**TOPIC(130) ▶ Do you agree or disagree with the following statement?**

**[Only people who earn a lot of money are successful. ]**

**Use specific reasons and examples to support your answer.**

Most of the ordinary people who create numerous interactions and relationships are inclined to believe the power of the wealth in modern society. In fact, money has a power to make the others to do anything he wants even though they don’t want to. Consequently, some concluded that owning a massive amount of property makes the life successful. However, I disagree with this view due to the irrelevance between wealth and happiness, possibilities to be involved in corruptions, and the various meanings of ‘successful’.

First of all, having an abundance of the property doesn’t assure the happiness in one’s life. The term ‘successful life’ is actually subjective so everyone has different belief and thoughts about it. Yet majority of the public believe that living a successful life means living a happy life. Owning a lot of assets doesn’t mean that the person is living a happy life. In reality, most rich people feel anxious of their future and they get a lot of stress from their busy life. They feel anxious of losing their money by a business failure or robbery conducted by poor criminals toward their property. On the other hand, people who have gone through the poverty are living a happy life. They not only can avoid any stress from work but also have freedom to do anything what they want to enjoy.

Second of all, there is more possibility for the wealthy people to be involved in corruptions associated with their businesses or interests. Since the more people have the greedier they become, wealthy people cannot avoid the enticement of corruptions, which provide opportunities for them to make impressive amount of money or to obtain something what they want. There are a number of real cases of corruptions which involve several rich individuals. For instance, Stockholm university enrollment corruption is a one of the most representative corruptions involving riches. The rich father provided over 7.5 million dollars of a bribe to the university since he wanted his son’s successful admission to the school. The life full of these depraved corruptions cannot be called a ‘successful life’.

Lastly, each person has different perspective about the term ‘successful’. Although most people think happy life is soon a successful life, as mentioned before, still a few people have different point of view about what a successful life is. For example, some people think setting a goal and achieving that every designated interval is a successful life while there are also someone who believe living as an ordinary person with no risk, no future anxiety, and no stress is a successful life.

In conclusion, I disagree with the view that only being wealthy makes people to live a successful life since having a lot of money doesn’t always mean to be happy, it makes the person to be depraved, and there are numerous meanings of being ‘successful’. Whether being successful is to earn a lot of money or just to be ordinary, however, I believe that it’s important for everyone to prepare and study during their youth in order to live a life which they wanted to be.