

# Will you let your own kids play e-sports in the future□



*Have you ever thought about the jobs in the future? I'd like to say something about e-sports which is brand new in our sight. Once we regard e-sports as a job, would it be a good choice?*

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Lee Jae-Dong, alias Jaedong, nicknamed The Tyrant and The Legend Killer, (born January 9, 1990) is a South Korean professional StarCraft: Brood War and StarCraft 2 player for the American team Evil Geniuses. Using the Zerg race in both games, Lee is one of the most successful StarCraft players of all time, winning five OnGameNet Starleague (OSL) and MBCGame StarCraft League (MSL) tournaments, and earning over \$500,000

in tournament prize money alone through his career – the most of any professional gamer.

Although harvesting several runners-up in 2013, he still maintained a high competitive level by contrast. Nevertheless, he said in one interview, he will play games with his own child, but will not let him play it professional. Moreover, he explained the reason is “Because I have tried before, I know the pain in it. Of course, all the jobs will face the constant competition, but the pain of the e-sports is too much. I will become a dad who plays games with children, but I don’t want my own child also suffer.”

In addition, E-sports have been very popular, but not easy. In Korea, e-sports’ social recognition is not so high like what we have imagined. When the reporter says, “a lot of people say, e-sports is not a sport.” Jaedong’s answer is “Since I just have been a professional player, until now, there are still those who say that... From the perspective of the history of e-sports’ market, it is much shorter than other sports. However, it really has a rapid development. I think people’s consciousness will change quite slowly. This is also our generation must do. Twenty or thirty years later, when I am 40 or 50 years old, the situation may be different. If we force to make people accept the fact now, it may be counterproductive.”

Frankly speaking, if we want to accomplish something in our life, it is doomed to be a rough road, not only the e- sports, but also other professions.

A good job need to meet three conditions: First, a strong interest no matter how low the salary is. Second, a clear meaning, convinced that the life value to be realized. Third, we can rely on it to feed ourselves.

The characters of the people are not the same. In common, whether the position for oneself is the most proper, the standard is not to see how many

people in the society fighting for it, it needs to ask our life and soul, to see whether we really feel happy.

Besides, every parent want their own children to have a bright future without risks. So supposing that e-sports can have a bright future, will you be willing to support your children to play e-sports?