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### **Mr Tong's Life**

I visited the Hong Kong Home of Elderly. I was interested in finding out more about the lives of the elderly. I talked to many old people. Mr. Tong was a friendly old man. He shared with me his life in the past.

Mr. Tong lived in a village when he was child. He lived with his big family. There were eight people in his family.

In the past, not every child got an opportunity to study at school. Only boys could go to school. Mr. Tong didn't help with the housework. Since Mr. Tong's family was poor, his dad could only afford sending one child to school.

When Mr. Tong was eleven, he started helping out at home. People used to cook with a kerosene stove at home. The children didn't have any toys. Since they didn't have any toys, they made toys by themselves at home. By the time Mr. Tong was fifteen, he travelled from one city to another by ships. Mr. Tong wrote letters to his friends.

Nowadays, life in the present is more convenient. We can use a kitchen hob to cook. Cooking with a kitchen hob is safer than using a kerosene store. Now, children play with

toys such as remote-controlled cars and blocks. People can travel from places to places by plane. It is a lot faster to travel by plane. People can use social media platforms or apps like WhatsApp, Facebook, Instagram to communicate with each other.

In the past, people used to wash clothes with a washboard, keep cool with a paper fan and draw water from the well. Although life was hard, Mr. Tong enjoyed living in the past very much. Those were simple but happy times. He thinks the life nowadays is more convenient but complicated.

