

Intervju med Hongzhi Li, intervjuperson nr 99

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Bandningen börjar

Talare 1 [00:00:00]: No problem.

Intervjuare [00:00:02]: Och då, då ska jag säga först att det är den 27:e mars 2019. Och vi sitter här i det här rummet som heter Sarauws rum, på Göteborgs stadsmuseum. För att vi ska göra en intervju i projektet Göteborg berättar.

Talare 1 [00:00:20]: Okay.

Intervjuare [00:00:21]: Och jag som intervjuar heter Marja Ågren. Och jag ska intervju dig.

Talare 1 [00:00:26]: Ja, jag heter Hongzhi Lee. Och jag kommer från Kina, och 41 år. Jag kom till Göteborg sedan 2016.

Intervjuare [00:00:40]: Jättebra. Och då säger jag, this is for the record sort of, so they know, that we have an agreement that we would do the interview in English mostly. Maybe I ask you some questions in Swedish, or, but we can see.

Talare 1 [00:00:56]: Yeah. No problem.

Intervjuare [00:00:59]: So, where in Gothenburg do you live?

Talare 1 [00:01:02]: I live in Lennart Torstensson två, it's backside of the stad bibliotek, and stad center.

Intervjuare [00:01:17]: Teatern, stadsteatern? Eller stadsmuseet? Nej.

Talare 1 [00:01:20]: That place is Johanna Be.

Intervjuare [00:01:23]: Johanneberg.

Talare 1 [00:01:24]: Johanneberg.

Intervjuare [00:01:25]: Just det. Och det är bakom Götaplatsen, eller?

Talare 1 [00:01:27]: Götaplatsen, yes, yes, yes.

Intervjuare [00:01:30]: Okay. What type of, is it in an apartment, or?

Talare 1 [00:01:38]: It's apartment from SGS, it's a student apartment. Yes.

Intervjuare [00:01:43]: Okay. Are the houses old or new or?

Talare 1 [00:01:47]: It's a very old house. It's very old apartment. At least 50 or 60 years old.

Intervjuare [00:01:56]: Do you, is it, do you like it?

Talare 1 [00:01:59]: Yeah, we like the location, but the facility, and the furniture was not that good. But at present it, it's good for live there. Since the traffic and the location is very good. Convenient.

Intervjuare [00:02:19]: Was it SGI?

Talare 1 [00:02:21]: SG, SGS.

Intervjuare [00:02:22]: SGS?

Talare 1 [00:02:23]: Yeah.

Intervjuare [00:02:24]: That's the, the association for students.

Talare 1 [00:02:26]: It's the biggest landlord for students in Gothenburg.

Intervjuare [00:02:30]: Just det. So it was furnished when you moved in?

Talare 1 [00:02:35]: Yes, furnished.

Intervjuare [00:02:37]: Okay. How come you are in Gothenburg?

Talare 1 [00:02:40]: I came to Gothenburg as a master student. I study with major of international business and trade in Gothenburg University.

Intervjuare [00:02:52]: In international business and?

Talare 1 [00:02:54]: Trade.

Intervjuare [00:02:55]: Trade.

Talare 1 [00:02:56]: Yeah, trade.

Intervjuare [00:02:56]: Alright, yeah.

Talare 1 [00:02:59]: Since 2016, so I'm a student, came here, and my wife, my daughter they

accompanied me since 2016. And we came here together.

Intervjuare [00:03:17]: Oh.

Talare 1 [00:03:17]: Yes.

Intervjuare [00:03:18]: But had you started your studies in, in China, or?

Talare 1 [00:03:24]: Actually I already finished my master degree in China. My major is world economy. But after that I worked as a manager in bank for almost 10 years. And during this kind of, this time I, first I wanted to applied PhD here. But you know, within these 10 years I do not have some English publications. So they said maybe it's easier for me to apply master first, then I applied to continue my study here. So it's my second master degree here.

Intervjuare [00:04:08]: Okay. You're very well educated.

Talare 1 [00:04:11]: Very well.

Intervjuare [00:04:12]: Okay. But, but are your plans to do a PhD after this, or?

Talare 1 [00:04:16]: Yeah, I, I already applied, but my supervisor said it will be very hard competition, so you must prepare it well. So let's see what happen. And maybe to May we will know the results of the selection. Yes.

Intervjuare [00:04:33]: I hope you will succeed.

