

INTERVIEW SUMMARY

This should be completed by the interviewer. The summary should be brief and completed immediately after the interview, either from memory or by listening to the tape.

Name of Interviewee Cheng Ching Kim (Tommy)
Name of Interviewer Lam Ka Man (Kamen)
Date of Interview 7th March, 2000
Location of Interview Tommy home (Tseung Kwan O)
Number of Tapes 1

Tommy was born in a small city of mainland China. He is 22 years old now. When he was 15 years old, his family and he emigrate to H.K.

Before he came to H.K, his family was very rich. E.g. his pocket money per month was equal to people's monthly salary. And also, most of classmate liked to play with him. Overall, before he came to Hong Kong, he said his childhood was very happy.

But, after he came to H.K, his family became very poor. They hadn't their flat in H.K. They just rented a room and lived together. And the flat need to share with another family. Besides, he had language problem. Before he came, no one teaches him to speak Cantonese. Moreover, he faced discrimination problem.

As there was a big change in his childhood, his personality also changed a lot after he came to H.K. Before, he liked to go out and talk with his parent. But, after, he always lost temper and argued with his parent. Also, he didn't like to go out with them. He was afraid "Hong Kong People" will discriminate him when he went out. On the other hand, he became very quite as he wanted to protect himself. And he became a triad member because he hoped no one discriminate him.

Lastly, he said if he can choose, he would not come to H.K.

Evaluation of Interview

Please give an account indicating

- 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 physical environment was good to do the interview as it was very quiet. There was no interruption when doing the interview.

But in the beginning, the interviewee felt very nervous. He stopped me for two times when I wanted to start the interview and turned on the recorder. He asked me whether he can smoke or not before started the interview. Luckily, he began to feel more comfortable in the middle of the interview. And when we finished the interview, he was so happy that he can share his experience with people.

In fact, he said he never talk with anyone about his experience in this 7 years (he have lived in Hong Kong for 7 years). Before doing interview, he refused me 3 times that he didn't want to talk about this. But, lastly, after thinking, he accepted to do the interview.