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Appendix

Background Information on the Informants

Chefs/Restaurant Owners

Name	Interview	Background
A-du Male	10/25/2006, Taipei Staying in the kitchen for further interviews: 10/25, 26, 27/2006	Born in 1945 in Taipei. A Taiwanese restaurant owner in Taipei. His restaurant started business in May 1977 and ended in 2009. It was known as a site where political rebels assembled before martial law was lifted.
Mr. Chang	10/26/2006, Taipei	Born in 1965. A cook working in A-du's restaurant. He has worked in several restaurants as a cook since his teenage years.
A-ming Male	10/26/2006, Taipei	Born in 1936 in Taipei. The owner and chef of a Taiwanese restaurant in Taipei. He started his dietary business with a stall selling beef soup when he was 17 years old and established his own restaurant in 1975. His restaurant is known for expensive and delicate seafood, attracting many entrepreneurs, celebrities, and politicians.
Mr. Wang	11/2/2006, Taipei	A cook working in the kitchen of a church. He has worked in numerous restaurants around Taiwan as a cook.
Mr. Jian	11/14/2006, Taipei	Born in the 1950s in Taipei. A Taiwanese restaurant owner in Taipei. Some of his relatives were cooks for <i>bando</i> (outdoor banquets) when he was a child. Having been an indoor designer, he established a restaurant in 1993 in attempt to

		<p>“have a place to drink liquor and eat something with friends.” The name of his restaurant is the name of his hometown which was used during the Japanese era. Around 30% of his clients are Japanese working in Taiwan now.</p>
Mr. Lin	11/20/2006, Taipei	<p>Born in 1952 in Taoyuan.</p> <p>A Hakka restaurant owner in Taipei.</p> <p>He and his wife are both Hakka and his wife’s family had run a restaurant for several decades. Thus dishes served in their restaurant are quite similar to those in the restaurant run by Mrs. Lin’s family.</p>
A-jia Male	11/22/2006, Yilan	<p>Born in 1957 in Jiayi.</p> <p>The owner and chef of a restaurant in Yilan, the hometown of his wife.</p> <p>Working as an apprentice in kitchen aged 17, he had worked at the liquor houses in Beitou, Sichuan restaurants, and Guangdong restaurants; therefore his menu includes some Sichuan and Guangdong dishes now. He also serves local dishes from Yilan in his restaurant and particularly those local snacks served at state banquets.</p>
Mr. Liu	12/17/2006, Meinong, Kaohsiung	<p>Born in 1947 in Meinong.</p> <p>The owner and chef of a Hakka restaurant in Meinong.</p> <p>He dropped out of junior high school and worked during his youth. He has also run a “paper umbrella” business (a local specialty in Meinong) and one in antiques. Liu’s Hakka restaurant was established in 2001. As the leader of the Tourism Association of Meinong, Liu is quite enthusiastic about Hakka affairs in Meinong.</p>
Ms. Li	12/26/2006, Taipei	<p>Born in 1938 in Taipei.</p> <p>The owner of a famous Taiwanese restaurant chain</p>

		<p>founded in 1977 and with branches in Tokyo and Beijing. She has invested in restaurants since the 1970s. In addition to Taiwanese cuisine, she also runs Japanese and hotpot restaurants.</p>
<p>A-zhong Male</p>	<p>1/2/2007, Taipei</p>	<p>Born in 1947 in Yilan. The owner of a Taiwanese restaurant in Taipei. He has been private chef for the President Lee Teng-hui and participated in the preparation of several state banquets during the 1990s. Establishing a “State Banquet Restaurant” in 2001, he emphasizes that customers can enjoy dishes served at state banquets.</p>
<p>A-qin Male</p>	<p>1/3/2007, Taipei</p>	<p>Born in the 1950s in Taipei. A chef specializing in <i>bando</i> (outdoor banquets) in Taipei. He has worked in the Taipei City Council restaurant for eight years. His father was a famous professional <i>bando</i> cook in Taipei and established a restaurant in 1979. After his father passed away in an accident in Mainland China in 1994, he continued to run the Taiwanese restaurant, which remained popular. However, he closed the restaurant and currently only runs a <i>bando</i> business now.</p>
<p>Huang De-xing Male</p>	<p>1/14/2007, Taipei</p>	<p>Born in 1936 in Taipei. A retired chef. He was an apprentice in the famous Taiwanese restaurant <i>Peng-lai Ge</i> in 1948. After the closure of <i>Peng-lai Ge</i>, he started working as a cook at the liquor houses in Beitou. He has worked in numerous restaurants around Taiwan and has established several restaurants. He was the leading chef responsible for the state banquet in Taizhong in 2001.</p>
<p>Mr. Lang</p>	<p>Participant observation and interview: in an</p>	<p>Born in Yilan. An administrative chef of a restaurant known for its</p>

