

## **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: Chau Tai Yau**

**Name of Interviewer: Carmen Chau Kar Man**

**Date of Interview: 18<sup>th</sup> march 2000**

**Location of Interview: The home of Interviewee (Tin Shui Wai)**

**Number of Tapes: 1**

### **Summary:**

**Mr. Chau is my granddad and we had talked over the topics on his education, wartime and his attitude towards physical punishment. He was borned in 1932, and now is 67 years old. He attended the primary school when he was 11 years old and had studied for one and a half years. Besides, he had studied the Red Book for 2 years. During the lessons, he had to recite The Three Character Classic and Thousand Character Classic and then copied them for at least twice times. If he couldn't do it, his teacher would hit his head that was the old Chinese studying way of "Pop Pop Chai".**

**During the Sino-Japanese war, the life was very hard. There was the shortage of rice, he had to eaten all the sweet potatoes first. And he believed that the Japanese Army would not boom the Hong Kong citizens, but for the British Army.**

**In his childhood, he experienced from the physical punishment. So he can learn that it was not the effective way to teach children what is right by scolding and hitting. It is important to let the children have a chance for correction, as the proverb, It's never too late to mend.**

## EVALUATION OF INTERVIEW

Please give an account indicating

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

### **Evaluation:**

The recording was taped in Mr. Chau's home after we had the dinner. The environment is comfortable and we did the interview just like the normal talking. The interviewee is very enthusiastic, confident and willing to answer me all the questions. And there is lots of interaction within the interview.

**After the interview, I could know more about the life of childhood of my granddad. He is an intelligent, educated and energetic person who learnt by himself and never give up. I respect him very much. At the end of the interview, my granddad teaches me that we should learn through our life. I could take a valuable lesson during the interview.**