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2003

Survey of Health and Living Status of the Middle Aged and Elderly in Taiwan (Survey of Those 50-56 Years of Age)

The Respondent's name : _____ Telephone number(day) : _____ (night) : _____

Registered address : _____ County(City) _____ Township(City) _____ Villiage _____ Lin _____ Street
_____ Section _____ Lan _____ Alley _____ No. _____ Floor

Type of residence: 1 General 2 Old Age Home: Name of Facility: _____

Type of locale: 1 Large/Small city 2 Town 3 Rural area/Farm

Respondent's sex: 1 Male 2 Female

Has "The Letter to the Respondent" been sent to the respondent in advance? 1 Yes 0 No

Number of previous investigation(s): Total _____ Name of the investigator completing the survey: _____

Is the survey completed by one investigation? 1 Yes 0 No



How many investigations before completed this interview? _____

Date of the completed investigation: _____ month _____ day

Record of Residential Change

Complete address of the respondent (including any information that aids in locating the respondent)	Telephone no.	Remarks
_____ County(City) _____ Township(City) _____ Villiage _____ Lin _____ Street _____ Section _____ Lan _____ Alley _____ No. _____ Floor		

Did the investigator make the interview(s) out of his/her own region: 1 No 2 Yes

The investigator, please do not fill in the blanks below.

No. of each question asked after completion of the investigation:	
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First reader: Date : Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

Supervisor: Date : Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

Reviewer: Date: Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

Recorder: Date : Month _____ Day _____ Year _____

【Questions on this page should be answered by the investigator】

Identifying the respondent or proxy

11. Person interviewed with the questionnaire is

1. The respondent **【Skip to section A】**
2. Proxy **【Continue with I2 and I3】**
3. The respondent and proxy **【Continue with I2 and I3】**

12. Reason for using a proxy:

I2a. At the **start** of the interview, the respondent was found to have:

1. serious illness, frailty or is unable to bear up.
2. hardness of hearing, is deaf, or mute, or unable to communicate.
3. mental illness or senility.
4. gone overseas and is not returning until the end of year.
5. Other. Please specify: _____

I2b. In the **course** of the interview, the proxy was used because the respondent:

1. Couldn't remember.
 2. Was physically too weak to bear up.
 3. Became difficult to reason with, was unwilling to continue, refused to answer.
 4. Was emotionally unstable, or upset.
 5. Other (Please specify): _____
- I2b1. Proxy began from section/question:
_____Section_____Question.

13. How is the proxy related to the respondent?

11. Father
12. Mother
02. Spouse
- Son
- Daughter
- Daughter-in-law
- Other relative
- Other non-relative

_____ → **【Please specify the exact relationship to the respondent】**
(_____)

« Investigator(s), don't ask proxy questions marked with “ ” »

The interview began in the: 1. morning 2. afternoon Time: _____
(24 hour o'clock system)

The main purpose of this interview is to understand the health status, health insurance, work, retirement, old age life arrangement, planning and demand, etc. of the middle aged and the elderly in Taiwan. Information gathered from the questionnaire will be used for the government to formulate health care and social welfare related policies. For the sake of research, we also need to understand your family background and situation. Each of your answers will be very precious to us. Please give answers according to your "real situation". Thank you for your cooperation.

A. Background Information, Marital and Living Situation

The Respondent

A1. According to the census information we have, you were born on _____ Year _____ Month _____ Day. Is that correct?

0 No 1 Yes **【Skip to A2】**



A1a. Then when were you born? (using the R.O.C. calendar as standard)

Date: _____ Year _____ Month _____ Day

A2. What is your highest education level (highest level of schooling)? **【Please record the appropriate code: _____】**

No formal education	Elementary school	Junior High	(Vocational) Senior High	University/ Tech.College	Graduate School	Unclear
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Illiterate	Literate	010203040506	010203	010203	01020304	
00	90	010203040506	070809	101112	13141516	17+ 99
		Elementary Level Crses. (Japanese system)	Upper Lv. Crses. (Japanese system)	(Five year junior college)	91.Did not finish the National Open University	92.Did not finish the Open Junior College

A3. Were you born in Taiwan, Mainland China, or elsewhere?

1 Taiwan 2 Mainland China 3 other **【Specify】** _____

A4. How old were you when you came to Taiwan?
Arrived in Taiwan at _____ years of age, or in (Date:) _____ (year) arrived in Taiwan.

A5. Are you Fukianese, Hakka, Mainlander, or other?

1 Fukianese 2 Hakka 3 Mainlander 4 Aboriginal 5 Other: _____

A6. Was your father born in Mainland China?

0 No 1 Yes

A7. What was your father's principal source of livelihood?

Occupation: _____ **【Record in detail】**

A8. What was your father's highest education level (highest level of schooling)? **【Please record the appropriate code: _____】**

No formal education	Elementary school	Junior High	(Vocational) Senior High	University/ Tech.College	Graduate School	Unclear
Illiterate 00	Literate 90	010203040506 010203 070809	010203 101112	01020304 13141516	17+	99
		Elementary Level Crses. (Japanese system)	Upper Lv. Crses. (Japanese system)	(Five year junior college)	91.Did not finish the National Open University	92.Did not finish the Open Junior College

A9. Was your mother born in Mainland China?

0 No 1 Yes

A10. What was your mother's highest education level (highest level of schooling)? **【Please record the appropriate code: _____】**

No formal education	Elementary school	Junior High	(Vocational) Senior High	University/ Tech.College	Graduate School	Unclear
Illiterate 00	Literate 90	010203040506 010203 070809	010203 101112	01020304 13141516	17+	99
		Elementary Level Crses. (Japanese system)	Upper Lv. Crses. (Japanese system)	(Five year junior college)	91.Did not finish the National Open University	92.Did not finish the Open Junior College

Health Conditions During Childhood

Now, I am going to ask you health related questions **before you were 16 years of age.**

A11. **Before the age of 16**, regarding your health status, do you feel it was:

1 Excellent 2 Good 3 Average 4 Not so good 5 Poor

A12. **Before the age of 16**, were you ever bed-ridden or staying home (being unable to work or go to school) for a whole month or longer than a month?

1. Yes 0. No **【Skip to A13】**

↓

A12a. What was the main reason or disease/symptoms that caused you to be bed-ridden or stay home for a whole month or longer than a month?

(1) _____ (2) _____

Marital Status

A13. What is your current marital status?

1 Married and have a husband/wife **【continue with A13a】**

【Ask the married respondent】

A13a. Does your spouse usually live here?

0 No 1 Yes **【Skip to A14】**



A13a1. Why doesn't he/she live with you?

- 1 Has another permanent residence
- 2 Is working away from home temporarily
- 3 Is not home temporarily for family reasons
- 4 Other. Please specify: _____

A13a2. How often do you see each other?

- 1 Every week 3 Other: _____
- 2 Every month **【Skip to A14】**

2 Have never been married.

A13b. Do you currently live with a companion?

- 0 No **【Skip to A22】**
- 1 Yes **【Skip to A14】**

3 Divorced

4 (Formally) Separated

5 Spouse deceased

A13c1. When were you divorced/separated/widowed?

Date: _____ (year); or _____ years ago.

A13c2. Do you currently live with a companion?

- 0 No 1 Yes

【Continue with A14】

Questions A14 A19 (A22) below are about marriage and spouse or companion. Those already married (or cohabiting), divorced or widowed should be asked these questions. **This section is about the current (or the latest) marriage.**

A14. When did you get married or start living together?

Date: _____ (year); or at age _____.

A15. When was your spouse (or companion) born? How old is he or she?

Date: _____ ;or _____ years old.

A16. Is he or she Fukianese, Hakka, Mainlander, or other?

- 1 Fukianese 3 Mainlander 5 Other: _____
- 2 Hakka 4 Aboriginal

A17. What is his or her highest education level (highest level of schooling)? **【Please record the appropriate code: _____】**

No formal education	Elementary school	Junior High	(Vocational) Senior High	University/ Tech.College	Graduate School	Unclear
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Illiterate	Literate	010203040506	010203	010203	01020304		
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A18. **【For the investigator to verify】**

- 0 The respondent currently has **NO** spouse (or companion) **【Skip to A19】**
- 1 The respondent currently does **Have** a spouse (companion) **【Answer “1” in the questions of A13, A13b, and A13c2 means the respondent has a spouse (or companion)】**

A18a. Regarding the state of health of your spouse (or companion), do you feel it's:

1 Excellent	3 Average	4 Not so good
2 Good	5 Poor	

A19. Some people have been married more than once. Did you get married more than one time as well?

- 0 No **【Skip to A20】**
- 1 Yes

A19a. Including this marriage, how many times have you been married?
_____ times

A19b. When did you get married for the first time?
Date: _____(year), or at age _____

A19c. When was your first marriage dissolved? Date: _____year

A19d. How was it ended?
1 Widowed 2 Divorced 3 Separated

A20. Who made the decision for you to marry the first time?

- 1 It was mainly decided by the partners together.
- 2 It was mainly arranged by parents or senior relatives.
- 3 It was decided by the partners, their parents and senior relatives in the families.

A21. Did you live alone with your spouse in your first marriage, or with your parents (or with your parents-in-law), or other relatives?

【 In the case of living with parents, cohabitation with other siblings and siblings-in-law is included 】

- 1 With spouse only
- 2 With husband's parents
- 3 With wife's parents
- 4 With others

Residence History

A22. Is the place you live now your **long-term** residence? Or do you alternately stay with one or another child of yours? Or do you often visit other relatives at their homes (such as your son's home, daughter's home, or other relative's home) although you live here? Or are you here to visit relatives and do not live here often?

- 1 Long-term residence
- 2 Alternate stay with children →
- 3 Live here but often visit others
- 4 Visit relatives here but do not live here often
- 5 Other (Please explain) _____

A22a. Which children do you alternately stay with?
【 Write out relationship to the respondent 】
(1) _____ (2) _____ (3) _____

A23. Whose house is the one you **usually** live in?

- 1 The respondent →
- 2 Respondent's spouse →
- 3 Respondent's child(ren) →
- 4 Rented →
- 5 Provided by the government or employer →
- 6 Care facility →
- 7 The house was passed down from the family and owned by the family together →
- 8 Other (Please explain): _____

【 Continue with A24 】

【 Skip to A25 】

【 Skip to A26 】

If the answer to A23 says the house belongs to the respondent or his/her spouse, continue to ask:

A24. Was this **house** bought or built by you/your spouse or inherited, or given to you by your parents or other relatives?

- 1 Bought _____ →
- 2 Built _____

- 3 Inherited
- 4 Given by parents or relatives
- 5 Other (Please explain): _____

A24a. Did your parents, brother(s), child(ren) or other relatives contribute money to help you (or your spouse) buy (or build) this house?

- 0 No **【Skip to A24c】** _____
- 1 Yes **【Continue with A24b】**

A24b. Who put out money to help you/your spouse buy or build this house?

Or: Who did you/your spouse inherit the house from?

Or: Which relative gave the house to you? **【Record relationship to the respondent】**

(1) _____ (2) _____ **【Continue with A24c】**

A24c. If you were to sell this house, after paying off loans and mortgage, how much could you probably get? Total NT\$ _____

【After this question, skip to A26】

【If the respondent cannot or refuses to answer, then use the ranges below to inquire】

- | | |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| a) Less than NT\$500,000 | e) NT\$5,000,000 NT\$7,000,000 |
| b) NT\$500,000 NT\$1,000,000 | f) Over NT\$7,000,000 |
| c) NT\$1,000,000 NT\$3,000,000 | g) Don't know or hard to figure out |
| d) NT\$3,000,000 NT\$5,000,000 | h) Refused to answer |

【After this question, skip to A26】

【For the house belongs to the “3. respondent’s child(ren), continue to ask】

A25. Which child does it belong to? **【Specify relationship to the respondent】**

A25a. Did he/she inherit the house from you, or did you provide capital to help with its purchase?

- 1 The respondent passed the house on to the child
- 2 The respondent provided part of the capital for its purchase
- 3 The respondent provided the entire amount of the capital its purchase.
- 4 None of the above.

A26. About how big is this house (including public or common areas) ? _____ p'ing. ←

A27. Do you have any of the following appliances in the house where you stay?

【If yes】 How many of each?

a TV set(s): _____

b Air conditioner(s)/heater(s): _____

c Automobile(s): _____

★A28. Do you like the place where you live?

1 Really like it _____

2 Like it _____

3 Average.

【Skip to A29】

4 Don't like it _____

5 Very unhappy with it _____

★A28. Why do you really like it / like it (Or why don't you like it / are you very unhappy with it?) **【The investigator(s) can suggest the following examples: size, number of rooms, surroundings, convenience, relations with inmates or with neighbors】**

Reason (1) : _____

Reason (2) : _____

A29. How long have you lived here?

