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Narrator Life Map

1964  Mr. Lee was born in Vietnam
1975  Mr. Lee came to the United States (North East—Brooklyn)
    – Massachusetts
    – He was adopted through a program called Baby Lift
1979  Mr. Lee left the United States to go live in Switzerland
1990  Mr. Lee met his spouse in Switzerland
1994  First trip back to Vietnam for three weeks
1995  Mr. Lee left to Switzerland to Singapore for professional reasons—business trip
1999  Mr. Lee went back to Switzerland
2008-2009  Mr. Lee came back to the United States (California)

* Recently started visiting Vietnam every year

Education

– Engineering school in Switzerland
– Masters in London

Professional life/career

– Started out as an engineer when he finished his Bachelors in Switzerland—first step into Swiss life
– Worked for an American Company in Switzerland
– Singapore: working in the same American company
– As of 2012, Mr. Lee works on contracts, rather than having a permanent job. He is a project manager.