Memories In Photographs

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"Take photos as long as you're young, my dear. Don't wait until you're as old as me and regret." I remembered my aunt advising me, reminding me to treasure the opportunity to keep memories and youth on film when she flipped through her graduation photo album. There was sorrow and despair in her voice and eyes.

Thank God, I have always had a thing for taking photos of myself and others. I used to strike weird poses in front of the camera when I was little and thought of myself as a star. Now technology brings us more and more ways of recording. I take full advantage of digital cameras and computers to capture what my heart and soul project on what is around me.

On the way to being an "unofficial" photographer, I have come across more than a few obstacles. For example, my family and friends are not as keen as I on photography. I have to literally force my uncles and aunts to get together for a shoot since people in the mainland are shy. In the case of my friends, they think they are not good enough for a picture and never stay in front of the camera unless they must.

Despite the difficulties, I stay true to my fascination for photography. Sometimes I dream of taking a backpack and wander around the world taking photos and experience life like that. Even if my photographic techniques are not good, I really do not care much about the results themselves, and may never give up taking photos. What I cherish is the feeling of keeping memories in a touchable way; in case I forget them. I will have a chance to revive my memory by looking at the pictures. Do you agree?

Teacher's Feedback: Very fluent and genuine in expressing your own feelings.

(Miss Amy Lai)

Food For Thought: Better to take out the photographs and have a good look them.

