตั้งถิ่นฐานของผู้ชายชาวจีน จากการแต่งงานข้ามชาติ
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คำสำคัญ: การแต่งงานข้ามชาติ การอพยพข้ามชาติ สังคมยุคหลังสมัยใหม่

Introduction

Phenomenon of Transnational Marriage had existed for a long time in Thai society. The phenomenon showed a way of being eligible for immigration by marriage. According to the statistics for staying in Thailand by Chinese immigrants.

According to the statistics of the Thai Immigration Bureau about foreigners filing applications to stay with Thai women and live in Thailand, in 2016 there were 2,464 British men, 2,431 Indian men, and 1,851 Chinese men. Plus the amount of Chinese immigrants was increasing too. Researcher chose information only two years because this two information were clearer than other information.

The number of Chinese men settlers in Thailand were ranked the third. This led to the interesting issue about the reason why Chinese people who were from the powerful country had decided to immigrate to Thailand that was still a developing country. About the quality of Chinese immigrants in present, the research of Niyomsin S. about *The Fourth Wave: Southeast Asia and New Chinese Migrants* described about the wave of Chinese immigrants, especially the fourth wave which was in the era of Post Modern, were high quality and also described about the factors of immigrant.

Time had passed. In the era of post modern, there were many technologies. Many countries were developing themselves to be up-to-date. Technology improved international trading, developing relationship easier than in the past, more convenient transportation, and borderless connection. Nowadays people had better education because many countries had seen the importance of national's education. In this era, the foreign immigrants in Thailand had higher quality. From this research found that Chinese men who immigrated to marry with Thai women were all graduated from university. The immigrants were not the labor like in the past. The immigration of Chinese men was an interesting cultural phenomenon in the aspect of how Chinese men encounter the change of their lifestyle in the new society and culture. Normally, the status in the family of Chinese men was the leader of the family. How could Chinese men adapt themselves when they had to live in the wife's family and when their status changed from being

one of majority group to be a minority group. These issues of how could Chinese men learn living and adaptation in Thai culture and society were the important issue of this research.

From these reasons, the researcher is interested in studying about transnational marriage between Chinese men and Thai women to know how are their married life, how they adjust themselves, and the problems in their married life.

Purposes of the Study

1. To observe changing in the way of life of Chinese men who married with Thai women and settle in Phuket.

2. To analyze life problems and adjustment of Chinese men who married Thai women in the context of Thai culture and society.

Limitation of the Study

1. Area

The area in this research used Kathu and Meang district because these 2 districts have many Chinese citizens while Thalang (one more district in Phuket) have less Chinese people.

2. Content

For the related literature of study, it focused on related issues of the result and discusses: 1) Marriage by the path of immigration 2) Adaptation in Different Culture 3) Opportunity and Hope Avenues of Work 4) Problems of Married Life 5) Future of Children. The researched were described different factors between old Chinese immigrants and New Chinese immigrants. Keeping Some Chinese Identity were show the original Chinese culture and Chinese men were relay Chinese culture for his children. The research focused on the analysis of life problem and the life adaptation of Chinese men who migrated to Thailand. To find the answers about life changing and how they respond to solve the problems to continue their life in Thai society.

3. Time

This research interviewed and collected data by using observation method since August 2016 to March 2018

Methodology

This study will apply qualitative method to study about the way of life in many aspects of Chinese men and Thai women settled in Phuket. We chose Phuket because Phuket was a historical province especially immigration situation of overseas Chinese people since Sukhotai until nowadays. It made researcher interested in immigration and settled up in Phuket during Post Modern and researcher wanted to know what is a main factor. Sample and technique of sampling. snow ball or chain sampling is the technique for gaining Overseas Chinese men who have Thai wives 10 Cases Study. Researcher gets the sample from introducing of acquaintances to be convenient for interviewing, because some information is the personal information which should be a person that they can feel reliable so that the interviewee will give the information to researcher willingly.

Information gathering

Researcher applies participation observation and informal interview as the main tools to gather data. After the researcher finished gathering the information, it will be the data analysis process which researcher divides it into 3 periods as below:

Period1: After the researcher gathers enough information to study about the process, behavior and attitude of Chinese man. The researcher will analyze the information according to concepts and theories. Then summarize the overall to be the guideline for analyzing and gathering more information in the next time.

Period 2: Gathering more information by interview again and participation observation. Researcher observed by using social media such as Facebook, WeChat and Line because most

family would update their life and activities. This issue should be more useful for analyzing the data. And then analyze the data again to get the summary of the study which can happen after a period of time so that the researcher can be more accustomed to the participants. Perhaps interviewing in the same questions for some important issues for verifying the data or the researcher can get more new information to get the exact data which can be used in the next analysis.