Talare 1 [00:04:35]: Yes.

Intervjuare [00:04:37]: But is it possible to explain in a simple way what it, what it is you would like to do research about, or?

Talare 1 [00:04:45]: You mean the major, what is my research?

Intervjuare [00:04:48]: The, the PhD project, what, what it is you want to do.

Talare 1 [00:04:52]: Yes, it's about Chinese multinational corporations. Their business expansion in the world. As you might know, Gothenburg became a cluster (?) of auto, automobile industry, and the high-technic industry. Especially in Lindholmen science park. A lot of Chinese companies invest. Their overseas subsidiary located here, so it's quite interesting, things, in past years it's the global sourcing also from developed country to developing country. But now it seems very strong reverse outsourcing from India, from China. The power from emerging markets to invest in some developed markets. So, my interest, and, and the focus on this kind of area. We want to see what's the difference between these two kind of multinational corporations. For example Geely merged Volvo cars and what, what they do here and some innovations, some synergetic renovation, and Geely and CEVT they work together for the new platform, for the new technology, and this kind of technology can benefit, benefit both sides. So it's quite interesting. It's quite, it's not quite

same with the way developed countries (ord ?) have did. It's not very same, but yeah, it's a, it's worth to make some deeper research and study in this kind of area. Yes.

Intervjuare [00:07:02]: Yeah, it sounds like it. It sounds interesting.

Talare 1 [00:07:05]: Yes.

Intervjuare [00:07:10]: Would you, would you like to, how long have you planned to stay in, in Gothenburg, or is it possible to make plans, or do you know?

Talare 1 [00:07:19]: Yeah. Yeah. First my plan is not that kind of long time, but after arrived and we already lived here for almost three years, if possible we plan to live here permanent. Yes. As, as long as we can. Since it's quite good place for kids. For, for our children. And it's very international city also. So we like this city, and we plan to live here as long as possible.

Intervjuare [00:07:59]: That's good.

Talare 1 [00:08:00]: Yes.

Intervjuare [00:08:01]: How did you, how did you come up with Gothenburg as an idea?

Talare 1 [00:08:06]: Okay?

Intervjuare [00:08:08]: Where did you get the information that you could move to Gothenburg?

Talare 1 [00:08:12]: Yeah. First it's not, is not actually, it's not my first choice. I did not know this city before. And during the process of application for master degree, first I choose Jönköping University. And after that Jönköping has a pre-selection of, a pre-admission before the national admission of master degree. So I already get adimi, ad, admission letter from Jönköping University. But after that I got letter from Gothenburg University. And we discussed together with my wife and my daughter, and we compared this city, these two cities, and we felt maybe a bigger city is good for the future career, and my children's education. So we choose here. But before we arrived here, we knew nothing about this. It's kind of coincidence, maybe, is testing the fit of my.. (?). It's not I choose it, maybe it's God choose, or Gothenburg choose me, maybe.

Intervjuare [00:09:37]: Maybe.

Talare 1 [00:09:38]: Maybe. Yeah. Quite interesting.

Intervjuare [00:09:41]: What was your first impression of the city when you came?

Talare 1 [00:09:45]: I, first impressions, air is very fresh, and, since I lived in Dalian (?) city in China, it's also a harbor city, in the north part, Liaoning (?) province. These two cities quite similar. Not very big, along seaside. And not very warm in summer, not very cool in the winter. And a lot of slopes in the city. Not (?). So, I felt very familiar with this city. And very

clean everywhere. Is not so clean in the ground, but the fresh air, and there so many forests. It's, it's amazing. My, my kid loves this kind of environment, so we got very good impression of this city.

Intervjuare [00:10:48]: Mm. I'm glad to hear.

Talare 1 [00:10:48]: Yes, yes, it's true.

Intervjuare [00:10:51]: But were you born in that city in China?

Talare 1 [00:10:54]: No, it's, I born in Xinjiang (?) province, Ürümqi capital city of Xinjiang (?) province. And after 18 years old, I go to Dalian (?) to continue my study at university, is Dalian (?) nationality (?) university, where I studied my major international finance. And after that I stay at the university as a, worked as a lecturer and councilor, over there, eight years. Then our family moved to Tianjin (?). Also harbor city alongside Beijing, but it's industry city. And we worked over there, and lived over there eight years. After that eight years we moved here together. Yes.

