**Asian & Middle East**

**Chisato - Japan**

Even though the person who can’t drink … you should go together to drink and drink not— not alcoholic things and talk— talk together. Um … um … maybe sou— it sounds strange. Uh … Japanese— Japanese drinking party has a … first drinking party, second, third, we call it *Ichigi kai, Nigi kai, Sanji kai*. It means the first party is big— biggest party, but after that *Nigi kai*, it means second party. Uh … aft— after finished the first party we go to other— other place like karaoke … much more small number of the … uh … the … uh … the member but some— some— somebody go back to home after the first party but somebody go to second party. If that second party gets excited then we go to another party, much smaller number, so … we— we create continuing party of the same day. Maybe second or third but sometimes fourth, it’s all— all— all— all night, so…

**Johnny – Palestine**

[4.43] Coming from the US or the UK or any— any foreign country to, let’s say, Palestine … it depends on the—on— on— on where you heading. I mean if you come to— to Dubai you won’t be really have the shock because … um … you’d be surprised that all the chain … uh … stores, let’s say you find in the UK, US or any other country, the—the— you mostly find them in Dubai. And plus the behaviour is almost similar, of course with some cultural res— restriction. So if you move from US, UK or any country coming to Dubai you won’t be that … um … that surprised because this country has a very strong economy. Um … vice versa if you go— if you move from, example, let’s say US … um … or UK going to Palestine you will have a problem because the— the problem is that be— it— it’s not a rich country and there aren’t that much of the chain store that you will find somewhere else. He— he needs to be more engaged with the— with the culture to— to— to try that but— but in terms of freedom, it’s almost the same as the US and the UK. Of course less than Dubai in certain areas … um … but yeah, it’s not as … um … as you think it might be too— too … um … alright, let’s say too difficult.

The only thing that I find difficult when I moved there is what kind of food would I want to eat because you know coming from the Middle East, you know the Middle Eastern food comparing to the— to the United States and even in the UK or France so it was very difficult for me to adapt. So I would say I spent almost one month in McDonald’s just to eat at McDonald’s every single day till I— I tried to adapt what kind of food can I eat and, you know, I go to restaurants, I start ordering food but it’s not the food that I like and that’s for me adapting the— the move. And then when it comes to work … um … working hours I would say it’s— it’s very— very comfort— comfort and, of course, there is more regulation and … um … I would say it’s more— more interesting to work in the US than any other country that I have experienced before.

At the same time you also miss your community and your friend because the social life in the US is more of a close community. Um … not a close community in terms of really close but … um … what I’m trying to say in Middle East we’re more of a family-oriented … uh … culture. Vice versa when you move in the US it’s more as individual culture so … um … um … there’s certain things that you are afraid to do because, you know, people in their country is forbidden.