Period 3: After getting all the information, will be the process of analysis again. By formatting the relationship of the data and occurrences to understand in the issue of the study then will summarize data analysis for the final time.

Result

From the data collected from 10 interviewees found that all of the interviewees were graduated in bachelor's degree, and had been living in Thailand for more than 7 years, and had married Thai women for 5 years or more.

1. Marriage in the path of immigration

The ways to find the right partners and getting married to Thai women can be divided into 4 types.

1) Chinese men met Thai women in China and then got married. From the interview of Mr. Liu Xiaohua, who saw his wife when she went to study Chinese language in China, he said he did not hope that he would have a foreign wife, but he saw her so many times in the university, and he thought she was very cute. So, he started to talk with her and exchanged the WeChat ID with her to build their relationship. Mr. Liu Xiaohua made appointments for dinner, but her friends went with her every time. She went back to Thailand, but Mr. Liu Xiaohua still contacted her by WeChat, and the lady had to study in China again the following year in different province so he sometimes went to see her. The relationship was categorized as long-distance relationship, but the distance was not a problem. Mr. Liu Xiaohua also said that technology was very convenient to contact each other as they could talk and see each other online, influencing the

feeling of warmth. The transportation fee was not expensive for the travel, and the time spent together was shorter than in the past. This factor influenced Mr. Liu Xiaohua to decide he could meet with the lady more often, when she studied on a summer course in China. When they had a relationship for 2 years already and graduated, Mr. Liu Xiaohua decided to ask her for marriage and registered for a marriage certificate. Mr. Liu Xiaohua's wife wanted to stay with her family in Thailand, so Mr. Liu Xiaohua lived in Thailand and found a job where he knew that he could contact his family in China by using technology to communicate with them. Sometimes, he also visited his family in China by plane.

2) Friends or Acquaintances Advice

Chinese men who stayed in Thailand approximately 3-5 years, often learnt some Thai language until they felt interested in Thai culture and they wanted to settle in Thailand. Therefore those Chinese men inquired with their friends about Thai women who were single. Consequently, Chinese friends found opportunities to make friends and meet Thai women together and have some social interactions, such as having meals together. If Chinese men like Thai women, they would ask their friends to find other opportunities to establish satisfying relationships. When Thai women feel interested in the relationship, Chinese men make an appointment with the Thai women by themselves, without asking their friends.

According to the deep interview of Mr. Hu Yifei, his hometown was in Heilongjiang Province. After his graduation, he got a job at a company in Beijing. He worked for 1 year and the company established a branch in Phuket. The company sent him to work in the Phuket branch. Mr. Hu Yifei had worked for 1 year and decided to quit this job and found a new job, but the target job was still related to tourism. Mr. Hu Yifei also said that the field that he graduated in was not directly related to his job, but he could learn to adapt. Furthermore, his boss knew that he could speak English and Chinese. The co-workers also professionally taught Mr. Hu Yifei about his work.

Mr. Hu Yifei had a Thai girlfriend he knew by work in the office, but he stopped his relationship. One day, he said that he knew one Thai woman as a friend in the office. She had good behavior and the woman felt interested to have a Chinese boyfriend. His friend invited him

to have a meal together to get to know each other. The lady could speak Chinese; however, they talked about the normal greetings without special communication topics. The friends of Mr. Hu Yifei tried to make both of them meet together again, by making appointments over meals. He could learn her personality and felt interested in her. They exchanged their telephone numbers and some ways for connection. Their relationship slightly increased; consequently, they made appointments by themselves. Both Mr. Hu Yifei and the Thai lady met for a year until he decided to ask the lady to marry him. They registered for a marriage certificate and lived together in Phuket.

3) Supportive Married Life

This issue was directly related to the time couples spent together, after their marriages. Couples had activities together after finishing work such as having meals, shopping and traveling. These activities influenced them to have opportunities spending time together, and the intimacy affected their conversations about life of each other. Hence, their relationships could change from friends to be lovers. According to interviews, Mr. Ni Mingkun graduated and applied with his documents for a visa to work in America, but the documents did not fulfill the requirements, so Mr. Ni Mingkun decided to come to Thailand because he had visited Thailand 2 times before and he realized that Phuket had a good economy mainly focused on the tourism industry. He thought he would have really high opportunities to get a job in Phuket. The field that he graduated in was not connected with the job in the sales department of the hospitality industry. Mr. Ni Mingkun could speak English and Chinese, so his language skills were very helpful, Although Mr. Ni Mingkun had not graduated from a linguistic major, he could do this position through the allowance of his boss. Mr. Ni Mingkun said in his interview that the first time he did not think anything special about the lady at his company, he just categorized it as a co-workers relationship, but there is one quote about love in Thai translated to “intimacy influenced love”, while Mr. Ni Mingkun and the lady always met together. The lady was also very kind and cute, so Mr. Ni Mingkun loved her although he never thought before that he would have a Thai wife. The lady could not speak Chinese, but both of them spoke English for communication. He realized that language is not the main factor in his married life. When they had a relationship, they kept it secret because they did not want to be gossiped about in the company. So, the relationship was

