

Fremont lonely Asian senior directs the attention

Reporter Daniel Zhou, Fremont on September 2, 2009

Fremont mounted the mainstream full-sized newspaper New York Times the other day the front page, but is not about New United Motor Manufacturing Inc (NUMMI) whether to close, is neither displays outstanding about the Fremont youth baseball team at the national championship tournament, but about the Fremont Asian elder faced with loneliness, with difficulty to exchange with outside world.

This report content mainly concentrates in Fremont's Indian lineage. The report indicated that outside the Fremont's main market gate, may see frequently gathers together many Indian lineage elder, drinks tea while chats, content the murder case which occurred recently in Oakland, the cheapest airplane ticket flies to the Indian capital New Delhi, as well as how with the daughter-in-law who is not obedient is together and so on. This is the only with the outside exchange way, in addition, they do not have other people to be possible to talk.

In fact, the local faces this question including person of Chinese descent each Asian immigration tribal grouping tribal group, needs the government and the community strives together the solution, for old age immigration creation more resources.

East Bay the Tri-city Community Ambassador Program for Senior (CAPS) member, Taiwan community Help Association president John Hsieh on September 2nd indicated in the Tri-city area except have the massive Indian lineage immigration continually, the Chinese people and the Afghan lineage population are also many. The Fremont city government has spent many energy financial resource help old age immigrant life, and unites various ethnic Community organizations to provide the convenience together for the elder.

John Hsieh said that in Fremont, Sikhs has Gurdwara the very big temple, entire day free provides food, the Indian lineage also has own Indian community center. Comparatively, the Chinese people did not have an own public activity venue, only then several small temples, Taiwan Center also moved to San Jose. From China old age new immigrants because of questions and so on language, will not go to city owns senior center to participate in the activity generally, also will not go to places and so on Taiwanese Evergreen Academy, they will lack their meeting activity venue. He pointed out that the Chinese people need to have their own cultural center in the locality, must achieve this goal, but also has many matters to do.

The report pointed out that since 1990, the number of foreign-born people over 65 has grown from 2.7 million to 4.3 million - or about 11 percent of the country's recently arrived immigrants. Their ranks are expected to swell to 16 million by 2050. In California, one in nearly three seniors is now foreign born, according to a 2007 census survey.

Many are aging parents of naturalized American citizens, reuniting with their families. Yet experts say that America's ethnic elderly are among the most isolated people in America. Seventy percent of recent older immigrants speak little or no English. Most do not drive. Some studies suggest depression and psychological problems are widespread, the result of language barriers, a lack of social connections and values that sometimes conflict with the dominant American culture, including those of their assimilated children.