Work without name: changing patterns of children’s work in a Northern Vietnamese village
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GLOSSARY

This glossary includes specific words, slang phrases, proverbs and sayings that have appeared in this text. Most of them are widely used in Northern Vietnam but some should be understood in the context of Giao village.

Words and phrases

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<td>Anh chi em ruot</td>
<td>Full siblings</td>
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<td>Anh chi em ho</td>
<td>Patrilineal/matrilateral same-generation cousins</td>
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<td>Anh/chi cung cha khác me</td>
<td>Senior half-brothers/sisters</td>
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<td>Ba khoan</td>
<td>Three points contract system</td>
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<td>Bac</td>
<td>Father’s older brothers/sisters</td>
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<td>Ban Bao Ve Di Tich Lich Su Van Hoa: Committee for Protection of Historical and Cultural Monuments</td>
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<td>Ban Khanh Tiet</td>
<td>Village Committee for Rituals</td>
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<td>Ba kinh vo bo me</td>
<td>Disrespect to the parents</td>
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<td>Binh cong</td>
<td>Public evaluation of workpoints</td>
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<td>Cai thau</td>
<td>Entrepreneur</td>
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<td>Cam</td>
<td>Bran</td>
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<td>Cam Ion</td>
<td>The mixture of vegetable and bran for pigs</td>
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<td>Can bo trung uong</td>
<td>Central cadre</td>
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<td>Cau tu</td>
<td>Praying for having a male heir</td>
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<td>Chau dich ton</td>
<td>The eldest son who will inherit and continue the lineage</td>
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<td>The village cell of the CPV</td>
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<td>People market (where labourers are hanging around to hire out their labour)</td>
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<td>Chua Huong</td>
<td>Perfume Pagoda</td>
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<td>Con gai</td>
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<td>Con trai</td>
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<td>Cong diem</td>
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<td>Cuoi lai</td>
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<td>Cuong hao</td>
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<td>Dam dang viec nha</td>
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<td>Dam dat</td>
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<td>Dan ba</td>
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<td>Dan ngu cu</td>
<td>Adopted residents</td>
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<td>Dao Hieu</td>
<td>Filial Duty</td>
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<td>Day cu</td>
<td>Full-day old (referred to newly born child)</td>
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<td>Day nam</td>
<td>One full-year old</td>
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<td>Day thang</td>
<td>One full-month old</td>
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<td>Den</td>
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Di hoan
Dia chu
Dieu cong
Doi cac cu
Doi cay
Doi cay
Doi cong
Doi Moi
Doi san xuat
Doi thu cong
Doi trong cay

Doi truong tuan
Doi tuong chinh sach
Dong
Dong ho
Dua o
Duc Ong
Duong

E chong

Ghen tuong
Ghen ty
Gia dinh
Gia dinh tuyet tu
Gia pha
Giao vien chu nhiem
Giap

Gio to
(Go) lim
(Go) mun
(Go) po-mu
(Go) trac
Gui (ban) con vao cua thanh

Hang xao
Hiep tho
Ho dang cha/ho noi
Ho dang me/ho ngoai
Ho gan
Ho xa
Hoc cach lam nguoi
Hoi Bao Tho
Hoi Cac Gia
Hoi Dong Nien
Hoi ho
Hoi tho moc
Hoi Tu van
Hop tac xa mang non
Hop tac xa nong nghieng
Hu
Huan Dich Thap Dieu
Huong uoc

To get castrated (a slang referring to people who receive sterilisation)
Landlord
Work distribution
Elderly people team
The plowing team (mostly male workers)

The planting team (mostly female workers)
Labour exchange
Renovation
Production brigade
Handicraft team
Tree planting team

Guarding team
Subjects covered by a social policy
The dong (or: the piaster, Vietnam currency)
Lineage
House servant
Guardian Deity
Yang

