

## Abstract

The present study examined the processes that affected friendship strength and pattern of self disclosure among roommates. One hundred and thirty one students of The Chinese University of Hong Kong rated their own and their roommates' personality, their friendship strength and amount of self disclosure. It was found that the correlation between friendship strength and self disclosure was not high. On the other hand, friendship strength was easier to predict than the pattern of self disclosure. Both of them were largely determined by the perceiver's level of application. Perceiver's level of restraint also predicted self disclosure. Despite perceiver's level of application, the "angel" effects of the perceiver's rated-other intellect and helpfulness and the amount of self disclosure were found to be significant determinants of friendship. Generally speaking, perception instead of the actuality is the more accurate predictor for friendship strength and self-disclosure in the world of Chinese roommate relationships.