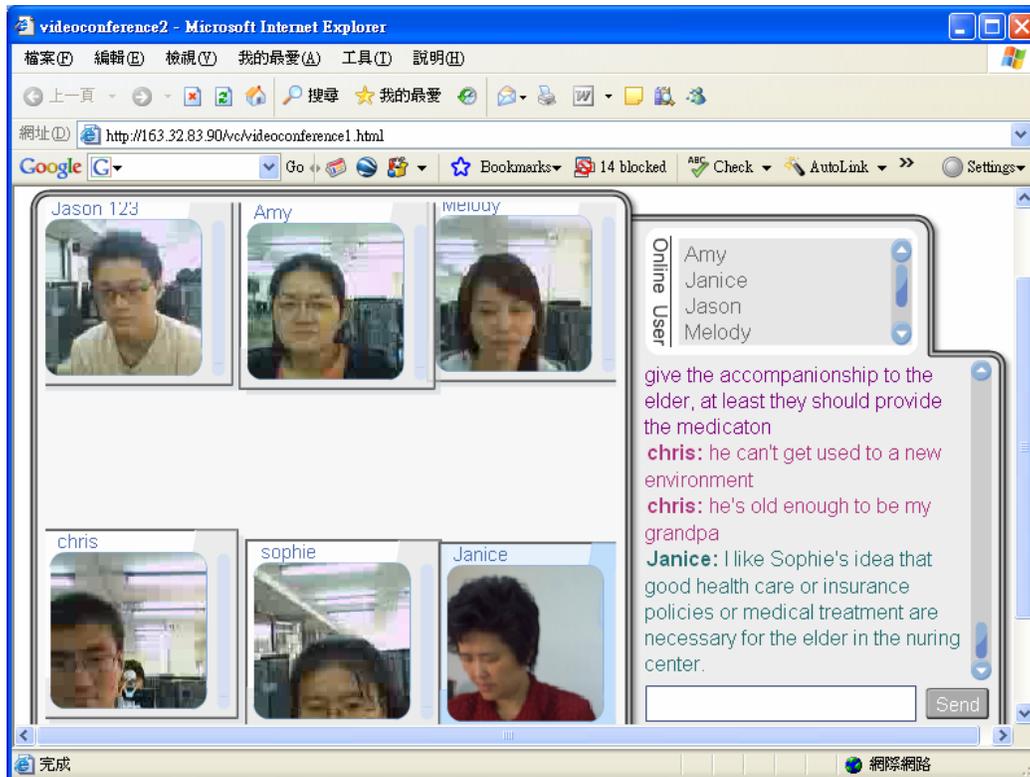


Dear Penpals:

Though I couldn't reach you in the Centra Platform during 8:50-9:00 a.m. Wednesday, March 21, I would like to share with you an interesting net meeting on **elder partnerships and intergeneration** for our class this morning. In the following is a picture and meeting content for your reference. May you enjoy them and give me some responses.

Net Meeting website: <http://163.32.83.90/vc/videoconference1.html>



Janice: Hi, everyone, I think the elder is a treasure in our community because he or she knows a lot about the history the community. How do you think about it?

Melody: I agree with you

chris: me too

Amy: I agree...in this article it also says that Students benefit from interacting with elders because such interactions help them build valuable skills, such as interacting across abilities and life experiences.

sophie: it depends, healthy elders are treasure while others are not

Jason : Yeah, it quwt true. elder share their life experience with younger generation. we can learn a lot from them

Janice: But it is a pity that few young people listen to the elder. So the elder's history or story won't be shared.

Melody: I think that they should deserve more attention because they used to make

great contributions to our society

chris: you guys type so fast

Amy:

Amy: healthy elders?

Amy: it sounds cold...

chris: my hands are not as fast as my eyes

Janice: You can learn to think and write on the keyboard since practice makes perfect,

chris: what about the elder health care in Taiwan?

sophie: generally speaking, the elderly people do provide the younger generations useful life experiences and helps

Melody: Whenever I meet the sick elder, I always feel pity for them, don't you feel the same way?

Amy: I don't think the social welfare system in Taiwan is good enough...

Janice: There is a nursing apartment in my neighbourhood in Lin-ya District. And I visited elders there sometimes. I found that they need and want to talk with people.

Melody: yeah, they seem to grab every chance to talk to you, I think they really need others' caring

Amy: yes...most of them feel lonely...

chris: do young people provide enough care for the old?

Janice: I think our government have to provide appropriate social welfare to the elder in addition to give each of them NT\$3000 each month.

Melody: loneliness is biggest killer to the elder

Amy: I agree

chris: especially old veterans

Jason : Elder people need companion. and that is why they are so much willing to talk with younger generation such as tehir grandson.

chris: are there any jobs which you can make money from talking with the old?

Amy: So, prof Chang, did you go to Taipei last weekend for visiting your parents?

Janice: I cannot agree with Melody any more. Yes, loneliness is the biggest killer to the elder. So we had better visit our elder relatives frequently. I think we also can try to make friends with them.

Melody: especially those elder living in the rural areas, their need for medical care is out of our imagination

chris: So guys, what do you expect when you're old?

Amy: living in rural areas has pros and cons for the elders...

Melody: I hope at least I can have some friends to talk to and live with, I don't expect my children to take care of me

sophie: old people will get along with old people, if they live in the nursing center,

they chat with those of the same age, It appears that they share something in common, I think the younger generation are not interested in listening the old people's long talks. Being around with family members might be better to solve the old people's loneliness.

Amy: I think Hualien is now the best place in Taiwan for the elders to live...

Janice: Yes, I went to Taipei to see my old father. Though we had a brief dialogue, we showed our concerns to each other in dinning and folding paper boxes in our living room.

Jason : what do i expect when i m old? well, definitely i need someone who can accompany with. beter have grandson to talk with cz loneliness is gonna kill me. i wanna live longer. so talk to me when i get old!

chris: So Prof.'s parents live in Taipei?

chris: cool

Janice: Amy, Hulian is a paradise for the elder. I think we need more nursing centers for the elder in many providences in Taiwan.

Melody: living in the rural area is good for the elder, but what about the medical care? What the elder need most is the the medication

chris: Kaohsiung is nice too

Janice: Jason, what do you meant that the young talk with "ca" in your statement?

Amy: Chris, how do you know? You live in Taipei, don't you?

chris: medication and company, which one is more important?

Amy: both are important...

sophie: I think friends and family are as important as the living environment.

chris: my parents live in Taipei

Melody: good question, Chris, what do you guys think?

Janice: Jason, sorry, I made a typo. What do you mean about the "cz" for the young according to your statement?

chris: my mom likes Kaohsiung, but my dad fears it

Jason : to Prof, ca was a mistyping. it is supposed to be "cz"

Janice: Why did Chr's dad did not like Kaoshiung?

chris: both are important

Amy: it's so hot in Kaohsiung...

chris: but if i need to choose one

Amy: and it's crowded...

Janice: Chris, did you get my question? Why didn't your father like Kaohsiung?

chris: i would prefer medication

chris: well

sophie: We need nursing center to take care of the old people, and the government

maybe shall work more on providing the elders with good health care or insurance policies or medical treatment.

Melody: I think if the family can't give the companionship to the elder, at least they should provide the medication

chris: he can't get used to a new environment

chris: he's old enough to be my grandpa

Janice: I like Sophie's idea that good health care or insurance policies or medical treatment are necessary for the elder in the nursing center.