Those women who have difficulty in finding a husband

Jealousy
Envy
The family
Heirless family
The family record
Teacher in charge
An organisation of village male members aged from 18 and older
The ancestor's death anniversary
Erithrophreu fordii (wood)
Ebony wood
Filkieniahodginisi (wood)
Delbergia cochinchineminis (wood)
Commending the child to deity

Rice miller
The guild of worker.
Father's patrilineage
Mother's patrilineage
Close relatives
Distant relatives
To learn the way of living
Association for Protection of Elderly People
Buddhist Association of Elderly Women
Association of people of the same age group
Credit association
Association of carpenters
Association of Confucian scholars
Co-operative of young persons
Agricultural co-operative
Naughty
Ten Commandments to the Children
Village convention

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Contract
Household contract
Output contract
Contracted tasks
Contract 100 (comes from the directive numbered 100
issued by the CPV)
Childlessness
The Book of Rites (Confucian text)
To help
Cool
Main labourers
Assistant labourers
Indirect labour
Nomination of a male heir
Garrulousness
Hired labour for wage
Using labour to make a profit
Dragon
Additional tutorials
Kindergarten/nursery school
Harmonizing food
Unicorn
The village head (old)
Apricot
Undisciplined
Land measurement unit, an area of 3,600 square meter
(about 1/3 hectare).
Family Instruction (Confucian text)
Collection of Chinese wisdom sayings (used as text book to
Teach children).
Uncle Ho’s Five Commandments to Children
Boy and girls are not allowed to be close (Confucian ethics)
Good behaviour
Supplementary production branch
The Five Classics (Confucian Text)
Selfish people
Adult
Strangers
Five Ethics
Crèche
Cultural House
Adopting a child
Twenty four filial duties of the children (Confucian ethics)
Self-denial
Hot
Bonded labour
Servant for life
Seasonal servant
Servant on annual basis
A conservative man (slang).
Buddhism
Deputy head of village
Rich peasant
Phoenix
Craft and trade guilds
Little worker/apprentices

Retribution based on karma
Transition
Tortoise
Land fund

Land owned by (Buddhist) Pagodas
Communal land
Land owned by the village communal house
Land owned by specific patrilineage
Ancestral cult portion land

A land measurement unit, an area of 360 sq.m2.

Chief
Workpoints records
Unfortunate fate
Nun
The cause of cultivating the people

Broken rice
Three Principles (Confucian ethics)
Three Thousand Words (Chinese characters)
Three Follows and Four Virtues (Confucian ethics regarding women’s morality)
Trimetrical Classics

Premature marriage
"Leaving the wife at large" (a village custom)
Village Tutelary Deities
Houseboy
Goddess
Priest
Village teacher of classical Chinese
Teacher
Christianity

Craftsman
Foreman
Carvers
Carpenter
Confucian Book of Family Rites
Balanced paddy
Custodian
Good practices and customs
Poll-tax
Founder of patrilineage
Withering [slow] money (slang word)
Fresh [quick] money (slang word)
Grave-visiting festival
Sentiment
Clinic station
Rice husk
Tre con
Trom cap
Truc
Truong chi
Truong chuyen
Truong ho
Truong thon
Tu Dan (Sy, Nong, Cong, Thuong)

Tu Thu
Tung
Tuoi mu
Tuoi tay

Vang loi
Viec khong ten
Viec linh tinh
Vo
Vu
Vu chien/vu thang 5
Vu dong
Vu mua/vu thang 10

Xoa dau cau
Xom

Child
Kleptomania/Thievery
Bamboo
The head of patrilineage branches
Specialized school
The head of patrilineage
The head of village (new)
Four social classes (intellectual, peasant, craftsman, trader)
The Four Books (Confucian text)
Pine
Age formed by “goddess”
Chronological age (by solar calendar)

Obedience
Work without name
Odd jobs
Wife
Crop/ Harvest
Paddy crop harvested in May-June
Winter crop
Paddy crop harvested in October-November

Custom of “touching the head of male heir”
Hamlet

Proverbs and sayings

Be nguoi con nha bac, lon xac con nha chu
(Though young as she/he is, she/he is the child from the higher patrilineal offshoot, though old as [you are], you are only a child from a lower branch)

Ca ao ai vao ao ta ta duoc
(If a fish comes to my pond, it is mine no matter where it comes from).