Intervjuare [00:11:52]: What made you think of Sweden, or did you have other countries that you thought you might study in, or?

Talare 1 [00:11:58]: Yeah, my wife's preference maybe is Denmark. Also Nordic country, but not Sweden. Since my, my wife's best friends lived in Denmark, and already have the citizenship of Denmark, and we visited Gothenburg, no, Copenhagen several times, and my wife loved that city also. So, her first choice is Copenhagen. But from my view, I think, privately to say, Denmark is too small, and do not have so many industries, so I think I love Sweden much better. Yeah.

Intervjuare [00:12:52]: But is it you and your wife and you have a daughter, or?

Talare 1 [00:12:57]: My daughter.

Intervjuare [00:12:58]: And no more kids?

Talare 1 [00:13:00]: Small family like this, but big family, I have a sister. Yeah.

Intervjuare [00:13:04]: Okay, yeah.

Talare 1 [00:13:05]: Yes.

Intervjuare [00:13:06]: Is she in China, or is she in?

Talare 1 [00:13:08]: My sister study, studies at Hong Kong. Yeah. Hong Kong for her master degree right now. Yes.

Intervjuare [00:13:19]: Do you ever go back and visit in, in your, do you have relatives or friends or, I mean, do you?

Talare 1 [00:13:26]: Yeah. Commute to, (?). Yes. My father and mother still live in China. And I back to China last year, almost at the same time. It was the end of March. Yeah, I back to China, yes. Most of our relatives live in China now. Yes.

Intervjuare [00:13:53]: Do they come here and visit you?

Talare 1 [00:13:56]: My mother and my sister and my nephew and my father, they all visited us during the last two years. Yeah.

Intervjuare [00:14:06]: What do you do in Gothenburg when they come?

Talare 1 [00:14:14]: I, I study, and as I told you we work here as an entrepreneur. So we operate our own restaurant here. So when our relatives visited us, we were visited the city together, go some maybe Chinese restaurant to have some food. And we go shopping, something like that. Travelled around Gothenburg, or go to Denma, Denmark together. Yes.

Intervjuare [00:14:52]: Are there any places in Gothenburg that you specially like?

Talare 1 [00:14:56]: Specially like in Gothenburg? Maybe that big park. Slotts.

Intervjuare [00:15:04]: Slottsskogen.

Talare 1 [00:15:05]: Skogen, skogen, yes. And other place is the river, river tour with boat, is quite nice. Since it's so long, cheap and quite good view, views around side.

Intervjuare [00:15:21]: You mean the canal, or the harbor?

Talare 1 [00:15:23]: Yes, the canal. Yes. Is very good.

Intervjuare [00:15:32]: When you move, when you move around in the city, how do you do that?

Talare 1 [00:15:38]: You mean travel in the city, or the daily life?

Intervjuare [00:15:42]: No, in the, in the city, how you travel?

Talare 1 [00:15:45]: Yeah, I prefer the, by bicycle. Or by feet. But not that much by public traf, traffic. Spårvagnen or bus, not that much. Yes.

Intervjuare [00:16:01]: How come?

Talare 1 [00:16:03]: You mean the reason?

Intervjuare [00:16:04]: Yes.

Talare 1 [00:16:05]: Since I, I think it's not a big city. So with my bike I can go anywhere

within, 10 or 12 minutes I can go anywhere I want. And I do not need to pay for that since I have a very good bicycle. And same time I can get some exercise. So it's good. And very close to the nature. Yes.

Intervjuare [00:16:32]: Do you think it's a good city to, to bicycle in?

Talare 1 [00:16:35]: Yes. Quite good.

Intervjuare [00:16:38]: Where is your work place, or where do you study, or, the, university, which one is it?

Talare 1 [00:16:46]: Handelsskolan.

Intervjuare [00:16:47]: Yes. Aha, Handels, okay.

Talare 1 [00:16:51]: My study over there, but Chalmers bibliotek more close to my apartment, so mostly I choose to study over there. And our restaurant located at Södra vägen 91. So it's not very far away, it's just a triangle route.

Intervjuare [00:17:13]: Did you know, was your wife already a chef, or restaurant owner, or?

Talare 1 [00:17:20]: Yeah. We purchased that restaurant in 2017. So my wife already get her permit, work as self-employee, so my wife is owner and the main chef over the restaurant.

Intervjuare [00:17:41]: But she, but she knew already how to cook or how to...? Or is it somebody else who does the...? Is she making the food, in...?

