

Phú Mỹ Hưng Interview Excerpt 3	Interview Date: June 20, 2012
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The interviewee is a 23-year-old receptionist who talks about the Vietnamese Learning Studies class which primarily teaches Vietnamese to foreigners (mostly Japanese, Korean and some Việt Kiều). She wants to open an “English-speaking” coffee shop where young people can come to hang out and exchange conversations in English; however, she does not plan on opening it in Phú Mỹ Hưng because it’s too expensive here, and she figures that most here will end up sending their children abroad to study the language. She would like to raise a family in Phú Mỹ Hưng; to her, Phú Mỹ Hưng is peaceful and “thoải mái.” Particularly, the air quality is good here (one does not need to wear a face mask), and she especially likes how there are no bundles of electrical lines hanging above the streets.

Interviewee: Ở Phú Mỹ Hưng thì chị thấy có nhiều cảnh để chụp hình mà ai mà chụp ở đó rồi lên facebook thì đũa nào cũng nói là Phú Mỹ Hưng.

Interviewer: Có phải là chị đi hồ bán Nguyệt không.

Interviewee: Ờ, nói chung là nhiều, nó chờ chị đi nhiều lắm, đợt đó nói chung bạn chị là nhiếp ảnh mà nên nó chờ chị đi, nó biến chị từ con vịt xấu xí trở thành thiên nga.

Interviewer: Không tại vì em có thấy nhiều người đi chụp hình ở chỗ đó.

Interviewee: Hầu như là sang Phú Mỹ Hưng là để chụp hình thôi, sinh viên nó chụp hình nhiều ở Phú Mỹ Hưng lắm. Cuối tuần người yêu hay chờ nhau đi Phú Mỹ Hưng chụp hình có những bạn thì qua đây chơi đi hồ bán nguyệt nè đó nhiều lắm.

Interviewee: At Phú Mỹ Hưng I see lots of pretty sceneries in which to take pictures, and if someone takes a picture there and posts it on Facebook, then everybody will know it was taken in Phú Mỹ Hưng.

Interviewer: Do you go to the Crescent Lake?

Interviewee: Yes. In general, lots [of places]. They take me often. My friend is a photographer, so he drove me and turned me from an ugly duckling into a swan.

Interviewer: I see many people take pictures there.

Interviewee: It seems that they come to Phú Mỹ Hưng just to take photos. Many students take a lot of pictures in Phú Mỹ Hưng. On the weekend, lovers often take each other to Phú Mỹ Hưng to take pictures. Friends come here to hang out. Many go to the Crescent Lake.