still secret until Mr. Ni Mingkun's close friend knew about this. When they had the relationship for 3 years already, he resigned from the job, asked the woman for marriage and registered for a marriage certificate. They established their own tourism business and the relationship was more open.

4) Met in the restaurants in Thailand, for example, from the interview of Mr. Liu Zhilu said he met his wife when he went to her steamed bun store to buy a steamed bun the first time. She helped her parents in front of the store; he felt that this was his destiny with her. Mr. Liu Zhilu bought steamed buns at the store every day. She could not speak English and Chinese. Mr. Liu Zhilu stayed in Thailand from 2007, so he could speak and listen to Thai language. He used Thai language to make friends with her. Mr. Liu Zhilu and his future wife got to know each other better and he developed the relationship after 2 years, deciding to ask her for marriage and register for a marriage certificate. He worked in Phuket, and settled down in Phuket.

Transnational marriage between Chinese men and Thai women was one of the phenomenon that reflexed immigration of Chinese men in the world. Moreover, the phenomenon showed the immigration of Asian men migrated into Thailand, who were not only Chinese men, but also Indian men and other nationalities. The wedding style of Chinese men and Thai women showed the pattern of wedding from the country that had the similar culture to some Thai families.

Having met in China and seeing each other for some amount of time before getting married in Thailand seemed highly risk to get divorced or broke up in the matter of distance and the different time that could make the couple to stop their relationship whenever they would. However, the relationship between two people in the Post Modern era that had better technology which could lessen the long distant relationship to be nearer, and also the transportation that lessened the time from months to only hours, communication in the past was only the letter but now the couple were able to hear the voice and also see the face of each other.

2. Adaptations to Different Cultures

Adaptation is an important factor for married life and the process for supporting each other or solving problems. When the ways of life change, it is important to have adaptation for survival and having a better life. Chinese men, who got married with Thai women, must have

adaptation in many dimensions to have a happy life in the society of different cultures. Marriage with people who have different cultures influences cultural hybridity which had different ways to adapt. The suitable adaptation influenced how to have a good mind and health. On the other hand, those who unsuccessfully adapted themselves would face pressure while living in the new society. Those who could successfully adapt themselves for the society would have good mind and health, and they could live in the new society happily. The following data shows categories of adaptation:

1) Adaptation in the field of Language.

Language was the main factor to get married with foreigners. The linguistic skill was mainly influencing Chinese men who successfully married Thais. They used Chinese to communicate each other, and Chinese men learnt to speak Thai after marriage. However, some Chinese men immigrated to Thailand before they met their wives, so they studied Thai language before, but they could not speak Thai language truly. Before Mr. Li spent his life in Thailand with his wife, he learned some basic Thai language on the Internet and during his relationship with his girlfriend. He asked her to teach Thai language to him. Mr. Li said one reason was that he studied Thai language before he moved to Phuket, because he wanted to have some conversation with her family and people around him as much as he could and because he could not speak English well. He could speak and listen to basic Thai language, clearly motivating him to comprehend his wife better, although his wife could understand Chinese language. On the other hand, when he was in a real situation to speak with Thai people, there were so many new words and sentences that he had to learn more. When he moved to Phuket and worked as a teacher at a hotel, he said that it was good luck for him that there were Chinese and Thai teachers who were Chinese language teachers. He was happy about the conversations, but most of the time he asked a Thai teacher, who taught Chinese language, to teach him Thai language. Mr. Li wanted to learn more to explain and understand the conversations between him and his students. He said that right now he could speak and listen to Thai language better than before, but he still could not read and write Thai language.