1 Ever since birth **【Skip to A31】**

2 Already _____ years

3 Less than one year

A29a. Why did you decide to move here? **【Can choose more than one reason】**

a Got married

b Family split up

c The respondent or spouse changed jobs

d Sold off land or closed business

e Spouse or other family member died

f Because of the old age or health reasons, could not work or take care of home

g Convenience for child(ren)'s schooling

h Moved with child(ren)

i Child(ren) needed help

j Child(ren) wanted the respondent to live with him/her

k Changed/bought a house

l Was arranged to live alternately with various children

m Other **【Please explain】** _____

A30. How long have you lived in this village/town/city/region?

1 Lived here all along **【Skip to A31】**

2 Already lived _____ years

A30a. Was the last place you lived a city, village, or town?

1 Rural village 2 Town 3 City 4 Other **【Please explain】** : _____

A31. From the time you were small, have you lived mostly in cities or in the country?

- 1 Lived in cities most of the time
- 2 Lived in the country or on the farm most of the time
- 3 Spent a long amount of time in the city and the country
- 4 Originally lived in the country, later moved to the city
- 5 Other **【Please explain】** : _____

★A32. **【Please ask EVERY respondent】** Some elderly people choose to live in a place they like (or they are satisfied with). When you reach the age of 70 (or an older age), what will be the most important factor when choosing the location or surroundings of residence? What will be the second most important factor?

【Please circle in the appropriate places】

【Note: If the respondent feels the current residence is the best choice, please probe by asking why he or she thinks the current residence is the best place and whether there could be other reasons】

【Read the following factors aloud for the respondent to choose from】

	The most important	The second most important
1 A place close to child(ren)	01	01
2 Access to many social activities and entertainment facility in the neighborhood	02	02
3 A safe and peaceful place	03	03
4 Clean and far from pollution	04	04
5 Easy access to health care providers	05	05
6 Easy access to transportation, shopping, etc	06	06
7 A place close to friends' homes	07	07
8 Other considerations (Please explain)_____	08	08
Other reactions (Please explain)_____	09	09

B Family Structure, General Circumstances, and Visiting between Kins

Next, I'd like to ask you some questions about your children and other relatives.

Offspring

B1. How many children do you have altogether? **【Indicate that this means all still living children, including birth children, adopted children and step--children, at home and away from home.】**

00 No Child at all

Altogether _____ child(ren)

B2. Are they your birth, adopted, or step child(ren)?
How many are sons and how many are daughters?
【Record the number of the respondent's child(ren)】
Of them, (B2a.) _____ own sons
(B2b.) _____ own daughters
(B2c.) _____ adopted/step-sons
(B2d.) _____ adopted/step-daughters

B3. Among your **living** children, how many of them **often live** with you in this house? How many of them do **not often live** with you in this house?

Number of children **living together**: _____

Number of children **not living together**: _____

【Continue with B4】

B4. Do you have any deceased child? Have you ever given any child to someone else? Are there any child now with an estranged spouse?

1 Yes

0 No **【Skip to B4b】**

B4a. How many deceased children? How many given to someone else? How many with an estranged spouse?

1 Number of deceased children: _____

2 Number of children given away: _____

3 Number of children with an estranged spouse: _____

4 Other: _____. (Please explain): _____

B4b. **【For the investigator to verify】** :

0 B1 The respondent says he/she "has no child" **【Skip to B15 Other Household Members】**

1 B1 The respondent says he/she "has child(ren)" **【Continue with B5】**

Table I: Status of Child(ren)

		For child(ren) over 6 y/o only			For child(ren) over 15 y/o only		For child(ren) not living with respondent only			
B5. Household members (Please specify the relationship to the respondent and birth order in the family, such as eldest son, second son, eldest daughter, second daughter.)	B6. Sex	B7. Age	B8. Years of education	B9. Employment	B10. Marital status	B10a. No. of living child(ren) of your child(ren)	B11. Residency status	B12. Where does he/she live?	B13. How often do you see him or her?	B14. How often do you talk to him/her on the phone?
	1. Male 2. Female	Age in years	See attached reference, eg. Elementary. 6 Junior High 9 Senior High 12 Univ. 16 Graduate School 17 【Record the proper code】	1 Working 2 Student 3 In military service 4 Housewife 5 Not working; Unemployed/retired 6 Part-time work & study 7 Other 【Please specify】	1 Married 2 Cohabiting 3 Separated 4 Divorced 5 Widowed 6 Unmarried	【Record the No.】 【Mark “0” if none】	1 Formally no longer living together 2 Temporarily away from home for study or work 3 Serving in the military service 4 Other 【Please specify】	1 Next door 2 Same neighborhood 3 Same (close) areas 4 Other region 5 Mainland China 6 Overseas	01 Everyday 02 Every few days 03 Every week 04 Every month 05 Every few months 06 Every year 07 Every few years / not for a long time 08 No need to call If the respondent says “We get in touch when something comes up,” ask “Does that happen often?”	
Relationship	Code (Leave blank)									
Living with resp.										
01										
02										
03										
04										
05										
Not living with resp.										
01										
02										
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08										

Other Household Members

B15. Besides you, your spouse, and child(ren), how many people usually live in the household with you? _____ people

B16. Please ask questions B17 ~ B21 of the respondent about each of the household members other than child(ren) and record the answers in “Table II: Other Household Member(s) (Living with the Respondent)”. If household members are **daughters-in-law or sons-in-law, please specify birth order or kinship order.**

Table II. Other Household Member(s) (Living with the Respondent)

【Please do not record information of the respondent, his/her spouse and child(ren).】

Household member(s) (Please specify relationship to the respondent and birth order or kinship order, such as father, mother, father-in-law, mother-in-law, eldest daughter-in-law, second eldest daughter-in-law, grandson, granddaughter, or others.)		B17. Sex	B18. Age	Ask member(s) over 6 y/o		Ask member(s) over 15 y/o
				B19. Yrs. Of education	B20. Employment	B21. Marital status
B16. What is his/her relationship to you? 【Relationship】		1 Male	Age in years	See attached reference, eg. Elementary. 6 Junior High 9 Senior High 12 Univ. 16 Graduate. School. 17 【Record the proper code】	1 Working 2 Student 3 Housewife 4 Not working; Unemployed/retired 5 Part-time work/study 7 Other 【Please specify】	1 Married 2 Cohabiting 3 Separated 4 Divorced 5 Widowed 6 Unmarried
		2 Female				
01						
02						
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No formal education	Elementary school	Junior High	(Vocational) Senior High	University / Tech College	Graduate. School.	Unclear
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		Elementary Level Crses Upper Level Crses (Five year junior college)				
		(Japanese system) (Japanese system)				
						91. Did not finish the National Open University
						92. Did not finish the Open Junior College

B22. Based on what you just told me, including yourself, your spouse and... (read out the people recorded in Table I and Table II), usually there are altogether _____ people in your household. Is that right?

【After the respondent's confirmation, write down the total number of people in the household:】 _____ people

B22a. **【Investigator, don't ask, but fill in the proper boxes below:】** Following Table I and Table II, select from the items that represent all of the respondent's household members.

【Can choose more than one item from b-k】

- | | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| a Only one person | e Daughter-in-law(s) | i Grandchild(ren) |
| b Spouse (or companion) | f Husband's parent(s) | j Other relatives |
| c Unmarried child(ren) | g Wife's parent(s) | k Other non-relatives |
| d Married son(s) | h Married daughter(s) | |

【Note: "Husband/Wife" above refers to the respondent or his/her spouse.】

B23. Among all of the household members, who is head of the household?

1 Respondent

2 Spouse

3 Other **【Please specify relationship to the respondent】** _____

★B24. Are you satisfied with this arrangement, living together with these household members (or living alone by yourself)?

1 Extremely satisfied

3 It's acceptable

4 Unhappy

2 Satisfied

5 Extremely unhappy

★B25. I am going to mention common residence arrangements among the elderly, please tell me **which arrangement** you like the most or wish to have?

【Read out the following items one by one for the respondent to choose from】

1 Living alone (or with spouse)

5 Living close to married child(ren)

2 Living with a married son

6 Staying in a home for the aged

3 Living with a married daughter

7 Staying with various sons alternately

4 Living with a married son or daughter

8 Other (Please explain) _____

★B25a. For an old couple who have **no sons**, do you think it is better for them to live with a married daughter, live by themselves, or move to a home for the aged? Which arrangement do you think is better?

1 Living with a married daughter

3 Staying in a home for the aged

2 Living alone

4 Other arrangement (Please explain) _____

Table : Parents' Circumstances

B26		B27 B28. Still living or not?			【 Questions only about living parent(s) 】				
					【 Ask all 】		【 Ask only those not living together with respondent 】		
					B29. What do you think of his/her health status?	B30. Lives with you or with various children alternately	B31. Current residence?	B32. How often do you visit?	B33. How often do you talk on the phone?
		0 Deceased 【 Continue: At what age did he/she die? 】 【 Skip to next person 】 1 Living 【 Continue with B29 】			1 Excellent 2 Good 3 Average 4 Not Good 5 Poor	1 Always lives with the respondent 2 Lives together now; alternately lives sometimes 【 Skip to next person 】 3 Lives elsewhere now; alternately stays here sometimes 4 Lives elsewhere always	1 Next door or same bldg 【 Skip to B34 】 2 Same neighborhood 3 Same (nearby) city/town/village 4 Other area 5 Mainland China 6 Overseas	01 Everyday 02 Every few days 03 Every week 04 Every month 05 Every few months 06 Every year 07 Every few years / not for a long time	01 Everyday 02 Every few days 03 Every week 04 Every month 05 Every few months 06 Every year 07 Every few years / for a long time 08 No need to make phone calls
Relationship	Code (Leave Blank)	0 Deceased	Please record age of death	1 Living					
41 Father		0		1					
42 Mother		0		1					
43 Father-in-law		0		1					
44 Mother-in-law		0		1					
45		0		1					
46		0		1					

Siblings 【Fill in answers to B34-B37 in tables below】

B34. How many living brothers and sisters do you have? **【If none, skip to B36】**

B35a. **【If yes】** How many of them live nearby or in the same town/city/village as you?
【If yes】 How many of them do you usually **visit** at least once a **week**?

B35b. How many brothers and sisters live in other areas of Taiwan?
【If yes】 How many of them do you usually visit or **contact** by phone or mail at least once a month?

B35c. Of those who don't normally live here, how many do you visit or **contact** at least once a **week**?

B36. How many living brother(s)/sister(s) does your spouse have? **【If none, or the respondent is unmarried, skip to B38】**

B37a. How many of them do you usually visit or contact by phone or mail at least once a **month**?

B37b. How many of them do you usually visit or contact by phone or mail at least once a **week**?

<p>B34. Your own sibling(s) (No. of living siblings: _____)</p>	<p>B35a. (Do not live with but live nearby or in the same town/city/village: _____ sibling(s) (How many do you see every week? _____ sibling(s)</p>
<p>a. Older brother: _____; b. Younger brother: _____ c. Older sister: _____; d. Younger sister: _____ 【If none, skip to B36】</p>	<p>B35b. ① Do not live with but live in other areas of Taiwan: _____ sibling(s) ② How many do you contact every month? _____ sibling(s)</p>
	<p>B35c. Do not live together (but live in Taiwan, Penghu, Kinmen, Matzu, and overseas) but contact at least once a week? _____ sibling(s)</p>

<p><input type="checkbox"/>The respondent has never been married 【Skip to B38】 The respondent is divorced and remains unmarried 【Skip to B38】</p>
<p>B36. Siblings of spouse (No. of living sibling(s): _____) a. Older brother: _____; b. Younger brother: _____ c. Older sister: _____; d. Younger sister: _____ 【If none, skip to B38】</p>
<p>B37a. How many do you contact at least once a month? _____ sibling(s)</p>
<p>B37b. How many do you contact at least once a week? _____ sibling(s)</p>

Grandchildren

B38. How many grandchildren do you have altogether? _____ grandchild(ren) **【If none, skip to B39】**

B38a. How many of them who live in Taiwan **do not live with you?**
_____ grandchild(ren) **【If none, skip to B38a2】**

B38a1. How many of them live in **this city/town/village?** _____ grandchild(ren) **【If none, skip to B38a2】**

【If yes】 How many do you **see every week?** _____ grandchild(ren)

【If yes】 How many who you **do not see** but **contact** you **every week?** _____ grandchild(ren)

B38a2. How many of those who **do not** live in this city/town/village but see or contact you **every week?** _____ grandchild(ren)

Other Friends and Relatives

B39. Beside the relationships just mentioned (including children, parents, siblings and grandchildren), how many other **relatives** do you regularly see, speak with, or contact by phone **at least once a week?** No. of relatives: _____

B40. How many **neighbors or friends** do you see, speak with, or contact by phone **at least once a week?**

【Closer friends, not just professional contacts or nodding acquaintances】

No. of **neighbors and friends** _____

C . Health, Use of Medical Services and Hygiene Habits

Next, I'd like to ask you some questions about health and health maintenance. First, I'd like to ask about:

Health Self-assessment

C1. Regarding your current state of health, do you feel it's:

- | | | |
|-------------|-----------|---------------|
| 1 Excellent | 3 Average | 4 Not so good |
| 2 Good | | 5 Poor |

C2. Compared to this time of the last year, is your health

- | | | |
|----------|------------------|---------|
| 1 Better | 2 About the same | 3 Worse |
|----------|------------------|---------|

Ailments

C3. I am going to mention some ailments that are common among middle-aged and elderly people. Please tell me whether you had any of these ailments **before**.