Talare 1 [00:17:50]: Yes, yes. The thing is like this, my wife's major in her university, it's hotel administration, it's not that much related to hot cooking food. But she is a fan of Asian food. And I told you, her best friend in Copenhagen, that grew familiar with sushi, all kinds of sushi, so when we purchased this restaurant, my wife visited her (?) friend several time and learned a lot of new technique and new dishes from her friends. So after that she can cook, she can make sushi, and not only limited to sushi, a lot of new dishes. We are first restaurant to launch this kind of new dishes in Gothenburg. Yes.

Intervjuare [00:19:01]: Is it doing well, do you get, is it working?

Talare 1 [00:19:06]: Yes, it's working. But it's very interesting. Since, when we go to, went to Copenhagen, it's not a long time, and although we use camera to record some, but after you back to Gothenburg, if you want to do it by yourself it's hard. So we also learned from internet, from Google, or from YouTube. And we just mingled this kind of (ord ?) together. And accommodated with our customers' appetite, so we made, made our food in this kind, this way.

Intervjuare [00:19:49]: Do you work also in the restaurant?

Talare 1 [00:19:51]: Yeah. Not that much. I work over there in the rush hour, rush hour it's

from 11 to 13. A lot of people working around the Almedal they went to, go to our restaurant for lunch.

Intervjuare [00:20:11]: I see. Do you like it, or, and you wife, do you like to do it? Is it?

Talare 1 [00:20:18]: Yes. We, we like it. It's quite interesting. Since after, after the time accumulated you get familiar with your customers. Some customer, we improved your language skills. They can communicate with you more easier than before. So, it's quite interesting. And I think it's a good way for us to integrate in this society, or in this city, it's a very good way.

Intervjuare [00:20:59]: And you go to SFI, right?

Talare 1 [00:21:01]: Yeah. My wife also.

Intervjuare [00:21:02]: Okay. Yeah. How is that?

Talare 1 [00:21:06]: SFI is very good for immigration, and we both study at Hermods (?), the most (ord ?) SFI language school. And it's located at Elisedal, that's not far away from us. We study there one day maybe two hours. Yeah. We do not have that much hour to focus on our language. But we all passed SFI D-kurs (?). And now we study at SAS grundkurs. After SAS grund we will enter the SAS 1, SAS 2, SAS 3, after SAS 3 we can apply to university degree, the same as Swedish people. Yes.

Intervjuare [00:22:04]: Okay, I see, yeah, that's good. How old is your daughter?

Talare 1 [00:22:09]: My daughter came here when she was six years old. And she loves this city very much. First, she studied at a small school, name is Lilla Mossen. And after that we transferred to Johannebergsskolan. And I think for children it's much easier to accomplish the, know to, how to say that... to get used to this city. It's much easier for them. We use almost one year or two year to learn language. But not that kind of native speaker. But my daughter use only two months. And one of my Swedish friend said it's native Gothenburg accent. They said before six you get the native language. But after six. Yeah.

Intervjuare [00:23:18]: That's right.

Talare 1 [00:23:19]: So it's good we arrived here at six.

Intervjuare [00:23:22]: That's good, that's good. You know the word for a person in Gothenburg, göteborgare.

Talare 1 [00:23:30]: Yeah?

Intervjuare [00:23:30]: Do you think you are a göteborgare?

Talare 1 [00:23:34]: Yeah, what, goteborgare?

Intervjuare [00:23:36]: Göteborgare. That is like a Gothenburger. Persons in Gothenburg.

Talare 1 [00:23:41]: Okay, okay. Is kind of, I, I did not know this kind of concept before. Yeah, it's only the name for people who lived here?

Intervjuare [00:23:54]: Yeah.

Talare 1 [00:23:56]: Okay.

Intervjuare [00:23:56]: I don't know if you said, like a Londoner, or a, or a Parisian, or people, somebody that comes from, or live in a city.

Talare 1 [00:24:05]: Okay, okay.

Intervjuare [00:24:07]: But do you feel that you are, that you belong to the city?

Talare 1 [00:24:11]: Yeah, yeah, yeah, I belong to the city. Yeah.

Intervjuare [00:24:12]: Yeah. Yeah. Is it like home, or?

Talare 1 [00:24:15]: Okay. It's, it's my, it's my home now.

