**Questionnaire/ interview transcripts**

**Interview Subject:** Subject B

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**Interview**

**Karin: K & Subject: S**

**K:** Hi, Subject B thank you so much for allowing me to interview you for my project. Don’t be nervous just answer whatever comes up in your mind. Let’s begin.

**S:** You’re welcome. I’m not nervous.

**K:** Ok. We are talking about rice, I just want to find out some of your family shopping habits and rice eating preference through this short interview. Hopefully this will be about 10-15mins, Ok?

**S:** Sure.

**K:** It’s alright anything will help at this point. So let’s start with the 1st question.

**S:** Sure, ask away.

**K:** Tell me about yourself. How many family members are in your household? Whom are they?

**S:** I have 3 people in my house. My dad, me and my grandma.

**K:** In your family whom does the cooking and the shopping?

**S:** My dad. I go with him shopping.

**K:** ok. Thanks.

**S:** Nah, continue.

**K:** Do you eat rice or rice products in your household? Why or why not? What kinds of products?

**S:** Rice, we eat jasmine long grain rice. The white one. Because we like it.

**K:** hahaha.. ok so direct. Thanks.

**S:** hahaha. You’re welcome.

**K:** When you go shopping, where do you prefer to go?

**S:** we go to Foody Mart for meat and veggies mostly. We also go to T&T but they are expensive. We also go to other Chinese supermarkets. Depends on the time and where we are that day.

**K:** How often do you purchase rice products? What kind and about how many times a month or year (approximately)?

**S:** I’m not sure, we don’t eat at home all the time. We buy it when we are running out.

**K:** Ok, we are almost half way, I think.

**S:** Ok, Great!

**K:** So, how often do you eat rice on a weekly basis?

**S:** Daily, I have it for lunch.

**K:** How about other rice products?

**S:** We eat a variety of rice products but mainly steamed rice.

**K:** What kind of rice do you buy and why? Are there any specific brands?

**S:** We buy the Jasmine rice. No brand, just what is on sale or one we bought before.

**K:** Is price a big issue for you when choosing the brand or type of rice you buys? Why or why not?

**S:** It would be, we save money if it’s on sale. Nope, no brand, it doesn’t matter, just the type of rice.

**K:** Do you remember the first time you every made rice? How did you do it? Is it the same as you make it now?

**S:** Not really, my dad taught me how to use the rice cooker when I was small. It was easy, you just put it in and press a button. It’s not too hard.

**K:** Oh, Ok.

**K:** Why do you and your household eat rice so often? What are some of the reasons? If you could list a few reasons and have them explain a little.

**S:** we eat rice because it’s like tradition, we always have it at home when we want to eat it.

**K:** Ok. Then would I rice be a staple food in your family? Why or why not?

**S:** Yes, it would be a staple food at home. Like bread is for white people. I guess.

**K:** If could eat just one starch item for the rest of your life what would it be? (examples could be rice, flour, bread,wheat,etc) Why would your choice be rice or why not?

**S:** I dunno. You want me to say rice? Because there are lots of things you can make with rice and it tastes good.

**K:** You didn’t have to say rice. But thanks. Next question.

**K:** Do you think rice is important to Chinese culture? And you family? Why or why not?

**S:** Chinese people have eaten rice for centuries, like back in the old days. It’s part of our culture and like we grew the crops and still do. It brings us back to our roots. So it would be important to include in family meals.

**K:** What does eating rice mean to you?

**S:** It’s part of culture and tradition. I don’t mind eating it.

**K:** ok, so. Do you ever get bored of rice?

**S:** Yeah, just eating steam rice is boring. I like noodles and other things too. How much more questions do we have.

**K:** Just a few more sorry, I know it’s a lot.

**S:** yeah, it’s ok. A few more.

**K:** Name some of the products that are made of rice. Why did you choose these products?

**S:** Rice crispy, rice cake, rice noodles. I’m getting hungry.

**K:** hahaha. So sorry making you think about food before you eat.

**S:** It’s ok, we will eat when this is done.

**K:**  Ok. Thanks.

**K:** Are there any other uses for rice other than food? Why do we (Chinese) use it so much?

**S:** I mostly eat rice, we don’t use it for much else.

**K:** OK, we are almost done. We’ve talked about rice. Is there anything else you would like to tell me about rice?

**S:** No it’s ok. I’m starving.

**K:** Hahaha, ok ok. Almost done.

**K:** What are your thoughts about this interview? Have I gotten enough information about rice and the Chinese culture here in Canada?

**S:** I guess you have. What else is there to say?

**K:** ok alright. What are some things you do not like about my interview? Am I missing something?

**S:**  no I don’t think so.

**K:** Alright. We are done! Thank you so much for answering all my question.

**S:**  You’re welcome.

**K:** It was a lot of help. Thanks.

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