**Questionnaire/ interview transcripts**

**Interview Subject:** Subject D

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**Interview**

**Karin: K & Subject: S**

**K:** Hi, Subject D. 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:** 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, don’t be nervous, please.

**S:** ok.

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

**S:** ok.

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

**S:** I live my mother and me.

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

**S:** My mother.

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

**S:** Yes. We eat steamed rice.

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

**S:** We go to Bestco supermarket, Foody Mart, and T&T. Monday we go Costco sometimes.

**K:** Ok. You are doing great! So next question.

**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. When we do not have we buy. Maybe every 3 months or more.

**K:** ok, it’s alright. How often do you eat rice on a weekly basis?

**S:** we eat every day.

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

**S:** we eat congee and noodles. Sometimes.

**K:** ok. So, what kind of rice do you buy and why? Are there any specific brands?

**S:** I’m not sure. Chinese rice, we buy the one on sale. Always different. But ok.

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

**S:** Yes, cheap one is good.

**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:**  No, you make rice in rice cooker. Press button and wait.

**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 like to eat rice. So my mother make every day. Sometimes, I don’t eat and she gets mad.

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

**S:**  Staple? Means ?

**K:**  it means need, always there.

**S:** Oh. Yes. Everyday.

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

**S:** I think so. It is important. We eat it a lot. Everyone eats it.

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

**S:** I don’t know. It feel normal to me.

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

**S:** Yes. I like to eat other things sometimes.

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

**S:** I like congee. It’s different from steam rice. My mother make often.

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

**S:** noodle, rice paper, sushi, snacks?

**K:** OK thanks.

**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, everyone in China eats rice. There is a lot of rice in China. There is a lot here too.

**K:** What does rice mean to you and your family? Any stories about it?

**S:** We eat every day. My mother makes a lot of rice, we throw out some when we can’t finish.

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

**S:** um. I’m not sure. Food?

**K:** OK, don’t worry about it, it is enough. We’ve talked about rice. Is there anything else you would like to tell me about rice?

**S:** no.

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

**S:** yes.

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

**S:**  no.

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

**S:**  ok.

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

**S:**  Ok.

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