Intervjuare [00:24:18]: Yeah. Yeah. When, when do you think a person becomes a part of a city?

Talare 1 [00:24:31]: I think maybe after one years. Maybe after one year. It's not, it's not only up to the how long they live here. It's kind of, it's kind of a feeling, how they think about this city. Do they think they belong to this city, it's very important. I think if you can make living in the city, that means you belong to the city. And somewhere some people they need you. Yeah, it's very important for people get this kind of feeling. So, in our case, maybe our customer need, need us, our friends, our classmates, and also our teacher need us. Yeah, this kind of feeling, makes you feel very comfortable. And you think you are one of the citizens lived here, or just people lived here.

Intervjuare [00:25:49]: Mm. That's good. Do you, would you say that Gothenburg has some certain spirit or soul or feeling about it?

Talare 1 [00:26:01]: Yes. It's hard to express, but I think this city has it's, it's soul of the city, especially last year, world cup (ord ?). Everyone became the fans of Sverige national team, team. And we watched the team together, and we watched the team at Universeum. Ullevi, Ullevi stadium together. It's, I think this city is quite international. And that kind of spirit, it's, it's hard to express, but I can, I can feel, feel that. It's kind of passion. But on particular days you cannot find it, in some special days, for example work, hobby, you can feel that kind of passion from the bottom of everyone's hearts, the bottom of their heart. Maybe they are very shy at daily life, but at that time, they can express their kind of, it's a (ord?) very, very warm that kind of feeling. I think this city is amazing. Yeah. It's not always the same. At different time period is a different season has different face. Yes.

Intervjuare [00:27:51]: That's nice. If you were to say three good things about Gothenburg, what would you say?

Talare 1 [00:27:59]: Three good things of Gothenburg. First, I would like to say it's very, very, it's very lovely city, and very international, and for all of people it's very, how to say that, acceptable. Yeah. It's...

Intervjuare [00:28:29]: Do you mean people are accepted, or?

Talare 1 [00:28:31]: Yeah, yeah, yeah, accepted by the city. It's very easy to integrate in this city. And when we first arrived here, people are very nice and friendly. And the one we ask how to arrive some, somewhere, include the bus driver, and the, the people around the street, they stop to what they are doing and explain to us in English in details. It's very, very warm, warm-hearted. Yes.

Intervjuare [00:29:13]: Could you say three bad things?

Talare 1 [00:29:17]: Bad things here? Bad things here. First I would say the accommodation. Maybe a lot of people has this kind of, have this kind of problem. It's not easy to find accommodation at durable time, since it's a lot, very long queue for, for rent apartment from the government. Second I would say it's not easy for an immigrant to find, find a job here. Especially with economy background, the same like me. Although I have so many years working experience as a marketing manager at a bank, but here if you want to do some business or consulting work, the language is first. Every, everywhere they ask very high (ord?) of language. Since it's a service industry. Yeah. You cannot ask you customer speak all, all time speak English with you. It's, it's ridiculous. And the third thing... I think the third thing...

Intervjuare [00:30:57]: It doesn't have, you don't have to...

Talare 1 [00:30:59]: Yes, it's not that much. I think. Maybe sometime, somewhere you feel not that good, yeah, it's kind of, unsafety. Yeah, some, somewhere when you go to somewhere you, is that kind of surroundings, so makes you feel uncomfortable. Yeah.

Intervjuare [00:31:27]: Have you been to all parts of the city?

Talare 1 [00:31:30]: Yeah, almost all part. But not to, not to all over the city, but most part of the city I have been there.

Intervjuare [00:31:41]: Also in the bigger surroundings, or like, I mean, not only in the center, but also in the?

Talare 1 [00:31:49]: Yeah, yeah, yeah. Also the terminal of spårvagnen, yeah. A lot of (ord ?).

Intervjuare [00:31:59]: Do you, do you go to the sea?

Talare 1 [00:32:01]: Sea, yes.

Intervjuare [00:32:01]: Or the islands?

Talare 1 [00:32:02]: Yeah, yeah, yeah. Not, not island, and yeah, island, not big island. Yeah. It's around, around the seaside.

Intervjuare [00:32:11]: Yeah. The archipelago. But you know, when you take the ferry out to the nearest islands.

Talare 1 [00:32:18]: Yes, yes. Yes. We go to small island, take ferry to there. I forgot the name. It's used to a prison, prison, you know that prison, it's Ma, Mast...