Note to the investigator: Please ask about each of the ailments on the next page's Record of Ailments. If, after the respondent's own description or inquiry, "yes" is marked for any of the ailments, continue to ask the rest of the questions on the form (about each such ailment).

Record of Ailments

Name of Ailment	C3.		【For any C3 answers choosed “Yes”, please continue to ask C3a - C3e】											
	Did you ever have this ailment before?		C3a. Has a doctor diagnosed you with this ailment?		C3b. Have you seen a doctor because of this ailment in the past year?		C3c. Do you still have this ailment now?		C3d. Are you taking medication or getting treatment for this ailment?			C3e. How much difficulty has the ailment brought to your daily life?		
	0 No or don't know (Skip to next)	1 Yes	0 No or not sure	1 Yes	0 No	1 Yes	0 No	1 Yes	0 No	1 Occasionally or when necessary	2 Often or regularly	0 No effect	1 Some difficulty	2 Fair amount of difficulty
(1) High blood pressure	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	2	0	1	2
(2) Diabetes	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	2	0	1	2
(3) Heart disease (Palpitation does count)	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	2	0	1	2
(4) Stroke	0	1	0	1	0	1			0	1	2	0	1	2
(5) Cancer or malignant tumor	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	2	0	1	2
(6) Bronchitis, pneumonia, asthma, pulmonary diseases or other respiratory ailment	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	2	0	1	2
(7) Arthritis or rheumatism	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	2	0	1	2
(8) Gastric ulcer or stomach ailment	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	2	0	1	2
(9) Liver or gall bladder disease	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	2	0	1	2
(10) Hipbone fracture	0	1										0	1	2
(11) Cataract	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	2	0	1	2
(12) Renal disease (including stone)	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	2	0	1	2
(13) Gout	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	2	0	1	2
(14) Spinal/vertebrae spurs	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	2	0	1	2
(15) Osteoporosis	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	2	0	1	2

C4. **【For the investigator to verify】** : 0 The respondent **doesn't have** diabetes or a renal disease. → **【Skip to C5】**

1 The respondent **has** diabetes or a renal disease.

↓
C4a. Do you receive dialysis treatment **at present**?

1 Yes

0 No **【Skip to C5】**

↓
C4b. How often do you receive dialysis treatment **at present**? Every ____ day(s).

C4c. How many years have you undergone the treatment? ____ years ____ months

C5. Besides those listed above, do you have other ailments? **【The investigator, give examples】**
Such as glaucoma, dizziness, giddiness, constipation, hemorrhoid, swollen prostate or other ailments.

1 Yes

0 No **【Skip to C6】**

↓
C5a. What kind of disease or ailment is it (Please explain)?

Other (1) _____ Other (2) _____

C6. **After** 16 years old, have you been bed-ridden or had to stay home, hence absent from school or work, for a whole month or longer than a month due to health reasons or injuries caused by an accident?

1. Yes

0. No **【Skip to C7】**

↓
C6a. What is the major disease/ailment that caused you to stay in bed or at home for a whole month or longer than a month?

(1) _____ (2) _____

C7. Some people have involuntary urination; have you experienced this problem **in the past year**?

0 No

1 Yes

C8. Some people often have **involuntary** farts or defecation (unable to control the excretion of the contents of the bowels so that the excrement stains the underwear). Has this ever happened to you?

1 Yes

0 No **【Skip to C9】**

↓
C8a. What is the situation of the involuntary excretion of the contents of the bowels like:

(Investigator, read aloud)

1 Only involuntary fart.

2 Underwear is often stained with the color of excrement or with greasy stuff (or liquid).

3 Involuntary excretion only happens with diarrhea or when the excrement is too soft.

4 Involuntary excretion happens with solid and hard excrement as well.

C8b. How often does incontinence happen to you?

1 Occasionally

2 Often

3 Everyday

C8c. Are you seeing a doctor to treat the problem **at present**? 1 Yes 2 No

★C9. On the whole, do you feel physical discomfort or pain **in general**?

1 No

2 A little.

3 Medium level

4 Serious level (but still bearable)

5 Very serious level (unbearable)

★C9a. Is this pain or discomfort occasional, frequent, or chronic?

1 Occasional

3 Chronic

2 Frequent

C10. **In the past month**, have you been very healthy? Or have you gotten sick or injured?

0 Very healthy **【Skip to C11】** →

1 Have got sick **【Skip to C11】**

2 Have got injured

3 Have been sick and injured

C10a. Have you reduced your daily activities because of it?

Yes, for _____ days

00 No → **【Skip to C11】**

C10b. Have you been **bed-ridden for more than half a day** because of it?

【If yes】 For _____ days 00 No **【Continue with C11】**

Fall Accident

C11. Have you ever tumbled or fallen **in the past year** (including a tumble during walk, slip, failure to sit well or stand firmly, or fall because of dizziness, or fall off the bed, **regardless of getting injured or not**)

1 Yes

0 No → **【Skip to C12】**

C11a. How many times have you tumbled or fallen **in the past year**? _____ time(s).

Use of Medical Services

C12. Have you ever been admitted to the hospital **in the past year**?

1 Yes

0 No → **【Skip to C13】**



C12a. Have been hospitalized _____ times

C12b. Stayed in hospital for _____ days

C12c. What was the main reason for your **most recent** hospital stay?

C12d. When you were in the hospital, who was the main person who took care of you? _____ **【Record the caregiver and his or her relationship to the respondent】**

C12e. **In the past year**, how much have you or your family paid for your hospitalization expense?

Total NT\$ _____

C12f. Have you ever been admitted to hospital in the **past six months**?

1 Yes

0 No

C13. **In the past year**, have you been to the hospital for an emergency?

1 Yes

0 No → **【Skip to C14】**



C13a. How many times? _____ times

Next, I'd like to ask about your visits to doctors, situation of medication, physical exams and treatment

Medical service categories	a. In the past year , have you ever been to 【Read the categories in the left column】 ?		b. In the past month , have you ever been to 【Read out the categories in the left column】 ?		c. In the past month , how many times have you been to 【Read out the categories in the left column】 ? 【Record times】	d. What was the main reason for you to see a doctor specialized in western or Chinese medicine? 【Can choose more than one】 1. Not feeling well 2. Regular physical exam or measure of blood pressure 3. Getting medication (for regular use or saved for future use) 4. Other 【Please explain】 【Circle the proper code】	e. In the past month , you have been to 【Read out the categories in the left column】 How much medical expense have you or your family paid in total?				
	0 No (Skip to next category)	1 Yes	0 No (Skip to next category)	1 Yes			1	2	3	4 _____	Total NT\$ _____
C14. Western medical clinic (excluding hospitalization or emergency unit)	0	1	0	1	Time(s)	1	2	3	4 _____	Total NT\$ _____	
C15. Doctor of Chinese medicine	0	1	0	1	Time(s)	1	2	3	4 _____		
C16. Pharmacy (Including Chinese medicine and western medicine)	0	1	0	1	Time(s)						
C17. Dentist	0	1	0	1	Time(s)						

★C18. Is it convenient for you to see a doctor?

1 Convenient

2 Not convenient

3 Extremely inconvenient

C19. When you go to see a doctor, how long does it **usually** take to arrive at the hospital (clinic)?

_____ hour(s) _____ min(s)

C20. In the **past year**, did any doctor, therapist or nurse give you treatment, change tubes or provide any other service at your house (home caer service)?

0 No

1 Yes

C20a. _ How many times? _____ time(s)

C21. In the **past year**, you didn't stay an intermediate care facility (or a nursing home), did you?

0 No

1 Yes

C21a. Total: _____ time(s)

C21b. In the past year, how long did you stay at the facility?

_____ month(s) _____ day(s)

★C22. In the **past three months**, have you been in discomfort and thought about seeing a doctor but didn't go?

0 No discomfort

1 Yes, but went to the doctor.

2 yes, but did not go to see the doctor.

★C22a. Why didn't you go? **【Can choose more than one】**

a No money .

b No time

c Couldn't find a doctor.

d Hard to find transportation.

e Couldn't be granted a leave of absence from work.

f Illness not serious.

g Afraid to find out I had a disease

h No one to accompany me.

i Hospital too far away.

j Don't know how to get to the hospital

k Bought self over-the-counter medication

l Other (Please specify) _____

Measure of Daily Activities

C23. If no one helps you and you have no aids to help you, will you have any difficulty to do the activities below **by yourself**? **【If yes,】** Will you have some difficulty, great difficulty, or will you be unable to do them at all?

【If the respondent has never done a certain activity, then ask:if you had to do it, could you?】

Activity	0 No problem	Level of difficulty			Remarks
		1 Some difficulty	2 Great difficulty	3 Cannot do it at all	
(1) Stand continuously for 15 minutes	0	1	2	3	
(2) Stand continuously for two hours	0	1	2	3	
(3) Squat	0	1	2	3	
(4) Raise both hands over your head	0	1	2	3	
(5) Grasp or turn objects with your fingers	0	1	2	3	
(6) Lift or carry something weighing 11-12kg (like 2 pecks of rice)	0	1	2	3	
(7) Run a short distance (20-30 meters)	0	1	2	3	
(8) Walk for 200 to 300 meters	0	1	2	3	
(9) Walk up two or three flights of stairs	0	1	2	3	

C24. If you do the activities below by yourself, giving your current **health or physical condition**, do you have any difficulty?

【If yes, continue to ask:】 Will you have some difficulty, great difficulty, or be unable to do them at all?

【If the respondent has never done a certain activity, then ask: if you had to do it, could you?】

Activity	0 No problem	Level of difficulty			Remarks
		1 Some difficulty	2 Great difficulty	3 Couldn't do it at all	
(1)Buy personal use items (such as soap, toothpaste, medicine, etc.)	0	1	2	3	
(2) Manage your money (such as counting, paying bills and getting change, etc.)	0	1	2	3	
(3) Ride the bus or train by yourself	0	1	2	3	
(4) Do physical work at home or around the house (such as clearing gutters or washing windows)	0	1	2	3	
(5) Sweeping, washing dishes, taking out garbage and other light tasks	0	1	2	3	
(6) Making a phone call	0	1	2	3	

C24a. **【For the investigator to verify】** 0 The respondent has **no difficulty at all** doing the **6 activities of C24** → **【skip to C25】**
 ↓
 1 The respondent has difficulty doing **at least one** activity

C24b. Regarding the difficulties that you mentioned above, has anyone helped you do it (or them)?
 ↓
 1 Yes 0 No → **【Skip to C25】**

C24c. Who is the **principal** person to help you with it (or them)?
 _____ **【Record principal helper and his/her relationship to the respondent】**
 (C24d. Do you think that you already get sufficient assistance, or do you need more help?)
 1 Have sufficient help 2 Need more help

C25. Next, I will mention some common daily activities. Please tell me if you will have any difficulty doing them independently?
【If yes, continue to ask:】 Will you have some difficulty, great difficulty, or beunable to do them at all?

【Do not count difficulty caused by temporary illness or injury】

Daily Life Activity	C25. Do you have difficulty doing it independently?				【For each activity that the respondent has difficulty with, continue with C25a-C25c】							
					C25a. How long has this difficulty persisted? 【About how many years and months?】		C25b. Do you have any special aids to help you with it?		C25c. Does someone help you do it?			
	0. No problem	1. Some difficulty	2. Great difficulty	3. Cann't do it at all	_____ year(s) _____ month(s)	0	1	0	1			
1. Bathing	0	1	2	3	_____ year(s) _____ month(s)	0	1	0	1			
2. Dressing and undressing	0	1	2	3	_____ year(s) _____ month(s)	0	1	0	1			
3. Eating	0	1	2	3	_____ year(s) _____ month(s)	0	1	0	1			
4. Getting out of bed, standing up and sitting in a chair	0	1	2	3	_____ year(s) _____ month(s)	0	1	0	1			
5. Moving about the house	0	1	2	3	_____ year(s) _____ month(s)	0	1	0	1			
6. Going to the toilet	0	1	2	3	_____ year(s) _____ month(s)	0	1	0	1			

C25d. **【For the investigator to verify】** 0 The respondent has **no difficulty at all** doing the **6 activities of C25** → **【skip to C26】**
 ↓
 1 The respondent has difficulty doing **at least one** activity

C25e. You said you have difficulty with activity no. _____, who is the principal person to help you with it (them)?
 _____ **【Record principal helper and his/her relationship to the respondent】**
 Or 00. No one helps → **【Skip to C26】**
 ★C25f. Do you think that you have gotten sufficient assistance, or do you need more help?
 1 Have sufficient help 2 Need more help

Hygiene Habits

C26. Do you **currently** smoke?

