Appendix

Dear participants:

Hello!

This is a questionnaire for the study in University of Macau study titled "Related Factors for Adults' Choice of Long-term Partners". The responses you make in the questionnaire will be used as part of the data analysis. We sincerely invite you to participate in our research.

This questionnaire is anonymous and we will never disclose any of your personal information and answers. The survey results are only for statistical use by researchers and have no responsibility or impact on participants. Participation in this study is voluntary, and you can choose to withdraw from participating in this study at any time. If you have any questions about this research, please contact: mb84840@um.edu.mo. Thank you very much for your participation.

There are three parts in this questionnaire. Part 1 is about the characteristics of long-term mates. Part 1(1) is for female heterosexual participants, part 1(2) is for male heterosexual participants. Part 2 and 3 are the same for all participants, about filial piety beliefs and parental influence.

Please read each question carefully and answer according to your actual situation:

1. What is the gender of your (potential) long-term partner? [Single choice question] *
   ○ Male (the next question is on part 1(1))
   ○ Female (the next question is on part 1(2))
Part 1:

Long-term partner refers to a stable partner relationship or sexual intercourse for the purpose of marriage, which can include husband and wife, long-term cohabitation, and stable romantic relationship between male and female friends. Please evaluate the importance of the conditions or traits listed below when you choose a long-term partner, and choose the option that best suits you.

(1)
|   | Conditions/traits | Least important to me | Less important | Not very important | a little bit important | Very important | Most important to me |
|---|------------------|----------------------|---------------|-------------------|-----------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| 17| generous         | 1                    | 2             | 3                 | 4                     | 5              | 6                   |
| 18| sympathetic      | 1                    | 2             | 3                 | 4                     | 5              | 6                   |
| 19| ambitious        | 1                    | 2             | 3                 | 4                     | 5              | 6                   |
| 20| Love children    | 1                    | 2             | 3                 | 4                     | 5              | 6                   |

(2)

|   | Conditions/traits | Least important to me | Less important | Not very important | a little bit important | Very important | Most important to me |
|---|------------------|----------------------|---------------|-------------------|-----------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| 1 | Kind-hearted     | 1                    | 2             | 3                 | 4                     | 5              | 6                   |
| 2 | Good income      | 1                    | 2             | 3                 | 4                     | 5              | 6                   |
| 3 | Good breast      | 1                    | 2             | 3                 | 4                     | 5              | 6                   |
| 4 | Good in shape    | 1                    | 2             | 3                 | 4                     | 5              | 6                   |
| 5 | High social status | 1                 | 2             | 3                 | 4                     | 5              | 6                   |
| 6 | Good looking     | 1                    | 2             | 3                 | 4                     | 5              | 6                   |
| 7 | Decent work      | 1                    | 2             | 3                 | 4                     | 5              | 6                   |
| 8 | Good housekeeping| 1                    | 2             | 3                 | 4                     | 5              | 6                   |
| 9 | sympathetic      | 1                    | 2             | 3                 | 4                     | 5              | 6                   |
| 10| sexy             | 1                    | 2             | 3                 | 4                     | 5              | 6                   |
| 11| faithful         | 1                    | 2             | 3                 | 4                     | 5              | 6                   |
| 12| considerate      | 1                    | 2             | 3                 | 4                     | 5              | 6                   |
| 13| Love children    | 1                    | 2             | 3                 | 4                     | 5              | 6                   |
| 14| reserved         | 1                    | 2             | 3                 | 4                     | 5              | 6                   |
| 15| loyal            | 1                    | 2             | 3                 | 4                     | 5              | 6                   |
| 16| Stay at home     | 1                    | 2             | 3                 | 4                     | 5              | 6                   |
| 17| Good family background | 1         | 2             | 3                 | 4                     | 5              | 6                   |
| 18| Good at cooking  | 1                    | 2             | 3                 | 4                     | 5              | 6                   |
| 19| young            | 1                    | 2             | 3                 | 4                     | 5              | 6                   |
Part 2:
In daily life, everyone has different opinions about how children should treat their parents. Here are some ways to treat your parents, please evaluate the importance of the ways listed below for you, and choose the option that best suits you.

|   | Items                                                                 | Completely unimportant | Less important | Not very important | a little bit important | Very important | Extremely important |
|---|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| 1 | Be frequently concerned about my parents’ health conditions.         | 1                      | 2              | 3                  | 4                     | 5              | 6                   |
| 2 | Take my parents’ suggestions even when I do not agree with them.     | 1                      | 2              | 3                  | 4                     | 5              | 6                   |
| 3 | Talk frequently with my parents to understand their thoughts and feelings. | 1                      | 2              | 3                  | 4                     | 5              | 6                   |
| 4 | Let my income be handled by my parents before marriage.              | 1                      | 2              | 3                  | 4                     | 5              | 6                   |
| 5 | Be frequently                                                        | 1                      | 2              | 3                  | 4                     | 5              | 6                   |
|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 6 | Disregard promises to friends in order to obey my parents. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | Be concerned about my parents, as well as understand them. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 8 | Give up my aspirations to meet my parents’ expectations. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 9 | Support my parents’ livelihood to make their lives more comfortable. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 10 | Do whatever my parents ask right away. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 11 | Be grateful to my parents for raising me. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 12 | Avoid getting married to someone my parents dislike. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 13 | Hurry home upon the | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|   |                         | I disagree completely | I somewhat disagree | neutral | I somewhat agree | I totally agree |
|---|-------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------|---------|------------------|-----------------|
| 1 | How happy would you feel if your parents thought the person you wanted to marry is fantastic? | 1                     | 2                   | 3       | 4                | 5               |
| 2 | How important is it to you that your parents get along | 1                     | 2                   | 3       | 4                | 5               |

Part 3:

When you choose a long-term partner, how much do your parents affect you? Please choose the option that best suits you.
|   | well with the person you are involved with? |   |   |   |   |
|---|------------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|
| 3 | How upset would you be if your parents saw nothing positive in the person you want to marry? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 4 | How sensitive are you to what your parents think about your romantic partners? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 5 | How hurt do you think your relationship with your parents would be if you married someone your parents disapproved of? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 6 | If your parents did not like someone you were dating, how likely would you end your relationship? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 7 | How often do/did your parents inquire about your romantic relationships? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 8 | How often do/did your parents express opinions regarding the people you date/dated? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 9 | Have your parents ever attempted to influence you to not date someone? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| 10 | Have your parents ever made negative comments about someone that you were dating? | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

Note: for part 1, items about good genes for female (to rate) are: have art talent(5), tall(6), brave(7), good-looking(8), strong(11); The items about good genes for male are: young(19), good in shape(4), sexy(10), good-looking(6), good breast(3); the items about
good providers for female are: wealthy(1), high social status(3), decent work(9), good family background(10), good income(14), good education(15), generous(17), ambitious(19); the items about good providers for male are: high social status(5), decent work(7), good family background(17), good income(2), good education(20); the items about good fathers are: kind-hearted(2), honest(4), family-oriented(12), sympathetic(18), considerate(13), adventurous(16), love children(20) and the items about good mothers are: kind-hearted(1), faithful(11), reserved(14), sympathetic(9), considerate(12), good housekeeping(8), love children(13), loyal(15), stay at home(16), and good at cooking(18).

For part 2, the odd series items are for reciprocal filial piety, the even series items are for authoritarian filial piety.

For part 3, the first six items are for sensitivity, and the last four ones are for parental monitoring.