Mr. Feng Silei in his interview said that he did not have any preparation about the Thai language before, because he thought Phuket had many Chinese people, and there would be many people who could speak Chinese. He also said that he could speak English, so he did not worry

about Thai language. When he immigrated here, he learned Thai language because he wanted to talk with others and understand more. The first time that he arrived in Phuket, he bought some things at stores where the merchants could not speak English and Chinese. He could not speak Thai, so he spoke by using body-language to make them understand, using application namely “Google Translate”, and finding pictures to make them understand clearly. Mr. Feng Silei always used these ways for communication, but when he worked in Phuket for 2 years already his co-workers taught him basic Thai language. He could also learn more Thai language by watching Thai series, movies, listening to Thai music or learning Thai language on the Internet by himself.

Communication is an important factor in daily life, because people from different cultures and nationalities use different languages for communication. Most Chinese people can adapt themselves, with the Thai language learned more for communication with people inside family and outside the family, indicating successful adaptation to the new culture.

2) Adaptation to Local Culture

Mr. Ni Mingkun told that he did not learn only local culture and tradition, but he also learned culture in the dining table. He learned that Pathalung people would eat spicy foods, in the first time he went to his wife house, he ate Thai rice flour noodles with fish organs sour soup. So, that was his favourite Thai food, but he did not like parkia speciose because of its smell. In addition, in his wife’s house had rambutan orchard, when the rambutan tree had fruits, his wife told him to try to pick fruits and gave it to his staff in Phuket. During he lived in his wife’s hometown, he could see the different ways of life and happiness of his wife with her family. He told that he was taught since he was a kid until adult about adaptation of eating. When he married with his wife who had difference culture with him, he could change and adapt himself to his wife’s culture.

Mr. Liu Xiaohua said that when he stayed in China, there was a Vegetarian Festival, but he had never participated in the festival. On the other hand, when he came to Phuket and got married with his wife, they ate vegetarian food during the Phuket Vegetarian Festival, so he followed them and he could learn local culture of Phuket

The family of his wife also invited him to participate in the festival. Mr. Liu Xiaohua could learn and participated in many local festivals such as the Vegetarian Festival, Por Tor festival, and so on. He could learn new cultures and identities of Phuket like how next generations should inherit from their ancestors. In addition, Mr. Liu Xiaohua realized that the purpose of all Phuket cultural events was to increase social solidarity.

Local culture showed the ways of life or root of people in society. Local tradition was an aura that showed the identity in each people. Many people chose to inherit their culture by their next generation. Adaptation to local culture is the one of the most important factors for Chinese men because they can get closer to their wife and the relatives of his wife. The adaptation also affects the comprehension of new cultures of each other, which also brings positive relations in the family.

3) Adaptation to Food

There are various tastes of Thai food with many cooking methods. Thai food is quite different from Chinese food, as Chinese food focuses on oily tastes and originality. When Chinese people came to Thailand for the first time, they realized that Thai food was very different from the local food of their hometowns in China. From the interview of Mr. Huang Xingfu, he said that the taste of Thai food was very intense which was quite difficult to be familiar with.

There are many Chinese restaurants in Phuket such as Ju Yuan, Lao Di Fang, and so on. But Mr. Huang Xingfu was still open-minded to try Thai food with his wife at her house.

His wife cooked “Thai rice flour noodle with fish organs sour soup” for him, He thought the taste was very intense but he enjoyed it. This dish became his favorite dish. Mr. Huang Xingfu said that was very good fortune to stay in a place with delicious food, like Phuket. “Stir fried Hokkien Noodle” is similar to Chinese food, although he found it difficult to adapt to the food the first time. On the other hand, he knew how to buy ingredients for cooking in his accommodation. The reason was that he knew cooking food by himself was a way to save money, and he could cook the taste he was interested in. When he ate outside, he ordered basic Thai food, such as fried rice. Sometimes, he went to the restaurants where they cooked standard tastes for foreigners, for example steak and salad. From the interview of Mr. Zhang Zhongxin, he said

that when he came to Thailand, he really was not familiar with Thai food tastes, so he talked with his wife to cook at home by herself. Mr. Zhang and his wife rarely ate out, and he tried her Thai food and found that he could not have too spicy a taste, so he had “Green curry with chicken”. On the other hand, he did not want to try some spicy food such as spicy papaya salad.

4) Adaptation to Religions

In some cases Chinese people got married with Thai Muslim women. Mr. Liu Zhilu said that the family of his wife was not extremely strict about the religion. He was not forced to transfer to their religion, and the marriage was simply held. He respected his wife and wife’s family by prohibiting himself from having pork. When his wife’s family participated in some religious ceremonies, he supported it by socializing with his children to participate in the ceremony. Mr. Liu Zhilu believed that all religions taught everyone to be good, and he also respected all religions similarly. Mr. Liu Zhilu said that everyone could be open-minded, learn and respect every religion, thus marriage life would be happy.