0 No 1 Yes →



C26a. On average, how many cigarettes or packs do you smoke each day?
00 Less than one cigarette; _____ cigarette(s),
or _____ pack(s)
C26b. How many years have you smoked?
_____ year(s) **【Skip to C27】**

C26c. Did you smoke **before**?

1 Yes 0 No **【Skip to C27】**



C26c1. How many years have you smoked? _____ year(s)

C27. Do you drink alcohol? **【occasionally counts as “Yes”】**

1 Yes 0 No **【refers to “don’t drink at all”】 【Skip to C28】**



C27a. How often do you drink? **【If the respondent answers “only in social occasions”, ask how often does he/she attend such social occasions?】**
1 (Nearly) every day 4 Once or twice a month
2 Once every two to three days 5 Less than once a month
3 Once a week

C27b. How much do you drink each time?
1 Very little (Not drunk) 3 Often get drunk(very drunk)
2 Slightly drunk (Half drunk)

C28. Do you **currently** chew betel nut?

0 No 1 Yes →



C28a. On average, how many betel nuts do you chew daily?
00 Less than one; _____ betel nut(s)
C28b. How many years have you chewed betel nut?
_____ year(s) **【Skip to C29】**

C28c Did you ever chew betel nut **before**?

1 Yes 0 No **【Skip to C29】**



C28c1. How many years have you chewed betel nut? _____ year(s)

C29. Do you exercise **regularly**?

- 0 No
- 1 Less than twice a week
- 2 Three to five times a week
- 3 Over six times a week

C29a. Why don't you exercise?

【Skip to C30】

C29b. How long do you exercise each time?

- 1 Less than 15 minutes
- 2 15 to 30 minutes
- 3 Over 30 minutes

C29c. Do you work up a sweat when you exercise?

- 1 No
- 2 Yes, a little bit
- 3 Yes, a good sweat
- 4 Other (Please explain) _____

C29d. Do you breathe hard after you exercise?

- 1 No
- 2 Yes, a little bit.
- 3 Yes, very hard
- 4 Other (Please explain) _____

C30. Do you **often** use the following drugs or dietary supplements?

【If yes, ask:】 Do you use them often/regularly or when necessary?

【Investigator, please read the items one by one】

Type of drugs	0 No	【If yes, continue to ask:】	
		1 Often or regularly	2 As necessary
(1) Stimulants	0	1	2
(2) Sleeping pills	0	1	2
(3) Sedatives (to calm down)	0	1	2
(4) Aspirin	0	1	2
(5) Painkillers for arthritis	0	1	2
(6) Painkillers other than (4) and (5)	0	1	2
(7) Chinese medicine, herbal medicine (including Chinese vitalizers)	0	1	2
(8) Glucose or saline injections	0	1	2
(9) Vitamins and minerals	0	1	2
(10) Calcium tablets	0	1	2
(11) Fish oil	0	1	2
(12) Vitamin E	0	1	2
(13) Lecithin	0	1	2
(14) Health foods	0	1	2
(15) Other (Please specify) _____	0	1	2

C34. In the past **three years**, have you had a physical exam?

1 Yes

0 No



★C34a. Why didn't you have a physical exam in the past **three years**?

【Can choose more than one】

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|--|
| a No money | g Hard to find transportation. |
| b Afraid to find out I had a disease | h Don't know how to get to the hospital |
| c No time. | i Couldn't be granted a leave of absence from work |
| d No one to accompany me. | j Don't feel necessary. |
| e Couldn't find a doctor. | k Other (Please explain) |
| f Hospital or clinic too far away. | _____ |

【Skip to C35】

C34b. Did you have the exam to simply learn your state of health? Or was it because you had discomfort and a physician ordered it? **【Can choose more than one】**

- a Just to learn state of health (to prevent health problems from happening)
- b Had discomfort and went for the exam **spontaneously**
- c Had discomfort, **referred by doctor**
- d Other (Please explain) _____

C34c. In the **past year**, have you had a physical exam?

1 Yes

0 No



★C34d. Why didn't you have a physical exam in the past year?

【Can choose more than one】

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| a No money | g Hard to find transportation. |
| b Afraid to find out I had a disease | h Don't know how to get to the hospital |
| c No time. | i Couldn't be granted a leave of absence from work. |
| d No one to accompany me. | j Don't feel necessary. |
| e Couldn't find a doctor. | k Other (Please explain) |
| f Hospital or clinic is too far away. | _____ |

Use of Physical Aids

C35. At present, do you wear glasses (including reading glasses and contact lenses)?

0 No ↓	1 Yes ↓
C35a. Can you see things clearly?	C35b. Can you see things clearly when wearing glasses or contacts?
1 Very clearly 2 Clearly	3 Average 4 Not so clearly 5 Not clearly at all

C36. Do you wear a hearing aid?

0 No ↓	1 Yes ↓
C36a. Can you hear clearly?	C36b. Can you hear clearly when wearing a hearing aid?
1 Very clearly 2 Clearly	3 Average 4 Not so clearly 5 Not clearly at all

C37. Do you wear dentures (including crowns)?

1 Yes ↓	0 No ↓
<p>C37a. Are your false teeth moveable or fixed? 【Can choose more than one】</p> <p>a Fixed →</p> <p>b Moveable ↓</p>	<p>C37c. 【For respondent not wearing a false tooth, ask:】 Is it easy for you to eat?</p> <p>【For respondent wearing false teeth, ask:】 Is it easy for you to eat with false teeth in?</p> <p>1 Quite easy 2 Easy 3 Average 4 Not so easy 5 Not easy at all</p>
<p>C37b. Do you wear moveable teeth only to eat, all day long, or rarely?</p> <p>1 All day long (Only take them off when sleeping at night) →</p> <p>2 Only for eating</p> <p>3 Rarely</p>	

C38. At present, do you use a cane, a crutch, or a walker to help you walk?

0 No ↓	1 Yes ↓
C38a. Is it easy for you to walk around?	C38b. Is it easy for you to walk around with a cane, a crutch or a walker?
1 Quite easy 2 Easy	3 Average 4 Not so easy 5 Not easy at all

★C39. How do you think renal diseases can be prevented in daily life? (Please chose the box according to the respondent's description) **【Can choose more than one】**

- a I don't know.
- b Refrain from excessively active exercise.
- c Do not take medicine without the proper instruction from the doctor.
- d Keep away from food that is too salty.
- e Control blood pressure or blood sugar.
- f Do not hold back the urge to urinate.
- g Drink more water than usual.
- h Take physical exams regularly.
- i Others (Please specify)_____

★C40. Do you know about the three **early symptoms of diabetes**? (Please chose the box according to the respondent's description) **【Can choose more than one】**

- a I don't know.
- b Eating a lot more than usual.
- c Excessive drinking.
- d Longer sleep.
- e Excessive urination
- f Others (Please specify)_____

★C41. Do you know how to prevent (or control) hypertension and diabetes from one's dietary habits? (Please chose the box according to the respondent's description) **【Can choose more than one】**

- a I don't know.
- b Keep away from salty and spicy food.
- c Use vegetable oil or oil that contains low fat.
- d Keep away from cigarettes and alcohol.
- e Control the intake of carbohydrate to a proper level.
- f Eat food that is rich in fiber, such as vegetables and fruit.
- g Others (Please specify)_____

★C42. In our modern society, some people feel **stressful or worried**; some people don't. I am going to ask you more questions. Please tell me whether you feel stressful or worried because of them.

【If yes,】 Ask the respondent whether the pressure is huge and whether he/she feels that way once in a while or does that happen often?

【Ask】 Is there any other thing that causes you to feel stressed or worried?

★ Causes	0. No stress or worries	1. Some stress or feeling worried sometimes	2. Great stress or feeling worried often
1. Own health	0	1	2
2. Own economic status	0	1	2
3. Own job	0	1	2
4. Family members' health, economic status, jobs, or marriage, etc.	0	1	2
5. Relationship with family member(s) (e.g. cannot get along, nervous, conflicts)	0	1	2
6. Other (Please explain)_____	0	1	2

Measure of Melancholia

★C43. Everyone has mood changes. In the past week, have you experienced the following situations or feelings?

【If yes, continue to ask:】 Does this happen to you rarely, often, or chronically? (Over 4 days out of the past week, 2-3 days, or only one day?)

In the past week , were you or did you...	0 No	Yes			Notes
		1 Rarely (one day)	2 Sometimes (2-3 days)	3 Often or chronically (over 4 days)	
(1) Not interested in eating, have a poor appetite	0	1	2	3	
(2) Feel that doing everything was exhausting	0	1	2	3	
(3) Sleep poorly (Unable to sleep soundly)	0	1	2	3	
(4) Feel you were in a terrible mood	0	1	2	3	
(5) Feel lonely (isolated, with no companion)	0	1	2	3	
(6) Feel people around you weren't nice to you (unfriendly)	0	1	2	3	
(7) Feel anguished	0	1	2	3	
(8) Unable to gather your energy to do things (Had no will to do anything)	0	1	2	3	
(9) Feel joyful	0	1	2	3	
(10) Feel that your life was going well	0	1	2	3	

Measure of Life Satisfaction

★C44. I'd like to ask for your current views or feelings about your life. Please tell me whether you agree with the sentences I am about to read.

【Investigator, please read them in order and note down the answers】

★ Feeling about Life	1. Yes	0. No	Notes
(1) Has your life been better than most people's lives?	1	0	
(2) Are you satisfied with your life?	1	0	
(3) Do you find what you do interesting?	1	0	
(4) Have these few years been the best in your life?	1	0	
(5) If it was possible (to do again or to do over), would you want to start over or live this life again?	1.(Willing to change)	0.(Unwilling to change)	
(6) Do you expect that in the future happy things will occur?	1	0	
(7) Should you live better than you do now?	1	0	
(8) Do you feel that most of what you do is monotonous and of no interest?	1	0	
(9) Do you feel old and tired?	1	0	
(10) Would you say your life has matched your hopes?	1	0	
(11) Do you feel that you live in a secure and insured environment?	1	0	
(12) Are you satisfied with your living environment (considering pollution, climate, noise, natural scenery...)?	1	0	

Next, I will ask questions that will require you to remember. Even people with good memories can forget things, so don't feel embarrassed, just relax.

1. Right 0. Wrong

year
month
day

★C45. Please tell me your address. **【Note down the respondent's answer】**

_____ **【Answer is correct if respondent can correctly remember any one detail of the street, village, town, city, county.】**

★C45a. Please tell me what place this is. (Where are you? E.g. at home, in the park, etc.)

★C46. What is today's date? _____ year

★C46a. **【Answer is correct if respondent checks the calendar】**

_____ month

★C46b. _____ day

★C47. What day of the week is it? _____ **【Answer is correct if the respondent checks the calendar】**

★C48. How old are you? _____ years old **【Answer is correct if the respondent gives correct zodiac animal】**

★C49. What is your mother's last name? _____ **【Answer is correct if the respondent can recall】**

★C50. Who is the incumbent president? _____

★C51. Who was the last president? _____

★C52. Let me ask you to do simple calculations. If you have 20 oranges, after eating three of them, how many are left? If you eat three more each time, how many will be left? Tell me the results of each time you calculate.

(20 - 3 = ? - 3 = ? - 3 = ? - 3 = ?)

【Investigator, begin filling in from column A. Stop when the respondent gets to eight or less than eight.】

_____	_____	_____	_____	Don't know any of the answers. Refused to answer.
A	B	C	D	

★C53. Next, I will read out several items. When I finish, please say all those that you remember, not necessarily in the order I said them.

【First, remind the respondent to listen carefully. Read each item only once, and don't read a second time. Circle the right answer(s)】

Train, Dog, Ship, Watermelon, Stone	Could not remember any of the items. Refused to answer.
Soda Pop, Cloth, Spring, Tree, Roof	

★C54. Next, I will read out several numbers. When I have finished, say them back to me in reverse order.

4 2 9 8 1

【Investigator, note down the respondent's answer from column A.】

_____	Could not remember any Refused to answer.
A B C D E	

★C55. I am going to read aloud three things. Please repeat after I finish. Please try to remember what I say. I will ask you to tell me the three items I just read.

【Investigator: Please pronounce the three items slowly and clearly. Say each item per second.】

Banana, Umbrella, Bicycle

★C55a. Please tell me the three items I just told you. **【Investigator: Please chose the box that the respondent answered in his/her first attempt.】**

1. Banana	2. Umbrella	3. Bicycle	Could not remember any. Refused to answer.
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★C55b. **【For the investigator to verify】**

1 All of the three items were named successfully **in the first attempt**
【Skip to C56】

2 **Not** all of the three items were named successfully in the first
↓
attempt.