Intervjuare [00:32:34]: Älvsborg, or? No?

Talare 1 [00:32:36]: No, it's. I forgot.

Intervjuare [00:32:39]: Åh, Marstrand.

Talare 1 [00:32:40]: Yeah, yeah Marstrand. Yeah, yeah, yeah. Yeah.

Intervjuare [00:32:41]: That's right. That's nice. Do you have any, do you think that Gothenburg is segregated, as a city? If you see what I mean?

Talare 1 [00:32:57]: Segregated?

Intervjuare [00:32:57]: Segregated, that is, you know, that some people live here with some background, some economic conditions, and then other people live here, and they don't go to each other's places.

Talare 1 [00:33:10]: Yes, yes, yes. I don't know the situation in history, but from my view, now it's, it's this kind of situation. Yeah. And to be honest, most of people prefer to live in a safer, safer associate, society, and area. Yes. And I think, yeah, some of my friend or my classmates, maybe they came from some, some area where most of nationalities maybe they live there with, they do not need to speak Swedish, but they can communicate with, with each other. Yes.

Intervjuare [00:34:10]: Do you have any idea how to, how to change?

Talare 1 [00:34:14]: It's harder to change this kind of situation, and this kind of concept. Yeah, it's hard to do that. But I think maybe the government needed to do more things for the integration. Not only for immigrant, but also for refugees. It's not only open the gate and a lot ask them to come in. But how they make live here, how they can make a sustainable live here. It's not only get money from government gratis. They need to do something to support them, and they need better integration together with other immigrant and Swedish people together. That's very important things. Yes.

Intervjuare [00:35:17]: Mm. What would you like the city to be in the future? If you think about, like when your daughter grows up and, is there anything you, oh, I wish it was like this then, or I wish this would have happened, or?

Talare 1 [00:35:31]: Yes. I would like to see the city become more open. And without any discrimination to describe the people, or divide the people in different group or, that will be good. And everyone, also for immigrant, at least they can get same chance for job interview, or for job opportunity, for opportunity to get promotion. That will be good for, for the future. Especially for my daughter. Since sometime my daughter was thought when my hair color is black, why my classmates hair color is blonde. Why, that's so beautiful. Since maybe from her heart she still believes she not belongs to same group. But in the future I think maybe everyone could believe they are part of this city. This nationality. That will be really good. Yes.

Intervjuare [00:36:53]: I really hope so, too. Yeah.

Talare 1 [00:36:54]: Yes, yes.

Intervjuare [00:36:56]: That's important.

Talare 1 [00:36:58]: Yes.

Intervjuare [00:37:02]: I was just thinking about the, when you said that the banking, well, that it's a problem with the language, etcetera.

Talare 1 [00:37:10]: Yes, yeah.

Intervjuare [00:37:11]: But isn't there a bigger market now with, I mean, there are more and more people from China living in Gothenburg, right?

Talare 1 [00:37:18]: Yes, yes.

Intervjuare [00:37:19]: So maybe there should be a niche, or a.

Talare 1 [00:37:22]: Yes, for the job hunting it's quite complicated. Since from my knowledge, I know Swedish people when they finding job or seek job, they need some kind of reference. The reference can get the information first, and they can work like a reference to make the employer believe this guy is appropriate for this kind of sport. But for, for us, we absent to this kind of human resources and network, nobody knows we can do this kind of job. And, they don't know we have this kind of capability, so they cannot be our reference.

Intervjuare [00:38:25]: That's a problem.

Talare 1 [00:38:27]: Yes, that's a problem. So it's hard to, to get a job very easily. And some time I feel many people from our country, they work together and not work together, they work alone, live alone, they do not communicate to each other that much. And I don't know why. They, they would not like to share some information. Maybe it's kind of privacy, or kind

of consideration of their own behalf. Or something else. So.

Intervjuare [00:39:18]: But do you mean the people that live here but come from China? Or do you mean the people in Sweden generally? Or?

Talare 1 [00:39:26]: Maybe generally. Yeah. Sometime people are not that much like to share information to each other. Since it's very hard, even for Swedish people to find a job, when you get a job you get everything. You get loan from a bank, you get everything. So it's very important. So some time it's, it's not easy for them to share this kind of information. Or, work, like a reference for you. Yes, it's not easy.

Intervjuare [00:40:05]: But, but do you, do you have any contact with other people in Gothenburg that also come from China? Or is that...

