

Abstract

Following the reunification of Macao with mainland China, its economy has been developing rapidly. In recent years, it has attracted many foreign workers and, Chinese, is being more and more acknowledged and studied by large number of foreigners. They start to identify with Chinese values.

This research was conducted using questionnaire and subjective reaction test. Moreover, the foreigner reaction towards Chinese was investigated. There are a total of 209 subjects whose first language is English or Latin based-language. The questionnaire and subjective reaction test were translated in English, in order to analyze the Chinese ability, learning and use of foreigners in Macao and understand the relationship between the three.

There are number of foreigners in Macao who consider that Chinese is less valuable than English through the questionnaire. However, it illustrates the opposite result from the subjective reaction test. They believe that the value of Mandarin is greater than English. It indicates that they have different attitude towards Chinese language.

Key words: foreigners, language, additude, questionnaire, subject reaction test.