In conclusion, when people went to other countries, they should know what religion that most people in the country respected. People should be open-mind, because all religions taught everyone to be good, while different people from different religions live together in society. People should also respect each other, because religion is a sensitive topic in conversations.

5) Adaptations for Relationship inside Wife’s Family

When two people get married, they would choose the family to live with. According to the interviews, most Chinese men who got married with Thai woman decided to live with their wife’s family, rather than buying a new house. This situation happened because the wife felt better when living with her family and Chinese husbands also agreed.

Family was a key of Chinese society, and many points of views of Chinese life was honoring their ancestors. In fact, most of the “five relationships” supported by Confucius were center of family. It meant this could focus on the family but when fully grown with children of their own. Living with next generation of a family is under the same roof (四世同堂). Chinese who have their business far away from their home or may be appointed to government,

normally there were time to return home on a regular basis, giving rise to the popular Chinese saying: “falling leaves returning to the root of the tree that sired them.”

The ideas of family in China specific to moral and ideological concepts to survive the decade-long and chaos of the Cultural Revolution. While many Chinese elders regretted the fact that young adults born in the 1980's.

The Chinese family's structure has traditionally and hierarchical with elders still receiving the largest degree of reverence, respect and obeying. And while Confucius may have preached that showing respect and filial piety to elders. Within the traditional Chinese family structure, each family member must form their family in Chinese.

And while this naturally can appear complicated to the untrained Westerner. In fact, it was important to family structure. Significant aspect of life in Chinese family is showing the proper amount of respect members of the family. For example, a father's elder brother will accordingly rank higher than his younger brother. And these terms also showed insight into the position of a girl within the Chinese tradition. Many terms for Chinese family begin with the character “Wài (外),” literally meaning “outside,” indicative of the fact that married Chinese women lived into a new family, she was still considered to be outsiders.

Mr. Zeng Jingcai told us in the interview that his wife's family gave a warm welcome although they couldn't understand Chinese language, but her family still tried to talk with him in a friendly manner. Sometimes these made him feel uncomfortable. During the cooking time, they would try to ask her about his favourite food and took care of him for everything. Now, he felt better because her family had taken good care; they also took care of his children and his wife when he had to go work outside. This point made him feel better. He also said that, he must thank her family because of their good care and love for him. They had warm welcomes for new members of the family, which made him feel like this is his new home. He thought it was good luck that he met his good wife's family. In addition, when they had holidays, they travelled to other provinces and had some activities for making their relationship stronger.

Family is a very important institute, especially in Thai society, because when couples get married, Thai culture will be expected as the background of that relationship, and we will see

many situations where husband and wife's relationships between families have some problems. If they have this problem it will make a person, who stands in the middle, feel embarrassed because he or she will be difficult to criticize, because one side is family and another side is husband and wife. On the other hand, if they have a good family, their married life will be happy, although we have heard that marriage is about two people, that is husband and wife, but we live in the extended Thai family society. The institute of family in Thailand is the system that in a family everyone joins together, like grandparents, parents, relatives, husband, wife and children. These members will know everything inside the family and they will try to find a way to solve any problems, so marriages of some families are not just only husband and wife, but marriage is about all the members of the family, because there are many couples that divorce and some cases where the husband has relation problems with his wife's family, therefore she has to find a way to solve this situation. In this matter she takes the role to connect between her husband and family to negotiate and improve their relations.

3. Opportunity and Hope Avenues of Work

Phuket is also the center of sea tourism which most tourists around the world are interested in. There are many attractive places and it has many activities for tourists, because Phuket has main beaches and tourism activities especially entertainment activities, water sports and connected tours to islands around Phuket and neighboring provinces.

The interview of Mr. Huang Xingfu revealed that at that time he was worried about finding a new job in China because his old job at that time did not earn enough salary to send money to his parents and the competition in China was really high. One of his friends who worked in Phuket invited him to work at a tourism company with him by giving him higher salary and better welfare than his job in China. He agreed to work with his friend in Phuket. When he told this story to his family, they did not oppose him, because in most Chinese families one of member in the family must go abroad or to other provinces for education or work, as there are better opportunities than their hometown. He also said that his job in Phuket is not connected with his field and his old job, but his friend's boss, who is also a Chinese person, prefers to employ Chinese workers in his company, because they will know the ways to promote his company.

