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At the end of the 80's, Wang as an outstanding talent was sent to Antwerp in Belgium to pursue a PhD, while his classmates in Sichuan was assigned to Mianyang and is still doing research now.

When the tendency of going abroad has just emerged, people who goes abroad were always considered as the pride of the family. Especially the wages and scholarship sent back can easily make the family become wealthy.

After five years, Wang obtained a PhD, at the same time, he had an opportunity to go to Holland for two years to become a postdoctoral fellow. Then the problem he faced was job hunting. Having a post doctoral identity at certain times was a disadvantage because it was difficult to apply for a visa to other countries, for example, Wang wanted to go to America, they thought once you entered, you would be illegal retention. Also, looking for a job was extremely difficult because most work thought you are overqualified.

At this time, the job application in China also obtained the reply. Many colleges and universities were hoping Dr. Wang back and to be the professor. Wang returned to China after several years but he found he could not adapt to the complex interpersonal relationship. Eventually, he gave up the chance to go back.

He finally achieved the chance to teach in the university in Brazil with the acquaintance support. Meanwhile, he applied for Canadian immigration, which was approved after less than half a year.

In January, 2010, the whole family became American citizens and settled in Seattle, living in the villa with big garden. At present, Wang work in the Microsoft market department. Facing the strong competitors, Wang work from 8 am to 10 pm every day.

Wang has two daughters, and one considers herself as a citizen of the world, and the other rejects most Chinese food.

Currently, Wang's elder daughter serves as a local judge assistant in Arizona. She always study hard and she can read Chinese books through learning Chinese by herself for three months in Brazil. She loves Chinese food. The younger daughter who is only 16 years old has already begun to consider the university matters. She dislikes most Chinese food.

The elder daughter Kelly was born in China 20 years ago. When she was 5 years old, she came to Antwerp with her mother for reunion with her father who was pursuing PhD. At first, the kids in class always made fun of her because of the language barrier and dress. When her self-esteem dropped to the lowest point and were extremely disappointed and were ashamed of racial characteristics, her mother always comfort her and she also encouraged her to continue to study. Gradually, she adapted to the surrounding environment and people's way of life. She began to learn to appreciate and be thankful. During the life in Belgium, she had her first contact with English,

French and Dutch.

Linda, the younger daughter, she has never lived in China. Her childhood almost spent in America, irreversibly influencing her now. She thinks the traffic in China is out of control because of the experience of visiting relatives with her mother in Guiyang. What's more, she thinks that China needs to enhance public education.

From the story, I can learn that different culture and environment make different effects on citizens' way of life, which make individuals from different countries have diverse perceptions and habits.