**Questionnaire/ interview transcripts**

**Interview Subject:** Subject C

For purpose of transcription, answers are shorten to be able to read smoothly. Additionally, Subject does not will to have any audio/photo/or real name on website. He is my boyfriend and he live with me.

**Interview**

**Karin: K & Subject: S**

**K:** Hi, Subject C. 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:** ok.

**K:** 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, don’t be nervous, please.

**S:** ok.

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

**S:** I am 22. I live with you. We like with 2 cats. Ok?

**K:** Ok, Subject C. It’s for school, so be serious!

**S:** I am serious. Ok, continue.

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

**S:** You do the cooking and the shopping. I wash dishes.

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

**S:** Yes. We eat rice at home. Because you make it and we don’t mind eating it.

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

**S:** I prefer not to go. But you go always go to Foody or T&T.

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

**S:** You buy rice every 4 months. You bought it last week.

**K:** How often do you eat rice on a weekly basis?

**S:** We eat at home you will mostly make rice. So maybe 3 times a week.

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

**S:** You make rice noodles or we go out to eat noodles.

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

**S:** I don’t know. You seem to buy the Korean one, the one that doesn’t need to wash.

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

**S:** You always but the one on sale. So I guess, its better we save money.

**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:**  yes. You put the rice and water in the rice cooker and press down a button. It’s easy. It’s always the same to make steam rice.

**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:** I’m not sure. We are Chinese. Everyone else eats rice, we do too. It tastes good.

**K:** Is rice a staple food in your family? Why or why not?

**S:** Yes.

**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:**  Rice, I do not like to always eat it. But I don’t mind it.

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

**S:** Yes. Chinese people grew rice as a crop and ate it every day. We still eat rice every day. And it has been a big part of our culture.

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

**S:** it means to eat rice. It’s good. It’s good for you.

**K:** Do you ever get bored of rice?

**S:** Yes. That’s why, when you do not cook we go out to eat.

**K:** What kinds of rice dishes do you make? And what is your favourite?

**S:** I like fried rice. You make it. But I like it with egg and veggies. I could make it too. It’s easy.

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

**S:** rice noodle, crackers, rice paper, rice wine. Um I’m not sure. There should be much more.

**K:** Do you think rice important part of Chinese culture? How about here in Toronto? Or in China perhaps? Are there any differences or similarities?

**S:** Yes. It is important for ethnic communities in Toronto. Because like the Chinese community, rice is a staple food. There needs to be rice in every supermarket. We found rice in metro in the ethnic section. So I think it is important to because Toronto is multicultural and should be represented in the types of food products supermarkets have.

**K:** Was there a time you remember where rice was not in the home or dinner table? When and why?

**S:** Yes, those times we ate a lot of other dishes. And sometimes it was American food so no rice.

**K:** ok. We’ve talked about rice. Is there anything else you would like to tell me about rice?

**S:** Nope.

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

**S:** I think so.

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

**S:** No

**K:** Alright. We are done!

**S:**  You’re welcome.

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

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