Although he can use Thai workers, they cannot understand Chinese language on the website as well as Chinese staff; also the Chinese staff understood the character of each other better than other nationalities. When Chinese customers had any problems, Chinese staff solved the problems for them and the conversations will be clearer than with Thai staff. He also said that when he was working in a tourism company for a while, he resigned from the company, then invested in his own company, because he could learn how to promote and know basic information about customers. This is a one of the steps of his working life abroad.

It was the same for Mr. Li's first time in Phuket. He registered for a teaching job in Chinese language at a school. He knew that job because of his wife, who was a teacher who taught Chinese language in university. When he taught for a while, he thought with his wife that he wanted to invest in some business, because he wanted to be a business owner. He started from his favorite things, so his wife advised him to open a Wushu (武术) Academy for martial arts because he was a Wushu athlete when he was in China. He was also interested to teach Wushu for Thai people, so then he tried to contact people for a place to open his academy. His was the first Wushu Academy in Phuket, but he was still a teacher at the school. He went to teach Wushu after he finished his work at the school or on his holidays. This was a way of livelihood that could help him to increase his income and he could send much more money to his parents than before.

Livelihood is an important factor that makes Chinese people decide to immigrate abroad. Money is also the thing that everyone needs for survival and to take care of their family with. When foreigners immigrate to Phuket, they hope that Phuket will make his family and his parents' life better than before. The opportunity of each person's life is different, so Chinese people, who have money and job problems, must find a good opportunity for survival in their life and their family to be better.

Considering the Push Factor which was high competition in China, while the Pull Factor was that Phuket was the top great economic province of Thailand and the top destination for Chinese tourists to travel.

In the aspects of motivation theories of Maslow (1954) had divided the needs of human from the primary level to the higher level together in 5 levels which were physiological needs

which was the basic level of human to be survival, which referred to 4 requisites. The second level was security or safety needs which was the need of being safe in life, assets, and security of their work. The third level was affiliation or acceptance needs which was the need of being a part of the society. The fourth level was esteem needs and the fifth level was self-actualization which was the highest level of individual need, for example, the need of doing everything to make oneself accomplished their goals, or doing everything to satisfy their wants, and these needs were the causes of motivation that influenced the human behavior.

From Jong (2015,p.119-144) wrote about “Transnational Marriages between German men and Thai women: Socio-Cultural Adaptation these patterns of marriage between German men and Thai women indicated the pattern of women, from developing countries, marrying men from richer and more industrialized countries. Marrying German men could allow Thai women to immigrate into one of the top countries of the world with better infrastructure and social welfare.

Germany was not only a country of hope for Thai women who wanted to marry German men, but also the need of Thai women who wanted to have a better life, get more convenience, and have more opportunities to earn more money than in Thailand, and it was also the hope of their parents and relatives to get financial support. Considering the factors of migration of Thai women to Germany, one of them was the push factor of poverty, and the pull factor of Germany as a wealthy country with well-developed industries.

Thai women who immigrated and settled up in that area could not have power to made decisions because they were minority and find some salaries for their families. Adaptation will be Thai women’s role such as language or foods because most of Thai people liked to eat spicy foods, but when they must have tasteless foods.

It could be found that the reasons of immigration were different because most of Thai women who migrated into Germany were lack of financial support, so they decided to move to developed country to find a job. While the reason of migration of Chinese men were because of high competition of work in China, although the Chinese men were graduated the bachelor’s degree.

4. Problems of Married Life

The life after marriage will have normal problems because every human was born to have different styles of many things, such as ways of life, culture, tradition, belief and favorite things. So they must adapt to each other to make their married lives be happy and not have problems, because they have many different things that each other must try to understand together for protection or to solve the problems that will happen in the future.

1) Working

Mr. Ni Mingkun said that his wife also did not understand his work, although she was an office staff member too, but she would work only in her official work time; it was different for him because he quit his job and then worked in a tourism company. This situation seemed like he must work twenty-four hours a day, as his working time also included when he was driving his car, when he had to communicate with agents at the same time. His wife warned him about this problem many times, because if he did not change this behavior he would get bad effects on himself, such as a car accident. He explained to her that sometimes he had emergencies because he was the boss, so he must solve the problem, as soon as he could. So, she tried to understand him in this problem and sometimes they traveled abroad together, however he still had to solve his company's problems by talking with agents. At night, he also accepted calls, talking with customers who had problems with his company, thus he has to bring his telephone wherever he was. This made family travelling not happy enough, because travelling abroad with family should be relaxed together, but he worked all the time, like as if he did not travel with his family. After time passed, she asked him to divide up his work to his staff, by delegating power to solve problems, so he should just solve big problems only when his staff could not solve them or they should ask the customers to wait for him, until he went back to work. Using his personal behavior he would solve the problems as soon as he could, because he did not want the problem to be unresolved.

