

## Abstract

Parent-child and sibling relationships have significant effects on children's development of interpersonal relationships and psychological well-being. Differences in parent-child and sibling relationships between individuals may be due to individual differences in both parents and children (Dunn, 1993b) and parental differential treatment to siblings (e.g. Kowal & Kramer, 1997). The present study investigates these issues in Hong Kong, which is presumably influenced by both Western and Chinese cultures. After observing 57 two-children families, including 32 interviews with both parents and children. It is observed that Hong Kong parents treat children differently according to children's birth order and gender. Therefore, Hong Kong parents, though tend to move away from traditions, still show similarity with Chinese parents. Moreover, children's perception of parental differential treatment are found to be related to sibling relationships. Thus, parental treatment is important in sibling relationships.