★C55c. **【Investigator, please read aloud once again. If the respondent fail to remember all of the three items, please repeat again to see if he/she can memorize all of them】**

- 1 The respondent **memorized** all of the three items.
- 2 The respondent **failed** to memorize all of them.

C56. What is your height? _____ CM **【 1. By measure on the spot 2. By asking the respondent】**

C57. How much do you weigh? _____ Kg
【 1. By measure on the spot 2. By asking the respondent】

C58. I am going to measure your waist: _____ CM

C59. I am going to measure your hip: _____ CM

★C60. Do you remember the three things that I just asked you to memorize?

【Investigator: Please fill in the box that the respondent answered】

1. Banana	2. Umbrella	3. Bicycle	Could not remember any. Refused to answer.
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D . Social Support and Exchange of Support

Now, I would like to ask you about the assistance you provided to your family or anyone else and the assistance you received.

Investigator, please record answers to D1 through D3 in the form of the next page.

D1. Do you **currently** provide assistance to babysit your grandchild(ren) or other's child(ren)?
【"Child(ren)" is/are that those of senior high school age or younger】

1 Yes 0 No **【Skip to D2】**

D1a. Do you provide this assistance alone or with your spouse?

D1c. To whom do you provide this assistance? D*b. Do you live together? Or both?

D1d. How often do you provide this assistance? Occasionally or often?

1 Often (everyday or a few days a week)

2 Occasionally (**Once or less than once a week**)

D2. Some people need assistance to get in/out of bed, have a meal, take a bath, get dressed, or get around inside the house because of their **health problems**. Does anyone in your family need assistance like those just mentioned?

1 Yes 0 No **【Skip to D3】**

D2a. To whom do you provide this assistance?

D*b. Do you live together or do both situations apply?

D2c. How often do you provide this assistance? 1 Often 2 Occasionally

D3. Do you **regularly** send personal belongings such as food, clothing and material support to your family, relatives or others to accommodate their **needs for daily life**?

【Presents for holiday(s), birthday(s), or social occasions are not included】

1 Yes 0 No **【Skip to D4】**

D3a. To whom do you give these belongings?

D*b. Do you live together or do both situations apply?

D3c. Is the total value of these personal belongings given each month within or over NT\$2000?

1. Within NT\$2,000

2. Over NT\$ 2,000

Providing Assistance

Means of assistance 【Ask one by one】	D * b		D1. Babysitting child(ren) of others					D2. Helping the physically disabled with daily activities such as eating, taking bath, etc.			D3. Providing material belongings to others, such as food and clothing					
	Do you live together?		Yes D1a		0 No →			0 No →			0 No →					
Who receives your help? ----- * See 【Note】	1	2	1	2	D1c. Whose child(ren) does/do you babysit? (Please mark it)	D1d. Frequency		Yes D2a. Who do you help? (Please mark)	D2c. Frequency		Yes D3a. Who do you help? (Please mark)	D3c. Total Value (monthly)				
	Live with	Do not live with	Babysitting alone	Babysitting with spouse		1. Often	2. Occasionally		1. Often	2. Occasionally		1. Within NT\$2000	2. Over NT\$2000			
Respondent's father/ mother	1	2							1	2		1	2			
Spouse's father/mother	1	2							1	2		1	2		1	2
Spouse	1	2							1	2		1	2			
Child: (_____)	1	2	1	2		1	2		1	2		1	2			
Child: (_____)	1	2	1	2		1	2		1	2		1	2			
Child: (_____)	1	2	1	2		1	2		1	2		1	2			
Child: (_____)	1	2	1	2		1	2		1	2		1	2			
Grandchildren	1	2	1	2		1	2		1	2		1	2			
Siblings	1	2	1	2		1	2		1	2		1	2			
Other relatives	1	2	1	2		1	2		1	2		1	2			
Friends, neighbors	1	2	1	2		1	2		1	2		1	2			
Other: (_____)	1	2	1	2		1	2		1	2		1	2			

* **【Note】** : If those who receive assistance are in the same relationship to the respondent (eg. The respondent's siblings) and include both living together and not living together, check in both "Live with" and "Do not live with" under D*b.

D3d. Do you **currently** help people who do **not living together with you** with household chores, such as cooking, doing the laundry, cleaning, grocery shopping, etc?

1. No 2. Yes

→

<p>D3e. Who do you help? 【Record relationship to the respondent】</p>
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D4. In the **past year**, did you or your spouse spend **more than NT\$100,000** for **any one** of your children's education fee or living expense for studying away from home?

1. Yes 2. No → **【Skip to D5】**



D4a. Which child was it? <u>Which child? 【Record relationship to respondent】</u>	D4b. Do you live together? <u>1. Live together 2. Do not live together</u>	
_____	1	2
_____	1	2
_____	1	2
_____	1	2

D5. Except for the education fee as mentioned above, in the **past year**, did you or your spouse give money to your family members or friends?

1. Yes 2. No → **【Skip to D6】**



D5a. Who was it? 【Record relationship to the respondent】			D5b. Do you live together?		
<u>Gave to?</u>	<u>1. Live together</u>	<u>2. Do not live together</u>	<u>Gave to?</u>	<u>1. Live together</u>	<u>2. Do not live together</u>
_____	1	2	_____	1	2
_____	1	2	_____	1	2
_____	1	2	_____	1	2
_____	1	2	_____	1	2

D5c. In the past year, how much did you give them in total?

【Record the exact figure quoted by the respondent】 Total NT\$ _____

【If the respondent could not give the figure or refused to answer, please do probe by giving the following ranges】

- | | |
|--|--|
| a. Less than NT\$30,000 | f. NT\$300,000 – less than NT\$400,000 |
| b. NT\$30,000 – less than NT\$50,000 | g. NT\$400,000 – less than NT\$500,000 |
| c. NT\$50,000 – less than NT\$100,000 | h. NT\$500,000 – less than NT\$1,000,000 |
| d. NT\$100,000 – less than NT\$200,000 | i. Over NT\$1,000,000 |
| e. NT\$200,000 – less than NT\$300,000 | |

D6. Have you and your spouse distributed part or all of your properties among your child(ren) or relatives?

0 No property **【Skip to D7】**

1 Not distributed yet _____

2 Yes, all property has been distributed among child(ren) or relatives

3 Yes, have distributed part of it to child(ren) or relatives.

(D6a. When do you plan to give your wealth to children or relatives?

In _____ year(s) later

After death

Haven't thought about it yet

Have other plans

(Please explain)

【Skip to D7】

D6b How long ago did you distributed it? _____ years ago

00. Less than a year ago

D6c Please estimate the total value of real estate and assets that you and your spouse gave to children or relatives?

NT\$ _____ (Unit: NT\$10,000)

【Note to investigator, if the respondent could not give the figure or refused to answer, please do probe by giving the following ranges】

a. Less than NT\$100,000

b. NT\$100,000 – Less than NT\$300,000

c. NT\$300,000 – Less than NT\$500,000

d. NT\$500,000 – Less than NT\$700,000

e. NT\$700,000 – Less than NT\$1,000,000

f. NT\$1,000,000 – Less than NT\$1,500,000

g. NT\$1,500,000 – Less than NT\$2,000,000

h. NT\$2,000,000 – Less than NT\$3,000,000

i. NT\$3,000,000 – Less than NT\$4,000,000

j. NT\$4,000,000 – Less than NT\$5,000,000

k. NT\$5,000,000 – Less than NT\$6,000,000

l. NT\$6,000,000 – Less than NT\$7,000,000

m. NT\$7,000,000 – Less than NT\$10,000,000

n. NT\$10,000,000 – Less than NT\$20,000,000

o. NT\$20,000,000 – Less than NT\$30,000,000

p. Over NT\$30,000,000

Receiving Help from Others

D7. At present, does anyone give you food, clothing or other belongings for free?

1 Yes

0 No

D7a. Does anyone **regularly** give you personal belongings such as food, clothing, or other material support to accommodate the **needs of your daily life**? **【Presents for holidays, birthdays, or social occasions are not included】**

1 Yes

0 No **【Skip to D8】**

D7b. Who often gives you there personal belongs?

【If more than one person are named, please indicate their relationships with the respondent, listed in order of requeency】

【Record all that help the respondent. The number is not limited to four】

1. _____

3. _____

2. _____

4. _____

D7c. Is the total value of these personal belongings you receive each month within NT\$2,000 or over NT\$2,000?

1. Within NT\$2,000

2. Over NT\$2,000

D8. Does anyone give you money to help currently?

1 Yes 0 No

D8a. In the **past year**, did any child or relative give you and your spouse money as **daily living expense**?

【Money for child(ren) living together with you is not included】

1 Yes 0 No → **【Skip to D9】**



D8b. Who was it? **【Record relationship to the respondent】**

【Record all that help the respondent. The number is not limited to four】

Living together : 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____

Not living together : 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____

D8c. In the **past year**, how much did they give you in total?

【Record the exact figure quoted by the respondent】 Total NTS _____

【If the respondent could not give the figure or refused to answer, please do probe by giving the following ranges】

a. Less than NT\$30,000

f. NT\$300,000 – less than NT\$400,000

b. NT\$30,000 – less than NT\$50,000

g. NT\$400,000 – less than NT\$500,000

c. NT\$50,000 – less than NT\$100,000

h. NT\$500,000 – less than NT\$1,000,000

d. NT\$100,000 – less than NT\$200,000

i. Over NT\$1,000,000

e. NT\$200,000 – less than NT\$300,000

【If the answer to D8b is more than one person, continue with D8d】

D8d. In the **past year**, who gave you the most money? _____

D9. **At present**, is there anyone who helps you take care of daily life activities, such as shopping, cooking, transportation, writing letters, making the phone calls, or managing the money?

1 Yes 0 No

D9a. Who takes care of **most** of the “**light**” and “**necessary**” household chores in the household, like cooking, doing the laundry, sweeping the floor, cleaning, dish washing and grocery shopping?

01 Respondent → **【Skip to D10】**

02 Spouse Other **【Relationship to the respondent】** (_____)



D9b. Do you ever help with these household chores? If so, how much?

0 None at all 1 A little help 2 Some 3 A lot

Emotional Support

【Note to the investigator: If the respondent’s family members are present, please ask questions D10-D17 when no one else is present】

Next, I would like to ask you about the mutual care and help that you share with your family, relatives, friends, or neighbors.

★D10. How much do you feel that your family, relatives, or friends are willing to listen when you need to talk about your **worries or problems**? Would you say a great deal, quite a bit, some, very little, or not at all?

- | | | | | |
|----------------|-------|---------------|--------|----------------------|
| 1 A great deal | _____ | 4 Very little | _____→ | 【Skip to D11】 |
| 2 Quite a bit | _____ | 5 Not at all | | |
| 3 Some | _____ | | | |
- ↓

★D10a. Who is the most willing to listen?
(1)_____ (2)_____ **【Record relationship to the respondent】**

★D11. How much do your family, relatives, or friends make you feel **loved and cared for**? Would you say a great deal, quite a bit, some, very little, or not at all?

- | | | | | |
|----------------|-------|---------------|--------|----------------------|
| 1 A great deal | _____ | 4 Very little | _____→ | 【Skip to D12】 |
| 2 Quite a bit | _____ | 5 Not at all | _____ | |
| 3 Some | _____ | | | |
- ↓

★D11a. Who cares for you the most? (1)_____ (2)_____ **【Record relationship to the respondent】**

★D12. In general, how satisfied are you with the amount of emotional support you received from your family or relatives?

- | | | |
|------------------|-----------|--------------------|
| 1 Very satisfied | 3 Average | 4 Unsatisfied |
| 2 Satisfied | | 5 Very unsatisfied |

★D13. In general, how much can you count on your family or relatives to take care of you when you are ill?

- | | | | | |
|----------------|-------|---------------|--------|----------------------|
| 1 A great deal | _____ | 4 Very little | _____→ | 【Skip to D14】 |
| 2 Quite a bit | _____ | 5 Not at all | _____ | |
| 3 Some | _____ | | | |
- ↓

★D13a. Who do you think is the most countable? (1)_____ (2)_____

★D14. When you need to go out for purposes such as seeing a doctor, shopping for grocery, or seeing a friend and needs someone to help you, do you think there is anyone available?

- | | |
|-------|------|
| 1 Yes | 2 No |
|-------|------|

★D15. In general, how helpful do you think you are to your family, relatives or friends?

- | | | |
|----------------|--------------------|---------------|
| 1 Very helpful | 2 A little helpful | 3 Very little |
|----------------|--------------------|---------------|

★D16. How often do members of your family **ask your opinion** when they are **discussing or making decisions**?

1 Most of the time

3 Rarely

2 Sometimes

4 Never

5 Other response (Please explain)_____

★D17. How often do you feel that your family, relatives, or friends are critical of what you do?

