

Abstract

This study describes the development of Openness domain specific for the Chinese context and examines the relationship between Openness and friendship. It was designed to investigate the relationship between one's level of Openness and his/her choices of friends. Hong Kong university students filled in the newly developed Openness questionnaire, which consisted of nine facets, and a friendship questionnaire. The total Openness score was not related to one's variety or number of friends, or the numbers of friends who provide different types of support or of those who were of different types. However, a few facets of the Openness domain were found to be predictive for the various friendship variables. Also, gender difference was found to predict one's variety and number of friends. These results for the various relationships between Openness, friendship and gender are discussed.