

“Honest Moment” column

***The outstanding achievement of Karl Derek John, CEO of both VIPD Group and TCK Group is still “surviving” after six years in Vietnam.***

1. What books are you reading at the moment?

The ‘Left Behind’ series of books.

2. If you bring one book for a long journey, what would it be?

The next book in the ‘Left Behind’ series.

3. What was the last film you saw?

Tropic Thunder.

4. Which living person do you currently most admire?

Sir Richard Branson, who is the owner of the Virgin Group with 250 companies and annual turnover of more than US\$5 billion.

5. If you could change one thing about yourself, what would it be?

Work less and find the time to take a holiday!

6. Have you ever had dinner (or lunch) alone?

Frequently, luckily I enjoy in my own company.

7. What character trait do you least like in others?

I hate people who lie!

8. So, When do you tell a lie?

When trying to avoid the question “how old are you?”

9. What is your greatest single luxury in life?

A holiday!

10. When and where were you happiest?

I am very happy in Vietnam, but I also have some unhappy days, then I wish I was enjoying the lifestyle in Australia.

11. Which creative / artistic talent would you most like to have ?

I'd like to be able to play a musical instrument, like the piano.

12. What do you think has been your single greatest achievement so far ?

Surviving six years in Vietnam!

13. What goal have you yet to achieve ?

To retire.

14. Which new place would you most like to visit ?

Iraq, after the current social trouble is over.

15. What is your favourite motto or saying at present ?

In Vietnamese, 'oi toi oi'. In English, 'He who dares wins'.

16. Which make you're afraid of...?

I hate rats, sadly there are so many in Vietnam.

17. What is your favourite music?

I love Country music and also Rock and Roll.

18. Your opinion about love?

True love is a many splendored thing.

19. So, What is your opinion about sex?

Sex is also a many splendored thing.

20. Your opinion about happiness?

There are many things in this life that can make us happy or sad and we can't always choose what happens in life. It's best to live life, day by day and go with the flow. Try not to get too stressed out!

21. If you found yourself alone on a desert island, how well do you think you would cope ?

I found myself alone in Vietnam and coped well (smile), so I guess it's not that different from a desert island!