1 Never

2 Sometimes

3 Often

E . Employment History

Next, we'd like to ask you about your work.

E1. Are you employed or unemployed at present?

- 1 Employed (Including full-time or part-time) → **【Skip to E2】**
- 2 Have a job, but haven't worked in temporarily. ↓
- 3 Helping on the family's farm or helping with the family business, not a formal job ↓
- 4 Unemployed, looking for a job right now ↓
- 5 Housekeeper (Cooking, doing rhw laundry, grocery shopping, childcare) ↓
- 6 None of the above ↓

【Ask those who temporarily out of job】

E1a. How many months ago did you take leave from work?

_____ months ago or since _____ (month), 2003

E1b. Why are you temporarily unemployed?

- 1 Taking sick leave
- 2 Because it is a seasonal or contractual job. Waiting for the next season or contract to be renewed.
- 3 Other _____

E1c. When do you plan to return to work?

Within _____ week(s); or within _____ month(s)

Other (Please specify) _____ **【Skip to E2】**

【Ask those who helping with the family business】

E1d. What kind of help do you provide on the family farm or business?

【Can choose more than one】

- a Looking after the store, taking care of everything
- b Recording inventory or doing accounting
- c Providing (temporary, part-time) help when manpower is shortage.
- d Looking after the fields and manging crops
- e Other (Please explain) _____

E1e. How many hours do you spend on such work?

_____ hour(s) a week; or _____ hour(s) a day

【Continue with E1f】

【Ask those jobless】

E1f. **【Ask all those that answered 3,4,5 or 6 to E1】** Were you ever employed before?

0 No → E1f1. Why not?

【Please record detailed reasons】: _____ **【Skip to E21 on Page 51】**

1 Yes. → **【Skip to E13 on Page 48】**

I. Current Job

E2. What is the principal duty in your **current** job? (Or what is the job that you plan to return to?)

What is your **job title**?

Profession (Please record **the position** in detail):

E2a. What kind of business does your organization engage in? (nature of business company or organization)

Industry: _____

E2b. Who does the company or organization belong to? (ownership of business)

- 1 Respondent or spouse
- 2 Respondent's family
- 3 A private business (fewer than 50 employees)
- 4 A private business (more than 50 employees)
- 5 Government agency or state owned enterprise

E2c. When did you start your current job?

From age _____, or _____ year(s) ago, or _____ month(s) ago.

E2d. Did you work every month in the past year, or only for a few months?

- 1 The whole year
- 2 Only a few months → Number of month(s): _____
- 3 Agricultural work
- 4 Other: _____

E2e. Is your current job full-time or part-time?

- 1 Full-time
- 2 Part-time → _____ hours per week

★E3. Next, I am going to read a few statements. Please tell me if you agree with them or not. They may apply to some people but may not apply to you.

【 Please circle the respondent's answer 】

Do you agree.....	Agree	Don't agree	Refused to answer	Not applicable	Don't know
a) You have to deal with a lot of pressure at your job.	1	2	7	8	9
b) You can get some satisfaction from job.	1	2	7	8	9
c) Even if you have enough money to spend, you will continue to work at this job.	1	2	7	8	9
d) If you learn more new knowledge or techniques, you will do your job better.	1	2	7	8	9
e) When deciding a candidate for promotion, your boss will first consider a younger colleague.	1	2	7	8	9

E4. Is there a mandated retirement age or retirement related rules **for your present job**?

0. No

1. Yes →

E4a. Then what is that age? _____ years old

7. Don't know.

(E5. According to your own calculations or plans, how long will you continue at this job?

In another _____ year(s); or at age _____ to retire.

As long as my health permits

Depends on circumstances

(E5a. Depends on what circumstances? **【Can choose more than one】**

a State of health

c Status of financial status

E6. If you leave your present job, do you have a retirement fund or severance pay?

【including that provided by your company or organization, insurance or other source】

1 Yes

0 No

7 Don't know

8 Not applicable (self-employed)

→ **【Skip to E7】**

E6a. How much of a retirement fund or severance pay do you think you will receive?

1 Can get all at once: NT\$ _____

Or 2 Will receive NT\$ _____ every month

Or 3 Will receive NT\$ _____ twice a year

Or 4 Other (Please explain) _____

E6b. How long will you be entitled to the fund or pay?
_____ years

Life-long

E6c. Source: **【Can choose more than one】**

a Organization or company

b Insurance (Military, civil servants' or labor insurance)

★E7. If you stop doing your **current** job in the **future**, what might you do?

0 Haven't thought about it or don't plan to stop doing this job

1 Completely retire (completely stop working)

2 Half retire (change to part-time job or help out)

3 Change work (move to another job or profession)

4 Other (Please explain) _____

E8. 【For the investigator to verify according to E2 and E2b:】

0. Respondent is not self-employed **【Skip to E9】**

1. Respondent is self-employed

E8a. 【Ask only those who are self-employed】 How will you manage your business (field and crops)?
1 Other adults in the family will take over
2 Sell out 3 Other (Please explain)_____

★E9. Do you work now because you need this income? Or because of other reasons?

1. Most importantly or mainly because of economic necessity
2. Mainly out of interest in work, don't really need the income
3. Both out of interest or sense of profession and for economic reasons
4. Other (Please explain)

E10. Except for the job you mentioned above, do you have another paid job?

0 No

1 Yes

E10a. How many hours per week do you work on this part-time job?
Totally _____ hour(s) per week.

(E11. How much have you thought about "retirement" or "stop working"?)

- 1. A great deal
- 2. Some
- 3. Slightly
- 4. Never

(E11a. When you think that you are likely to "retire" or "stop working" in the future, how much do you look forward to it or worry about it?)

- | | |
|----------------------------------|---|
| 1. Very much look forward to it | 4. A little worried |
| 2. A little look forward to it | 5. Worried about it very much |
| 3. Do not have feelings about it | 6. Other reaction (Please explain)_____ |

★E12. Do you plan to stop working completely once you have reached the retirement age?

1. Yes

★E15a. What age is that then? _____ years old

2. Depends

★E15b. Depends on what? **【Can choose more than one】**
a Health c Family situation
b Economy d Other **【Please explain】**_____

3. Don't plan to stop working

【The above questions regarding to those who have a job at present. Skip to E16 after completion】

II. The Last Job

Ask questions E13~E15 below of those who do not have a job at present but had a job in the past. (Answer 1 to E1f)

*Skip to E16 for those who have a job at present. Skip to E21 if the respondent has never been employed.

E13. When did you stop working at your last job?

At age _____, or _____ year(s) ago, _____ month(s) ago

E13a. Why did you stop working there? **【Can choose more than one】**

a. Reached mandatory retirement age

b. Health problems, could not
continue working

c. Could not get used to the job, wanted
to change work environment

d. Company layoffs or relocation, was let go

e. Business failed, poor economy, profits too low

f. Unhappy with income, wanted to earn more

g. Family reasons: got married or to take care of child(ren)

h. Other family-related reasons. (Please explain) _____

i. Other factors (Please explain) _____

E13b. What health problem was it?

E14. What was the principal work of your **last** job? What was your **job title**?

Profession (Please record the position in detail): _____

E14a. Who did the company or organization of your last job belong to? (ownership of the business)

1 Respondent or spouse

4 A private business (more than 50 employees)

2 Respondent's family

5 Government agency or state owned enterprise

3 A private business (fewer than 50 employees)

E14b. What kind of business did your organization engage in? (the nature of company, organization, or enterprise)

Industry: _____

E14c. Did you work the whole year at the last job? Or did you only work for a few months?

1 The whole year

2 Only for a few months Number of months: _____

3 Agricultural

4 Other: _____

E14 d. Was your last job full-time or part-time?

1 Full-time

2 Part-time About _____ hour(s) per week

E 15. When did you start working at the last job?

At age _____, or _____ year(s) ago, or _____ month(s) ago

【Continue with E16】

III. Other Work After 50 Years of Age

*Please ask E16 of those that have a job at present or had a job before.

E16. According to what you just said, did you start working at this present job (or the last job) before (or after) you were 50 years old ?

Please confirm with the respondent the time to start the last job.

1 Before 50 years old → **【Skip to E19】** 2 After 50 years old

E17. Since you got 50 years old, have you worked at other jobs except for this current one (or the last one)? How many jobs or how many kinds of jobs have you worked at?

0 No, other job since age50. **【Skip to E19】**

1 Yes, have worked at _____ (kinds of) job(s)

E18. Among these jobs, what was the first (second, third...) job like? When did it start? When did it end? What was the nature of the work? Who was the employer? Why did you quit or change the job? What was the main reason?

【For reason of leaving the job, please use the proper code on the right column of the table below】

Order	Concrete and detailed job content	Started and ended date	Code of reason for leaving
1	Profession: _____ Nature: 1 Full-time 2 Part-time Employer: 1 Self-employed 2 Hired 3 Government Code of reason for leaving: _____	Started: in year _____ Or at age _____ Ended: in year _____ Or at age _____	01 Reached mandatory retirement age 02 Health problems, couldn't continue to work 03 Cann't get used to the job, wanted to change work environment
2	Profession: _____ Nature: 1 Full-time 2 Part-time Employer: 1 Self-employed 2 Hired 3 Government Code of reason for leaving: _____	Started: in year _____ Or at age _____ Ended: in year _____ Or at age _____	04 Company layoffs or relation, was let go 05 Business failed, poor economy, profits too low
3	Profession: _____ Nature: 1 Full-time 2 Part-time Employer: 1 Self-employed 2 Hired 3 Government Code of reason for leaving: _____	Started: in year _____ Or at age _____ Ended: in year _____ Or at age _____	06 Unhappy with income, wanted to earn more 11 Family reasons: got married or to take care of child(ren) 12 Other family-related reasons. (Please explain) _____
4	Profession: _____ Nature: 1 Full-time 2 Part-time Employer: 1 Self-employed 2 Hired 3 Government Code of reason for leaving: _____	Started: in year _____ Or at age _____ Ended: in year _____ Or at age _____	33 Other factors (Please explain) _____

IV. Principal Job and Retirement Funds

*Please ask E19 of those that have a job at present or had a job before.

E19. Up to the present, what has been the main job you've had (or what job have you held for the longest time)?

Profession (Position); please record detailed position: _____

E19a. Is it your current job or a previous one?

- 1 Current job
 - 2 Last held job
 - 3 Job order _____ in the table of the previous page
 - 4 Other (a job before respondent was 50 years old)
- _____ → **【Skip to E20】**
- ↓

E19b. Type of place of employment: _____

E19c. Job started: in year _____, or at age _____

E19d. Job ended: in year _____, or at age _____

E19e. Employer: 1 Self-employed 2 Private enterprise 3 Government

E20. When leaving any of your previous jobs, did you ever received any retirement fund, severance pay, or payment for leaving the job?

【Note: We are asking these questions to understand economic situations of the elderly】

- 0 Never received any retirement fund or severance pay
(or payment for leaving the job) → **【Skip to E21】**

- 1 Received retirement fund, severance pay or payment for leaving the job once
 - 2 Received retirement fund, severance pay or payment for leaving the job twice
- ↓

E20a. Was it the retirement fund, severance pay, or payment for leaving the job that you received? **【Can choose more than one】**

- a Retirement fund
- b Severance pay
- c Payment for leaving the job
- d Maturity repayment of military, civil servant, or labor insurance
- e Other **【Please explain】** _____

E20b. How often do you receive your retirement fund, severance pay, or payment for leaving the job?

- 1 Monthly
- 2 Twice a year
- 3 All at once
- 4 Have received part of it and will get the rest monthly
- 5 Other **【Please explain】** _____

E20c. How much retirement fund, severance pay, or payment for leaving the job have you received in total?

Have received NT\$ _____ in total.
Or/and received NT\$ _____ every month or twice a year

↓

Have received for _____ year(s) _____ month(s)

E20d. Will you continue to receive more such fund or have you received all of it?

1 Have received all → **【Skip to E21】**

2 Other **【Please explain】** : _____

3 Will continue to receive

E20e. How much else will be received:

1 Life-long

2 _____ year(s) _____ month(s)

3 Other **【Please explain】** :

【Ask all respondents】

★E21. **【Ask those who have a job at present】** After you retire or formally stop working in the future, will you consider finding other work to do?

【Ask those who don't have a job at present】 You don't have a job at present. Are you looking for a job or do you consider finding a job?

【Give a hint to the all:】 For example, helping with household chores, doing some easy part-time job, or making money by doing some small business, serving as a consultant, teaching others your skills, etc.

0. Never thought about it _____ → **【Skip to E22】**

1. Do not plan to undertake any job _____

2. Thought about it, but still not sure _____

3. Thought about it, or have a plan _____

4. Will definitely find another job or looking for a job right now _____

★E21a. What kind of job do you want the most (or can you possibly do)?

