Exploration of Conflicts in Thailand's Aging Society using Forum Theatre

BangCare

Sornchai (Sonny) Chatwiriuyachai
Malongdu Theatre – Volunteer Theatre Group established in 2013
The first TO group in Thailand and still the only one.
Performed more than 60 performances over the years
Forum theatre, invisible theatre, newspaper theatre etc.
Number of People Who Are 60 Years Old.
Thailand 2021

COMPLETED-AGED SOCIETY
1963 - 1983
Birthrate > 1 Million
For 20 years

Successful Birth Control
1960  6 births/women
1990  <2 births/women

People live longer
Male 69.9 yrs
Female 74.9 yrs

Thailand has the 2nd fastest growth rate of ageing population in ASEAN
1 out of 3 of the elders are below the Poverty line.

Income from Children but decreasing in %

About half of them still have to work to make a living.

Pension 30 usd/month
Bangcare : The Play
The play created by the participants of Malongdu’s 2016 workshop
Perform in 3 different occasions/audiences by 3 slightly different casts.

April 26th, 2017
November 18th-19th, 2017
December 13rd, 2017
MA (Mother)

- Widow
- Living with her son
- Traditional Ethnic Chinese-Thai values
HONG

• Oldest Daughter
• A Flight Attendant
• Lives in her own apartment near the airport
SIM

- 2nd Daughter
- Married with a man whom Ma doesn’t like because of his race.
- Lives in her husband. No children.
Tee

- Youngest Son
- First Jobber
- Getting scholarship to study in Australia
• Tee’s Boy Friend
• Planning to live with Tee in Australia
Youngest SON

MOM

SIM

2nd Daughter

2nd Daughter

Oldest Daughter

HONG

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HONG

SON

MOM

SIM

2nd Daughter

2nd Daughter

Oldest Daughter

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Sister Rivalry

Intolerance of Sexual Preference

Good Thai Female Ideology

Patriarchy Society

Inter-racial Marriage

Cultural Heritage

Capitalistic Values v.s. Family Values

Socio-Economic

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SON

MOM

HONG

Government Policy Pension
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