

Model transcription template

Study name:	
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Interview ID: Date of interview:

Information about interviewee:

(e.g. Age, Gender, Occupation, Marital Status, Geographic region, etc. as relevant /appropriate)

R = Respondent/Interviewee (if more than one respondent, use R1, R2, etc.)

I = Interviewer

R: I came here in late 1968.

I: You came here in late 1968? Many years already. R: 31 years already. 31 years already.

I: (laugh) It is really a long time. Why did you choose to come to England at that time?

R: I met my husband and after we got married in Hong Kong, I applied to come to England.

I: You met your husband in Hong Kong?

R: Yes.

I: He was working here [in England] already?

R: After he worked here for a few years -- in the past, it was quite common for them to go back to Hong Kong to get a wife. Someone introduced us and we both fancied each other. At that time, it was alright to me to get married like that as I wanted to leave Hong Kong. It was like a gamble. It was really like a gamble.

I: You were very brave to think about going abroad as you were so young at that time.

R: No. I was very innocent at that time. I was very obedient to my mum. The circumstance of my family was not very good. So I thought that if I married to someone whose financial situation was good, then it could help my family's finance.

I: Is that so? What rank are you?

R: I am the eldest.

I: You are the eldest sister.

R: Yes. I have two younger brothers and two younger sisters.