Therefore, the working style of Chinese people is really a hard-working behavior, as they will spend most of their time working, because they were cultivated about hard-work when they were children. So when they have families with Thai people, they will have problems because Thai people have different working styles from Chinese people. There are many couples that have

this problem about their lovers' interest in work more than family. Then their wives could not understand and this is the cause of conflicts.

2) Raising children

The main problem to raise children is time. In some families, the wife must stop work to raise her children, but some families' wives decided to work and asked their families to help raise children. Mr. Zhang Zhongxin said that in the first phase of pregnancy, his wife still worked normally, but when she nearly gave birth, they consulted together about a plan they would follow at that time. He would let his wife decide on work or not, but he decided to tell his wife that she should quit the job for raising their children. He gave a reason that it would be better when the children grew up with the love of parents, but the problem of their raising was that he had to work and find money to support the family alone. Therefore he did not have time for raising his children, so most of the time his wife and her family would help together.

Mr. Li Yiqingsaid that he and his wife agreed that after she gave birth, she would ask her boss to stop her work for only three months. After three months, she would go to work the same. He gave a reason that it was the time when both of them were building up savings of money. He did not live in Thailand for a long time, so only his salary could not support everything for the family. So, his wife decided to work as a teacher and she asked her family for help to raise their children. He also said that money was the most important factor, when he did not have enough money to support his family, so money was a problem that he and his wife had to sacrifice their time for, raising their children by themselves. For this reason, they decided to go to work and they raised their children when they had holidays. They would try to bring their children children to have activities outside together and help his wife's family raising their children.

As you can see, most problems of raising children came from the parents who did not have enough time. In addition, money was also an important factor that had to be used for raising children in a family. Many families did not have enough, so they decided to sacrifice their time for raising their children. One of the couples had to raise the children and one of them had to go to work outside, but if they have a good luck, most Thai families helped to raise the children together. Parents of Chinese men's wives help to raise their children for a while, so both of them

can trust parents because close people come to help them. Also it is better than hiring nurses for raising children.

5. Future of Children

Mr. Ni Mingkun said he planned with his wife that when they had children, they would support them in everything, especially about cultures. Then, they took care of their children by themselves until their children had to go to school. He and his wife sent them to an international school in Phuket, because they wanted their children to have good skills in language for their children's future. Every day when they picked up their children at school in the evening, their children spoke Chinese with him and spoke Thai with his wife. He was happy that his children could speak more languages, since his children were young. In addition, his children also spoke English when they went in school because the children had to speak English with foreign friends in the classrooms. When everyone had the same holidays, they went to temples to make merit and practice the Dhamma, so their children had knowledge about Thai culture. He really wanted his children to know Chinese and Thai culture together, but he really supported his children to know Thai culture more than Chinese culture, because they stayed in Thailand, so if children get Chinese culture more than Thai culture, it will be difficult for children when they had to join school activities or live in Thailand. On the other hand, when there was any Chinese cultural events, such as Chinese New Year Day, he dressed his children in Chinese costume and called his parents in China for his children to talk with them and ask for good wishes. So, their children knew how different it is between Thai traditions and Chinese traditions at the same time. In addition, he also supported his children to have more than education skills, such as playing musical instruments and sports. He brought his children to take guitar courses, to get some music skills, and swimming courses for sports. He and his wife planned to make their children have skills like these because they did not want to be worried about their children's future. Another reason was that they wanted their children to know what he/she liked more, between education, sports or playing music. When children know what he/she wants to improve and be serious almost like a professional in that, they will support their children in direct ways by allowing them to have more courses about those things. At present, their children can go to participate in swimming competitions, and whenever their children joined the competitions, they went to give

some encouragement to their children; it means they never forced their children what he/she must be, but they supported everything for him/her in the things that are wanted and interesting.

In brief, a family's plan is one of the most important things for family life, especially children in that family, because if parents do not have a good plan for their children, their children can grow up with bad behavior, as we told you before that family is the base for society in every life; people can learn many things or decide what they will be in the future from the family, such as if parents force their children too much, when they grow up they will have negative minds with their parents, for example they do not want to listen to them anymore and try to break the rules. So, the plan from above is really good and deserving for every family, because they never force their children to do what they want, but they support everything that their children want to do, for example if their children like to play sport, they will find a good teacher to teach children to play sport, give them some encouragement whenever they join a competition and they will support their children as much as their children want. In addition, they do not make their children be too serious at school. They never force their children to be good and have high grades in school. In addition, they can teach their children some subjects by themselves and allow their children to not learn that at school, such as Mr. Huang Xingfu's family. He taught Chinese language and culture to his children, because his hometown is in China, so his native language is Chinese. He has more knowledge about China than teachers in school, so he teaches everything about China to his children by himself. On the other hand, he cannot teach his children about Thai language and culture, so he lets his wife give Thai lessons to teach the children.