1. Teaching professional knowledge or serving as a consultant or coach

2. Non-professional service jobs, such as janitor, babysitter, helping out on the farm, or housekeeping

3. Office work, such as file management or bookkeeping

4. Developing new business or doing small business

5. Doesn't matter as long as can make money

6. Other work with pay (Please explain) _____

7. Other work without pay (Please explain) _____

★E21b. How many days a week (or month) do you most hope to work?

- | | |
|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 1. _____ days a week | 3. Not sure |
| 2. _____ days a month | 4. Doesn't matter. |

★E21c. How many hours a day do you most hope to work?

- | | |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| 1. _____ hours a day | 3. Doesn't matter. |
| 2. Not sure | |

★E21d. Why do you hope to find a job again? Please tell me the reason

【Can choose more than one】

- | | |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|
| a. For economic concern | e. To make new friends |
| b. To learn new things | f. To share experiences |
| c. Interested in the job | g. Other (Please explain) |
| d. To kill time | _____ |

Current Job of the respondent's spouse

E22. **【The investigator, please verify with A13】**

0. Respondent **has no** spouse at present → **【Skip to Section F】**

1. Respondent **has a spouse** at present

E23. Does your spouse have a job **at present**, or not?

- 1. Yes (including full-time or part-time)
- 2. Have a job but not working on it temporarily
- 3. Help with family farm or business. Not a formal job
- 4. No. Looking for a job right now
- 5. Housekeeping (cooking, doing laundry, grocery shopping, looking after children)
- 6. None of the above

E23a. Did your spouse ever work **before**?

- 0 Never
- 1 Always a housewife → **【Skip to F】**
- 2 Yes

E23b. What was the principal job of his/her life?

Profession: _____ **【Please record in detail】** _

E23c. How many years hasn't he/she been unemployed?

_____ year(s) **【Skip to F】**

E24. What kind of job does your spouse do **at present**? (Or what kind of job does your spouse plan to return to)? What is his/her **position**?

Profession (please record detailed position): _____

E24a. What kind of business does his/her company engage in? (nature of business)

Industry:

E24b. Who owns the company or organization where your spouse works? (ownership of business)

1 Respondent or spouse

4 A private business (more than 50 employees)

2 Respondent's family

5 Government agency or state owned enterprise

3 A private business (fewer than 50 employees)

E24c. When did your spouse start the present job?

At age _____ or _____ year(s) ago, or _____ month(s) ago

E25. In the **past year**, did your spouse work **every month** or only for a few months of the year?

1. The whole year

2. Only for a few months

E25a. Number of months: _____

3. Agricultural

4. Other (Please explain): _____

E26. How many hours **a week** does your spouse usually work?

_____ hour(s) **a week**

E27. If he/she leaves this job, will he/she receive any retirement fund, severance pay, or payment for leaving the job?

【including sources of company, organization, and labor insurance, etc.】

0. No

7. Don't know

8. Not applicable (Self-employed)

1. Yes

【Skip to F】

E27a. How much retirement fund or severance pay (payment for leaving the job) will your spouse probably receive?

1 Can get all at once: NT\$ _____

Or 2 Will receive NT\$ _____ every month

Or 3 Will receive NT\$ _____ twice a year

Or 4 Other (Please explain) _____

E27b. How long will you be entitled to the fund or pay? _____ years

Life-long

E27c. Source: **【Can choose more than one】**

a Organization or company

b Insurance (From military, civil servants' or labor insurance)

F、 Leisure, Activities, and General Attitudes

F1. Next, I'd like to ask you: when you are not working, what sort of recreation or entertainment activities do you do?

【The investigators can first allow the respondent to answer, and record what they mention in the table below, then ask about items they haven't mentioned.】

F1a. **【If there are activities they do, continue to ask】** How often do you do it?

Recreation, Entertainment Activities	F1. Do you do this?		F1a. How often do you do it?			
	0 No	1 Yes	1 Less than once a month	2 2-3 times a month	3 1-2 times a week	4 Just about every day
1) Watching TV	0	1	1	2	3	4
2) Listening to the radio/tapes	0	1	1	2	3	4
3) Reading newspapers, books, magazines, fiction, etc.	0	1	1	2	3	4
4) Playing chess or cards (including mah-jongg)	0	1	1	2	3	4
5) Chatting with relatives, friends, or neighbors; drinking tea on social occasions	0	1	1	2	3	4
6) Gardening, growing plants, bonsai (not for income)	0	1	1	2	3	4
7) Taking walks	0	1	1	2	3	4
8) Jogging, climbing mountain, playing ball & other physical exercise outside the home	0	1	1	2	3	4
9) Attending group activities such as singing, dancing, tai-chi, or karaoke	0	1	1	2	3	4
10) Other (Please explain) _____	0	1	1	2	3	4

【The investigator, please check again for any item missed or not recorded】

★F2. In the **past year**, have you had to reduce the frequency of doing leisure or outdoor activities you like because of **health reasons**?

0 No 1 Yes 2 Never do leisure or outdoor activities

★F2a. In the **past year**, have you had to reduce the frequency of doing leisure or outdoor activities you like because of **cost, job or lack of company**?

0 No 1 Yes → ★F2b. What reason was it?

2 Never do leisure or outdoor activity

↓
【Skip to F3】

★F5. Next, I'd like to ask your opinions regarding the following statements. Please tell me whether you agree with them or not.

【Note to the investigator: When asking questions, do not read out “Neutral answer choice” to the respondent. Only check this answer if the respondent is unable to agree to disagree, or doesn't have any opinion, etc.】

Statements	1 Totally agree	2 Agree	3 Neutral	4 Disagree	5 Very much disagree
1. When parents get old, child(ren) should give them money for living expense.	1	2	3	4	5
2. Senior citizens should have some savings or property for themselves, so child(ren) will be more likely to respect you.	1	2	3	4	5
3. Parents should help look after grandchild(ren) if child(ren) have such need.	1	2	3	4	5
4. After children get married, parents should avoid living with them if possible.	1	2	3	4	5
5. Senior citizens should be as economically independent as possible instead of relying on child(ren) for support.	1	2	3	4	5
6. Today's young people do not respect the elderly as much as they did in the past.	1	2	3	4	5
7. The government already takes good care of the elderly.	1	2	3	4	5
8. When parents get old, child(ren) should live with them.	1	2	3	4	5
9. If an old man has been widowed for some time, do you agree that he gets married again?	1	2	3	4	5
10. If an old woman has been widowed for some time, do you agree that she gets married again?	1	2	3	4	5

Religious Faith

Next, I'd like to ask you some questions about your religion:

F6. What is your religion?

0. No religion —→【Skip to F9】

1. Taoism or traditional folk religion 3. Christianity 5. I-Kuan-Tao 7. Other
 2. Buddhism 4. Catholics 6. Muslim

F7. Please tell me **how often** you do each of the following activities?

Activity	1 Often	2 Sometimes	3 Rarely	4 Never	Remarks
1).Praying, offering incense, worshipping gods or Buddha at home	1	2	3	4	
2).Chanting sutras or studying the bible	1	2	3	4	
3).Going to church or worshipping in temples	1	2	3	4	
4). Watching or listening to religious programs	1	2	3	4	

★F8. Please tell me whether you have the following experience or do you do the following things?

Experience	1 Often	2 Sometimes	3 Rarely	4 Never	Remarks
1). Calm down by praying to God, deities or Buddha When encountering challenges	1	2	3	4	
2). Make important decisions after seeking opinions from God, deities and Buddha	1	2	3	4	
3). Overcome stress or worries by praying to God and deities	1	2	3	4	

★F9. Next, I'd like to ask your opinions about some things. Please tell me whether you believe in the following statements.

Statements	1 Believe	2 A little believe	3 Don't really believe	4 Don't believe at all	Remarks
1). Do you believe in the existence of heaven and hell?	1	2	3	4	
2). Do you believe that a person's spirit still exists after he or she dies?	1	2	3	4	
3). Do you believe that death is just the process to reach Elysium or heaven, not the end?	1	2	3	4	
4). Do you believe that life after death is better than the living world?	1	2	3	4	

G Economic Status

Now, I would like to ask you about your economic status. We will compile your status with that of other elderly citizens to have a holistic understanding of the economic status of the middle-aged and the elderly in Taiwan. The information you provide is only for the purpose of research and will be treated with strict confidence. Please tell us your real situation so the outcome of our analysis will be accurate.

Income Source and Income Exchange

G1. First of all, who is the **main** breadwinner of the household (the one who makes money to be source of income)? **【Can choose two options the most】**

- 01 The respondent 02 Spouse
- Son
- Daughter-in-law → Order of birth : 1.[_____] 2.[_____]
- Daughter
- Other (Please specify)_____

G2. In this household, **who** usually makes the **final decision** on major economic issues such as buying or selling important things that cost a great amount of money? **【Single option only】**

- 01 The respondent 02 Spouse
- Son
- Daughter-in-law → Order of birth : 1.[_____] 2.[_____]
- Daughter
- Other (Please specify)_____

G3. Now, I would like to ask about the major sources of income of you and your spouse. Let's start with you:

G3a. I will read each source in the list. Please tell me whether you had this income source in the **past year**.

G3b. **【If yes】** In the **past year**, how much did you get from this source ?

【If the respondent has a spouse, ask G3c-G3d】

G3c. What about your spouse? Did he or she have this income?

G3d. **【If yes】** In the **past year**, how much did he/she get from this source?

【Note to the investigator, if the respondent and spouse shared a common source, please record both and divide the total income by two and fill in G3b and G3d】

G3e. How much total income did you and your spouse receive the past year? _____

Is this figure close to your actual total amount of income? **【If not】 Why?**

G3f1. What is the **major** source of income for you and your spouse **at present**?

G3f2. What is the **minor** important source of income?

【Note to the investigator: if the amount of major source of income is not consistent with the highest value of “G3b figure + G3d figure”, please confirm with the respondent and ask why. Same with the minor source of income】

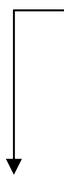
Sources of income in the past 12 months	Respondent			Spouse			At present	
	G3a.		G3b.	G3c.		G3d.	G3f1.	G3f2.
	0. No	1. Yes	Amount (NT\$)	0. No	1. Yes	Amount (NT\$)	Major	Minor
1 Respondent's earnings from work	0	1					01	01
2. Spouse's earnings from work				0	1		02	02
3. Pension or retirement fund, insurance payment, compensation	0	1		0	1		03	03
4. Income from rental property, savings, or stock yield or sale of real estate	0	1		0	1		04	04
5. Income from the family business	0	1		0	1		05	05
6. Income from farming, timber, fishing or animal husbandry	0	1		0	1		06	06
7. From child(ren) or other relatives	0	1		0	1		07	07
8. From social welfare, government subsidy, subsidy for low-income families, subsidy for the elderly	0	1		0	1		08	08
9. Other (Please explain): _____	0	1		0	1		09	09
G3e. Total:	NT\$ _____							

【If the respondent could not give the figure or refused to answer, please do probe by giving the following ranges】

- | | |
|--|--|
| a) Less than NT\$36,000 | f) NT\$240,000 – less than NT\$300,000 |
| b) NT\$36,000 – less than NT\$60,000 | g) NT\$300,000 – less than NT\$600,000 |
| c) NT\$60,000 – less than NT\$120,000 | h) NT\$600,000 – less than NT\$1,000,000 |
| d) NT\$120,000 – less than NT\$180,000 | i) Over NT\$1,000,000 |
| e) NT\$180,000 – less than NT\$240,000 | |

G3g. 【For the investigator to verify G3a and G3c】

- 1 If the **current** income source **includes** “Social welfare, government subsidy, subsidy for low-income families, subsidy for the elderly”
 0 If the **current** income source **does not** include “Social welfare, government subsidy, subsidy for low-income families, subsidy for the elderly”



【Skip to G4】

G3g1. When you started receiving social welfare, government subsidy, subsidy for low-income families, or subsidy for the elderly from the government, did the income you and your spouse received from child(ren) and relatives become less or none? **【If it has become less】**
 Has it become a lot less or just a little less?

1. No change	4. Changed to none
2. A little less	5. Have had no income from child(ren) or relatives originally
3. A lot less	6. Have got more instead

G4. Except for the national health insurance program, do you currently enroll in any other insurance, such as civil servants’ insurance, labor insurance or retirement insurance? Do you enroll in any life insurance?

【Can choose more than one. Give each of the following options as a hint】

- | | |
|---|--|
| <p>a No</p> <p>b Civil servants’ insurance</p> <p>c Labor insurance</p> <p>d Farmers’ insurance</p> | <p>【Skip to G5】</p> <p>e Fishermen’s insurance</p> <p>f Retirement insurance</p> <p>g Life insurance</p> <p>h Other (Please explain): _____</p> |
|---|--|

G4a. Will you receive an amount of money from your insurance program when it reaches maturity (or after a certain period of time)?