Talare 1 [00:40:11]: Yeah, yeah, yeah. We have our, we have our network. You know, we use the same app called WeChat. It's kind of network, the same, almost the same like Facebook in China. So we have our only, we have our Chinese group, chat group, or Chinese network here. Yes.

Intervjuare [00:40:38]: Okay. Then, I just to need, well, there is one question, if you could describe like an ordinary day, what is it like? What do you, what do you do on an ordinary day?

Talare 1 [00:40:49]: Okay. For me?

Intervjuare [00:40:49]: Yes.

Talare 1 [00:40:50]: Okay. I often get up around 6:30, and after that I prepare food for my daughter. And wake up my daughter. We have breakfast together, and I send my daughter to Johannebergsskolan. After that I go to Chalmers bibliotek to study. I need to write, write to my graduate thesis for now, and I need read some papers and get some ideas from them. And usually I have my lunch over there. I prepare my lunch box and use microwave oven to warm it. And after that I study at afternoon for two or three hours. And I get my daughter back to our apartment, and prepare dinner for both of us. After dinner I will let my daughter play piano a little while, maybe one hour, maybe 40 minutes. After that I go to our restaurant, and help my wife to make some clean up after the restaurant. And preparation for tomorrow. And we close the restaurant together after 20:30. We go home together. So it's ordinary day. And usually it's my routine here. Almost repeat every day like this, yes.

Intervjuare [00:42:39]: Okay. But is the restaurant open in weekends?

Talare 1 [00:42:42]: Yeah, in weekend most of the days we are open all days. But, some, some day we choose to close it. Yes. Since you know, in Sweden when the date close to the salary day, it do not have a so many money left to, so the business was not that good. So we would like to choose close and have a rest together. Maybe go to park, maybe, yeah, go shopping, something else.

Intervjuare [00:43:19]: And in summer time, is it open also all the time, or?

Talare 1 [00:43:22]: Yes, summer time we choose two week or three week go for summer vacation. And during that time we were closed. Last summer we go to Visby. Yeah.

Intervjuare [00:43:36]: In, ah, Visby.

Talare 1 [00:43:38]: Visby. Yeah. Gotland.

Intervjuare [00:43:40]: Yeah, sorry, I was thinking some Chinese city. No, no. Okay. That's nice.

Talare 1 [00:43:49]: We think business is important, it's primary task for us, but not that kind of important. From the view of our customer, they would like to think okay, this, this owner is or this family is, they know how to work, and they know how to have a rest. Yeah, it's, it's important for both of us. Even for sportlov we, we go to ski center to have a rest. Yeah, it's very important to make your life some, some different. Yeah, it's not like robot. Always work.

Intervjuare [00:44:41]: No, you need rest. In Swe, you know, there is, today there are so many people that, they work too much, or there's lots in media about how, how work life takes too much time for people.

Talare 1 [00:44:59]: Yes. Yes. It's kind of trade off, or kind of a balance. You must have your own balance. Business or your life. Yeah. Since we have our daughter, we say we need some family time together.

Intervjuare [00:45:21]: Of course.

Talare 1 [00:45:22]: Yes.

Intervjuare [00:45:22]: That's wise.

Talare 1 [00:45:24]: Yes, yes. We should.

Intervjuare [00:45:27]: Now, final question, I think.

Talare 1 [00:45:29]: Yes.

Intervjuare [00:45:30]: About the area where you live, Johanneberg, Johanneberg. What is, what is, can you say what is good and what is bad about the area?

Talare 1 [00:45:43]: Yeah. I think this is one of the best area in Gothenburg. Since it's very center, this area. And a lot of university located here. And very convenient for us to go supermarket, or somewhere else. Universeum, or Liseberg. Yeah. It's very good place to live here. But the bad thing is the price of apartment, is so expensive. Also the market go down now, but is very hard for us to buy apartment here. Since we do not have so many income,

so we could not get that much bolån from bank. So it's very hard for us to buy apartment, so the bad thing is the accommodation, it's hard to deal with. Especially for immigrant. I think most of people, the foreigners, feels this kind of problem. Especially for work, self-employed, since self-employed, the bank has higher requirement for these. Yes, they need better figures. But as you might know, doing business in Sweden is not that kind of, not that easy. So many taxes, yes. You, every kronor you pay maybe 60 percent for that. After you have some, net income, you still need pay for the interest or your benefits. So it's hard to make money here.