Conclusion

From the interview found that Chinese men who married with Thai women and immigrated to Phuket, most of them were the men who are in twenty-five to forty years old. They graduated with bachelor degree. When they immigrated to Phuket, most of them lived in Kathu district and Meang district because these two districts have many Chinese people and they also have many Chinese companies for Chinese people who immigrated and want to get a job. We can call that these two districts are the community for overseas Chinese people. The factors that make two people who live in different countries have the chance to know each other are the technology, transportation, economy and education which are very progressive. These developments make

both of them can be known each other easier than in the past time or we can say that the destiny had led both of them to meet together and became a couple.

After they had relationship for a while, they decided to marry. Most of their marriage will be a simple ceremony in Thailand and they will register a marriage certificate by the law after they get married. Both of them use different language and cultures, so sometimes they will have problems and the main factor that make them have problems is different cultures because each other have different background, in each family will have different teaching. On the other hand, when they decided to live together as a family, both of them tried to adapt for each other such as languages, cultures, foods and ways of raising their children. Both of them had to find the best point for their relationship for making their relationship can move together, so when Chinese people live in Thai society, they had to survive in the society and they also had to keep their identity for making themselves and their children do not forget that they have Chinese blood. They kept and inherited to their children Chinese language and some of Chinese cultures, they taught their children by themselves, so it means they will do in their daily life when their children see every day, their children will absorb it by themselves too. Most of teaching inside the family the mother would speak Thai and teach some Thai cultures to their children. On the other hand, father would speak Chinese to his children and teach some of Chinese cultures to his children. Some family realized the importance of English language, so they sent their children to learn in the international school or spoke English with their children. Their education plan does not emphasize only academic skills, but they also support their children about other activities. They included their children's private activities or public activities.

Every activities that their children like, they always ready to support to their children and always give an encouragement because the parents always see the important of the activities, they believe that activities can help their children to improve many skills for themselves and their children also can learn many things from the activities because something that their children learn from activities is the thing that the lesson inside the books cannot teach him especially social skills because social skills are the skills that most people must learn by the experience when they were young such as joining in some activities, travelling, being a volunteer or making friends in classroom.

From Buakwan and Buakaew (2015, p.139-168) found that the motivation and opportunity of Thai women, who married foreign husbands, are different. The women, who planned to find foreign husbands, had many reasons, for example having tedious emotions about Thai men's behavior, their financial conditions, weak points in appearance and likings for foreigners. They only had a short time to get to know each other, before they decided to spend a lifetime together. On the other hand, the group of women who did not have any interest to marry foreigners at first, got some advice from their friends and co-workers, spent time together, during work, or also studied together for a long time and had a relationship, before deciding to live together. This aspect was different from the marriage of Chinese men and Thai women that both of them did not think that the husband or wife would support their financial because both husband and wife believed that he or she could work and earned the money for oneself and no expectation about the money of their partner.

About the adaptation, from the research about cross-cultural marriages of Thai women by Boonmattaya (2005, p.122-125) found When the women stayed in a foreign country, women from the Isan countryside of Northeast Thailand, who married foreigners, still had a chance for meeting together under their local atmosphere, for example speaking their local Isan language, eating local Isan food and holding activities about their local Isan cultures. They also used temple areas for building and reproducing the identities of their tribe, for example traditions, ceremonies, playing, costumes and local language. They also built libraries which provided books, audios, videos and Thai movies. In the same way, Chinese men who migrated into Thailand would speak Mandarin Chinese, whenever Chinese men had free time, they would have a meal or cook Chinese meal with Chinese people, sang Chinese karaoke, and also had some party.

Suggestions

This study in Immigration and settlement of transnational marriage between Chinese men and Thai women in Phuket: The Case Study of Ethnic Issue in Post Modern society researcher found Chinese men had attitude different the past, adjust activity, and fostering their children that can take to study in the further.

1) The issue of Chinese men and Thai women fostering children, when their had different background.

2) The issue of growth Chinese tourism and strategy of manage Chinese tourism because Phuket was one of the most popular destination for Chinese tourists.

3) Researcher found that Chinese men would marriage register with Thai women but would not change nationality. This point of the phenomena could be studied in the further.

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