<p>1 Yes</p> <p>2 No</p> <p>3 Don’t know</p>	<p>G4b. When will you receive it? 【Can choose more than one】</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">a When it reaches maturity</td> <td style="width: 50%;">c After death</td> </tr> <tr> <td>b Some time after maturity</td> <td>d Other (Please explain): _____</td> </tr> </table>	a When it reaches maturity	c After death	b Some time after maturity	d Other (Please explain): _____
a When it reaches maturity	c After death				
b Some time after maturity	d Other (Please explain): _____				

【Skip to G5】

G4c. How much in total will that be?
 NT\$_____ (Unit: NT\$10,000) **【Continue with G5】**

★G5. In general, are you satisfied with your current economic status?

1 Very satisfied	3 Average	4 Not satisfied
2 Satisfied		5 Very unhappy with it

★G6. What do you think about your current economic status in comparison with it four years ago?

1 Much better	3 About the same	4 Worse
2 A little better		5 Much worse

G7. What do you think about the economic status of your household when you grew up?

1 Rich	3 Average	4 Below average
2 Above average		5 Poor

Family Income and Daily Life Expenses

Now I would like to ask you about your household income and expenses.

G8. 【For the investigator to verify】 :

- 1 The respondent **lives alone** or **lives only with spouse** → **【Skip to G9】**
- 2 The respondent **does not live alone** or **only lives with spouse.**

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G8a. Besides you and your spouse, who else has income in your household?

- 0 No one else → **【Skip to G9】**
- 1 Someone else has income

↓
G8a1. Who is it? **【Please record relationship to the respondent】**

- 1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____
- 5. _____ 6. _____ 7. _____ 8. _____

G8a2. How much total income **from different sources** did your household receive **the past year** (including income from the respondent, spouse and others)?

【Write down exact figure】 Total NT\$ _____ (Unit: NT\$10,000)

【If the respondent could not give the figure or refused to answer, please do probe by giving the following ranges】

- a) Less than NT\$100,000
- b) NT\$100,000 – less than NT\$300,000
- c) NT\$300,000 – less than NT\$500,000
- d) NT\$500,000 – less than NT\$700,000
- e) NT\$700,000 – less than NT\$1,000,000
- f) NT\$1,000,000 – less than NT\$1,500,000
- g) NT\$1,000,000 – less than NT\$2,000,000
- h) NT\$2,000,000 – less than NT\$3,000,000
- i) NT\$3,000,000 – less than NT\$4,000,000
- j) NT\$4,000,000 – less than NT\$5,000,000
- k) NT\$5,000,000 – less than NT\$6,000,000
- l) NT\$6,000,000 – less than NT\$8,000,000
- m) NT\$8,000,000 – less than NT\$10,000,000
- n) Over NT\$10,000,000

G9. How much is the **monthly** living expense of the household (such as food, rent, utilities, loans, and maintenance)?

Total NT\$ _____ **every month**

G10. Do you and spouse pay for the major living expense of the household (such as food, rent, utilities, loans, and maintenance)?

- 1 Yes →

G10a. How much do you and your spouse pay for the living expense each month? Total NT\$ _____ each month

- 0 No



G11. Is there anyone who **does not live** in your household but who pays all or part of your expense?

- 1 Yes →

G11a. Who supports your living expense? 【Record relationship with the respondent. Does not limit to four persons only】
1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____ 4. _____
- 0 No

★G12. Do **you and spouse** have plenty of money or have difficulty paying monthly living expense?

- | | | |
|---|----------------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Have plenty of money | 3 Have a little difficulty | → 【Skip to G13】 |
| 2 Have enough money.
Don't have a problem. | 4 Have great difficulty | |

G12a. **【For the investigator to verify G3a and G3c】**

- | | |
|--|------------------------|
| 1 If the respondent or spouse got income from children, other relatives or others in the past year | → 【Skip to G13】 |
| 0 Other situation | |

★G12b. If you have no income from “child(ren) or relatives” and depend only on other sources of income by yourself, do you and spouse have enough money or have difficulty paying living expenses every month?

- | | |
|---|----------------------------|
| 1 Have plenty of money | 3 Have a little difficulty |
| 2 Have enough money.
Don't have a problem. | 4 Have great difficulty |

★G12c. If have no other source of income and can **only** depend on income from “child(ren) or relatives”, do you and spouse have enough money or have difficulty paying living expenses every month?

- | | |
|---|----------------------------|
| 1 Have plenty of money | 3 Have a little difficulty |
| 2 Have enough money.
Don't have a problem. | 4 Have great difficulty |

Other Properties

G13. Except for the house you live in, do you (or spouse) have another house, land, fixed assets, shares, savings, businesses, or other properties?

【Please ask item by item】

1 Yes

0 No **【Skip to next item】**



G13a. Are the properties in your name or both your and your spouse’s names? Or are they under your name and other family members’ names? Or do they co-own by you and your spouse? Or are they under your name and other non-relatives’ names?

G13b. **【If under the respondent’s and family members’ names or non-relatives’ names】**

What is the percentage of the property that you and your spouse own?

G13c. What is the market value of this asset? (If you sold it, how much would you get it for?)

【A. Write down the figure quoted by the respondent if he/she answers the question.

Or B. If the respondent could not give the figure or refused to answer, please probe by giving the following ranges and record the code of the value range below】

- a) Less than NT\$500,000
- b) NT\$500,000 – less than NT\$1,000,000
- c) NT\$1,000,000 – less than NT\$3,000,000
- d) NT\$3,000,000 – less than NT\$5,000,000
- e) NT\$5,000,000 – less than NT\$10,000,000
- f) Over NT\$10,000,000

G13d. The calculation of the total value reaches NT\$ _____ 0,000. Is that right?

【Investigator, if the respondent said the answer is “wrong”. Please double check and verify with him/her again】

Types of assets	0 No such property	G13a. Assets are in whose name?				G13b.% Percentage owned by the respondent /spouse	G13c. Value NT\$10,000) (Unit: figure quoted by the respondent	Code of value range record the
		1 Respondent	2 Respondent & spouse (including spouse only)	3 With family members	4 With others			
1. House, land, factory buildings	0	1	2	3	4	%		
2. Farm, fishpond, ranch	0	1	2	3	4	%		
3. Savings	0	1	2	3	4	%		
4. Stocks, shares	0	1	2	3	4	%		
5. Own business /company, the right to manage farming, fishing, and animal’s husbandry.	0	1	2	3	4	%		
6. Other valuable assets	0	1	2	3	4	%		
G13d. Total value of the assets listed above	NT\$ _____ 0,000							

• Do not include the house the respondent currently lives in.

G14. **【For the investigator to verify: does the respondent have no assets?】**

0 The respondent has **no** assets listed above —→ **【Skip to G17】**

1 The respondent has **one or more than one** type of assets listed above



G15. Are any of the assets you mentioned above (including assets co-owned by spouse or other family members) inherited from your parents or other relatives?

0 No, not inherited from or given by anyone

1 From deceased spouse

2 From parents

3 From parents-in-law

4 From other relatives or non-relatives (Please specify)_____

★G16. Can you control or use these assets **as you desire**?

1 Yes, I can do whatever I want with them

2 I can control or use part of the assets

3 I cannot control or use the assets even though I own them

4 Other (Please explain)_____

【Ask all respondents】

★G17. Do you think that the assets you and spouse own are enough to support you for retired life?
Or do you need to rely on children or others?

1 Enough to support yourself

2 Need to rely on child(ren) or others

3 Other (Please explain)_____

H . Career Planning

★H1. Please tell me, when you retire or when you get older, what will you depend on for living?
What is your “major” source of income? What is your “minor” source of income?

【For respondents who have a job at present, this question refers to the period after retirement or when respondent no longer works. But for those that don’t have a job, it refers to life at 65 years of age and older】

a. Major b. Minor

- 1 Expects children to offer
- 2 Own or spouse’s savings or interest
- 3 Retirement fund, severance pay
- 4 Rent from houses or land
- 5 Income from sale of land or property
- 6 Income given by other relatives **【Please specify】** _____
- 7 Other sources **【Please explain】** _____

0 If the respondent currently has no expected source of income when getting old or has never thought about it, or doesn’t know.

★H2. Have you and spouse thought about life when getting older (during retirement or when no longer working) or have you done (or are you doing) any economic preparation or other kinds of preparation, or made any plans or arrangements?

1 Have made some arrangements or planning →

★H2a. What preparation or arrangement?

1 Saving money for retirement

2 Other plans or arrangements:

【*Please record other preparations or arrangements mentioned by respondent】

1. _____

2. _____

2 Haven’t done any special preparation →

★H2b. Have you saved money specifically for retired life?

0 No

1 Yes

★H3. Some people think that getting old brings certain advantages. Next, I will read some of those advantages. Please tell me whether they are very important to you, not too important, or completely unimportant.

【For “respondents that have a job at present” ask about “retirement”; for “respondents that are not employed at present”, ask about “life when they get older”】

Advantages of Becoming Elderly	1 Very important	2 Somewhat important	3 Not too important	4 Unimportant	5 Not applicable	6 Haven't thought about it or don't know	7 Other response (Please explain)
1.Can be your own boss; don't have to listen to others' command	1	2	3	4	5	6	7_____
2.Can live a more relaxed, leisurely life	1	2	3	4	5	6	7_____
3. Can spend more time with spouse	1	2	3	4	5	6	7_____
4. Can spend more time with children	1	2	3	4	5	6	7_____
5. Can spend more time taking part in social service work or activities (religious or association activities)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7_____
6. Can have more time to travel	1	2	3	4	5	6	7_____
7. Can have more time to pursue what you like to do	1	2	3	4	5	6	7_____

★H4. Additionally, others think that “getting old” brings certain disadvantages. Tell me if these disadvantages could/might affect you adversely or make you feel concerned. Would they bring great difficulty, some difficulty, or none at all?

【For “respondents that have a job at present” ask about “retirement”; for “respondents that are not employed at present”, ask about “life when they get older”】

Disadvantages of Becoming Elderly	1 Great difficulty	2 Some difficulty	3 A little difficulty	4 No difficulty	5 Not applicable	6 Haven't thought about it or don't know	7 Other response (Please explain)
1.Too much time on hands; life is more boring	1	2	3	4	5	6	7_____
2.No way to do useful or constructive things	1	2	3	4	5	6	7_____
3.Will miss old colleagues	1	2	3	4	5	6	7_____
4.More likely to get sick and have physical functions that degenerate	1	2	3	4	5	6	7_____
5.Don't have sufficient income to spend	1	2	3	4	5	6	7_____
6. Savings devalue while cost of living rises	1	2	3	4	5	6	7_____

★H5. **【For respondents that have a job at present, ask:】**

When you retire some day and have spare time to do what you want. What will be your most interested activities? Is there any activity that I have not mentioned?

【For respondents that are not employed at present, ask】

When you reach 65 years old or even older, what will you be most interested in? Is there any activity that I have not mentioned?

(Hint to respondents: If you have spare time, what will you want to do?)

Activity most wanted for retirement or when getting older	Type of activity to be determined by investigator							
	1 Family life activities	2 Leisure or hobbies	3 Personal & study refinement	4 service or volunteer work	5 Professional activities	6 Tours and travel	7 Exercise	8 Other
1. (Details of activity:) _____	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
2. (Details of activity:) _____	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
3. (Details of activity:) _____	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
0 Never thought about it or don't know								
Other response (Please explain)_____								

Time when the interview was concluded: 1 Morning 2 Afternoon Time: _____ hour
 _____ min (24 hour clock system)

Investigator's record of observations after the interview

K0. Place of interview: 1 Respondent's home 3 Other (Please record): _____
2 Office/place of work

K1. Was anyone else present during the interview?
1 Yes, for most of the time 3 Yes, occasionally
2 Yes, for about half of the time 4 No **【Skip to K2】**

K1a. **【If someone else was present】** What was his relationship to the respondent?

02 Spouse
Son _____ **【Write relationship】**
Daughter-in-law _____ (_____)
Daughter _____ (_____)
Other relatives _____
Other non-relatives _____ (_____)

K1b. Did other person's presence influence the answers given by the respondent? How?
1 Helped with giving or correcting answers 3 No influence
2 Only listen attentively, did not involve with the answers

K1c. Was the respondent unable to focus on giving answers because someone else was present?
1 Affected throughout the interview 3 Affected only a little bit
2 Somewhat affected 4 Not affected at all

K2. How was the respondent able to understand the questions?
1 Very well 2 Well 3 Acceptably 4 Poorly

K3. How did the respondent cooperate?
1 Very well 2 Well 3 Acceptably 4 Poorly

K4. Did the course of the interview easily follow the prescribed order?
1 Very easily 2 Acceptably 3 Not very easily

K5. Please write out problems encountered during the course of the interview, the respondent's reaction, or other special circumstances.

K6. How long did the interview last?
_____ hour(s) _____ min(s)