Cha me dat dau con ngoi day
(Children have to sit at the place arranged for them by their parents).

Co tien mua tien cong duoc
(With money, you can even buy angles).

Cong Dung Ngon Hanh
(The Four Woman Virtues: Housewifery, Tolerance, Nice Words, Good Character).

Con hu tai me, chau hu tai ba
(Children are spoiled by their mothers, and grandchildren are spoiled by their grandmothers).

Con gai la con nguoi ta, Con dau moi that mt
(A daughter is someone else’s child, A daughter in law is a real child bought by the parents)

Con dai cai mang
(Parents have to bear responsibility for their children’s foolishness).

Dat vua chua lang
(The land belong to the King, the pagodas belong to the village)

Day con tu thuong con tho
(A child needs to be taught at an early age).

Dep trai di bo khong bang mat ro di Honda
(An ugly boy riding a Honda motorbike is more respectable than a handsome boy going about by foot).
Dong tien la Tien, la Phat, la suc bat cuoc doi
(With money, you can be regarded as Angles and Buddha, and money make you stronger in life)

Gai thap tam, nam thap luc
(A girl is mature at 13, a boy at 16)

Giu cua nhu giu ma to
(Keeping the valuables as careful as keeping the ancestral tombs).

Gia don non nhe
(To enforce discipline (on children), just use a big stick).

Giau con ut, kho con ut
(For better or worse, parents prefer to stay with the last-born son).

Giot mau dao hon ao nuoc la
(A drop of kinship blood is much more precious than a pond of water).

Khi doi, dau goi phai bo
(When you're hungry, you'll have to crawl).

Khong thay do may lam nen
(Without a teacher, you will be nobody).

Mot me gia bang ba con o
(An elderly mother can work as hard as three house servants).

Mua khong den mat, nang khong den dau
(One's face and head are safe from rain and sun-- meaning the preference of light jobs).

Nam ton nu ty
(Veneration for men and disregard for women).

Nham mat lam ngo
(Turn a blind eye).

Nhan cu vi bat thien
(Idleness is the root of all evils).

Nu nhi ngoai toc
(Females are outsiders of the patrilineage)

Phep vua thua Ie lang
(The King's Law surrender s to the village custom)

Ra duong hoi nguoi gia, ve nha hoi tre nho
(If you want to know your way around, ask the elderly; If you want to know what really goes on in the home, ask the children).

Ruong be be khong bang nghe trong tay
(Having a lot of rice land is no better than possessing a skill)

Ruong sau trau nai khong bang con gai dau long
(A first-born daughter is worth more than a piece of fertile rice land or a good buffalo).

Sinh nghe, tu nghieng
(To be born into the trade and to die for the trade).

Tam nam bat phu, tu nu bat ban
(Three sons do not make you rich, four daughter do not make you poor).

Thang gu lung lam cho thang ngay lung an
(The hard worker do more but in the end, lazy-bones eat)

Thuong con cho roi cho vot, Ghet con cho ngot cho bui
(If you love your children, give them the rod and the stick; If you loathe your children, give them sweets and tidbits; or: Spare the rod and spoil the child).

Tien hoc le, hau hoc van
(Learn the rites first, then acquire the knowledge).

Ton su trong dao
(Veneration for educational ethics).

Trai o re nhu cho chui gam chan
(Son-in-law living at his in-laws is just like a dog living under the pantry).
Van hay chu tot khong bang thang dot lam tien
(A well-educated man is worth less than an illiterate boy making a lot of money).

Vang nhu chua ba Danh
(As quiet as a pagoda).