

## Abstract

The relationship among unconditional parental love, child's sense of security, and child's altruistic orientation was investigated in 366 Hong Kong F.1 and F.2 students. A shortened and revised Barrett-Lennard Relationship Inventory, Maslow's Security-Insecurity Inventory, Child Altruism Inventory, and demographic data sheet were group-administrated to participants in their regular class period. Results showed that the majority of the internal consistency for the inventories were satisfactory, this indicated that the inventories were fairly reliable instruments. The correlational analyses indicated that parental love was positively related to security, and the security was positively related to altruism, rather than parental love related to altruism directly. A three-step regression procedure for testing a mediational model (Judd & Kenny, 1981) was applied and the results showed that security was the mediator between parental love and altruism.