

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Name of Interviewee: Kwok Kam Ying

Name of Interviewer: Chan Siu Wai, Grace

Date of Interview: 9 March 2000

Location of Interview: interviewee and interviewer's home

Number of Tapes: 1

The interviewee (Anita) is my mother who spent her childhood in a boat. She was borned in a fishing family. It is a big family that includes ten people in total, her parents, two elder brothers, five younger brothers (It should be six in total actually, but one of them died because of sickness) and one younger sister. Her family was a poor family, as what she described, "we could earn the breakfast but dinner or the dinner but breakfast". Therefore, Anita did not have chance to go to the school (so was her eldest brother), besides, she had to take care for her younger siblings. The only entertainment or hobby for her was making clothes and seeing films and she learned clothing by herself. Her friends were those girls from other boats but they have not contacted each other after marriages. They could not contact each other since they didn't have telephones that time. Compared to her younger sister and other siblings those who had studied she felt they were luckier. She has not blamed her parents this since she felt her parents had worked very hard already. There was once Anita's eldest brother dropped the fishing founding carelessly back into the sea, he tried very hard to jump into the sea to get them back, this event was vivid in Anita's mind. Overall, Anita could not say whether her childhood a happy one or not, she said there was nothing she could regard as happy or unhappy.

EVALUATION OF SUMMARY

Please give an account indication:

- The physical environment in which the interview was conducted
- Particular features of the interview (e.g. constant interruptions)
- General reaction of interviewee (e.g. nervous, confident, reserved)
- Any problems encountered or other observations

The interview was conducted in Anita's (my mother's) home, which is also the place I am living. To make the atmosphere more relaxed, I chose to conduct the interview on Anita's bed that we lied together, as what we always postured to talk with each other sometimes. Anita was a little bit nervous in the beginning, but relieved later. For most included in the tape is what I have heard of many times before the interview, I chose some questions those might be curious to my classmates and asked Anita.