A Big Family

I was born and raised in Hanoi. My family is very traditional; my paternal grandparents, my parents, and their three siblings lived in a small alley house. The house was not large, but had enough rooms for the whole family. My family has many relatives: uncles, grandparents, aunts, cousins, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

My great-grandfather is nearly 90 years old, but he is still lucid and healthy. He had two children, my grandfather and his brother, and he currently lives with my grandfather's brother. My grandparents therefore often visit him, especially on the weekends. During the Tet holidays, that house is always crowded with all the children and grandchildren and great-grandchildren who come to visit him, and the house is filled with laughter and joy. My great-grandfather talks with his children, while his grandchildren – my parents and aunts and uncles – prepare meals for everyone while their children play. He is always happy and cares about all his family members. He taught us to always love, care for, and help each other. My whole family is therefore always friendly and full of smiles and laughter.

Who cooks the food during the Tet holiday?

My grandfather is nearly 90 years old; is that correct?

Where was I born?