Intervjuare [00:47:44]: Was the idea, did you have the idea of purchasing a restaurant already when you came, or was it just something that you?

Talare 1 [00:47:53]: Yes.

Intervjuare [00:47:54]: That happened.

Talare 1 [00:47:55]: Yeah, yeah, it's, it's not, it's not from initial we planned to buy a restaurant, since we do not have this kind of experience, working experience in China. We were work as a white collar manager in China. But when we lived here one year, and we find that we have so many costs. I need to pay for my education, and we need to pay for our accommodation, and we need to pay for food and, and we discussed together, our deposit in China could not support us in future two or three years, we used up all of our deposit. So my wife said it's not easy to find a job for you, and we love this city, we want to stay here, we must figure out a way for us to make our live here possible. So we purchased a restaurant. And after we purchased the restaurant, since a lot of Chinese people or other foreigners they run restaurant business here, but we want to make something different. Yes. So, we make some new and fresh dishes. And we almost, I work with our internet, so also is small restaurant. We have our own homepage. And we are first sushi restaurant which our customer could purchase on our website, and pay on our website. So it's quite advanced business idea. Actually, I use my knowledge and what I learned from handelsskolan to support my business. And if I have some idea, for example, customer relationship or marketing, I can use and I can fortify this kind of ideas out of my restaurant. And we changed some facilities, for example the kassamaskin and give our customer better experience than before. So they, they feel very comfortable to go to, to eat at our place. Yeah. So, when we do business we mustn't make it the same as traditional sushi restaurant or traditional small restaurant, we give some new expression and new idea, yes.

Intervjuare [00:50:52]: Maybe you will expand and become a...?

Talare 1 [00:50:55]: It's, it's hard to say at present. We want to make our business as sustainable as possible. And our primary task is to get our permanent residence until 2021, two years since now. Two years. So, I think from now we do not want to expand it. Since it's a small city, yeah, it's a small city, and restaurant industry very hard competition. Yeah. So it's, it's hard to say. And from now, we do not have so much money for invest, to, for expand our business. Yes.

Intervjuare [00:51:47]: I see. But there are, your chances for getting permanent permit to

stay, it's good, right?

Talare 1 [00:51:55]: We, we already got two years as a self-employed. But after these two years, the migration agency will reverse if our business is good, and they need to see some financial report. If they approve two years later, then we can get our resident permit. Yes.

Intervjuare [00:52:19]: I wish you the best luck.

Talare 1 [00:52:21]: Yes. We wish also, since our business is good and we treat people, we treat our customer very nice, so I think, yeah. It should be okay.

Intervjuare [00:52:35]: Yeah.

Talare 1 [00:52:36]: In two years.

Intervjuare [00:52:38]: Well, thank you very much. What was it that made you want to come and do the interview? What, what was the reason why you said yes to, to do the interview?

Talare 1 [00:52:50]: I think, yeah, it's a anniversary for this city, 400 years. And, I think most of Chinese people, they are shy, they are not like to share their feelings with others. They work alone, they live alone, so I think we need to participate much more than before. Since a lot of Chinese people they moved here, they work here, they live here, they need make some voice. And we need to record some voice from them. Yeah. I think that will be good. It's not only to think about myself interests, it's about, yeah, the big city, in publicly. Yeah. And when my friend told me this kind of event, I would like to participate. Yeah, it is good.

Intervjuare [00:53:57]: I'm very glad you did.

Talare 1 [00:53:58]: Yeah, yeah, yeah. (Ord?)

Intervjuare [00:54:00]: Was it anything else you wanted to say, do you have anything more you want to talk about?

Talare 1 [00:54:09]: I think to this interview it's, it's, it's enough. But I think for, for most of the museum or the, the bibliotek, this kind of public area, we need some more event for international people. And more event for the integration. I have been here last years, last two years. I think that will be much better. Since it's kind of culture communication. So we can, maybe we can arrange some exhibition or something together. Or you include cultural center. It's a lot of things we can, we can display, or we can arrange.

Intervjuare [00:55:12]: That's right.

Talare 1 [00:55:12]: Yes.

Intervjuare [00:55:15]: Very good.

Talare 1 [00:55:16]: Thank you.

Intervjuare [00:55:17]: Thank you so much.

Talare 1 [00:55:18]: Thank you so much.

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