	occasion of <i>bando</i> . 1/16/2008, Taipei	seafood and Taiwanese cuisine.
A-wei Male	Participant observation and interview: in an occasion of <i>bando</i> . 1/16/2008, Taipei	Born in 1974 in Yilan. A cook in the team led by Mr. Lang. He has worked in several restaurants as an apprentice after graduating from junior high school.
Mr. Xue	4/24/2008, Kaohsiung	Born in 1947 in Kaohsiung. A professional <i>bando</i> chef. He learned cooking in the biggest restaurant in his hometown and cooperated with three chefs to organize a <i>bando</i> team since 1974.
Mr. Chen	4/24/2008, Meinong, Kaohsiung	Born in 1951 in Meinong. The owner of a restaurant in Meinong. He worked as an apprentice in a famous Hunan restaurant after graduating from junior high school. During the 1980s, he was selected as a chef working for the Representative Office of the ROC government in the U.S. He established a restaurant in his hometown Meinong in 1993, serving both Hakka and Hunan dishes.
A-nan Male	5/22/2008, Taipei	Born in 1952 in Taipei. The administrative chef at the Taiwanese restaurant owned by Ms. Li. He learned cooking at some liquor houses in Beitou during his teenage years and worked as a cook in Ms. Li's restaurant in his early twenties until now.
Ms. Liao	7/24/2008, Taizhong	Born in 1950 in Taizhong. A part-time <i>bando</i> cook. She started to cook after getting married. Because of the proliferation of <i>bando</i> during the late 1970s and early 1980s, she became an assistant at such banquets. Now she is a <i>bando</i> chef.

Mr. Tsai	Interview: in a trip to Miaoli for a certification of Hakka restaurants. He is one of the referees of this certification. 6/19/2008, Miaoli	An administrative chef at a grand hotel in Taipei. He has been the chef in a famous Taiwanese restaurant at another grand hotel. He learned at the liquor houses and restaurants in Beitou during his teenage years.
Mr. Huang	A short interview: after the certification of Hakka restaurants. 6/19/2008, Miaoli	Born in Miaoli. A Hakka restaurant owner.
Lin Hui-yao	1/9/2008, Taidong	Born in 1953. The owner of <i>Mibanai</i> restaurant.
Ms. Bai	1/10/2008, Taidong	One of the cooks of <i>Bunun Tribe</i> restaurant.
Mrs. Wu	2/22/2008, Tainan	The grand-daughter in law of the founder of a famous Taiwanese restaurant in Tainan. The founder, Ms. Wu, was born in 1925 and sold simple dishes on a stall after graduating from elementary school. She established the restaurant in 1983.
A-yi	2/22/2008, Tainan	Born in Tainan. A Taiwanese restaurant owner in Tainan. His father established this restaurant in 1980.

Consumers

Name	Interview	Background
Female		
F1 Mrs. Cheng	12/16/2006, Kaohsiung	Born in 1946 in Penghu and moved to Kaohsiung for work during her teenage years. She became a housewife after getting married.
F2 Huang Xiu-mei	12/22/2006, Taipei	Born in 1966 in Taipei. A public servant.

F3 Mrs. Yang	12/28/2006, Tainan	Born in 1948 in Tainan. The owner of a laundry.
F4 Mrs. Peng	1/10/2008, Taidong	Born in 1937 in Xinzhu. A housewife.
F5 Shi Wen-yu	1/10/2008, Taidong	Born in 1930 in Taidong. A housewife.
F6 Mrs. Hsieh	2/16, 18/2008, Taipei	Born in 1951 in Zhejiang Province and lives in Taipei now. She worked in the Taipei City Government until her retirement in 2006.
M7, F7 Mr. & Mrs. Xu	4/26/2008, Penghu	Born in 1929/1931 in Penghu. Mr. Xu is a public servant and Mrs. Xu is a housewife.
M8, F8 Mr. & Mrs. Guo	4/26/2008, Penghu	Born in 1933/1934 in Penghu. Mr. Guo has studied at elementary school during the Japanese era and spent two years in high school after 1945. After dropping out, he engaged in fishery. Mrs. Guo is a housewife.
F9 Hong Hui-jun	5/13/2008, Taipei	Born in 1977 in Taipei. An English teacher.
F10 Chu Yu-chun	5/13/2008, Taipei	Born in 1977 in Taipei. Her parents came from Hubei and Shanghai families respectively and she is particularly familiar with Shanghai cuisine. Her father grew up in a village for military dependents in Tainan, thus she can cook many Chinese regional cuisines.
F11 Yang Qiu-yan	5/14/2008, Taipei	Born in Tainan in 1934. A housewife.
F12 Mrs. Huang	5/22/2008, Taipei	Born in 1947 in Taizhong. A retired teacher at a junior high school in Taipei.
F13 Ms. Ming	5/24/2008, Taipei	Born in 1967 in Taipei. A media worker in Taipei.
F14 Mrs. Ye	5/28/2008, Taoyuan	Born in 1948 at a Hakka town in Taoyuan. The owner of a shoe shop.
F15 Mrs. King	7/22, 8/11, 2008 Tainan	Born in 1932 in Tainan. She started to promote “the art of living” and teach

		cooking in 2001. She is known for her rich understanding of Tainan food.
Male		
M1 Jay	12/16/2006, Kaohsiung	Born in 1969 in Kaohsiung. A staff member at a private foundation.
M2 Marx	1/2/2008, Taipei	Born in 1983 in Taipei. He just completed his military service before the interview.
M3 Mr. Huang	1/5/2008, Taipei	Born in 1969 in Taipei. The host of several TV programs.
M4 Mr. Tan	2/20, 23/2008, Taipei (with his son)	Born in 1951 in Xinzhu, and moved to Taipei at the age of 13. He sells vegetables in a market and takes the main responsibility of taking care of his three children.
M5 Mr. Lin	3/4/2008, Shanghai	Born in 1956. A businessman. His father has migrated to Shanghai.
M6 A-de	3/20/2008, Taipei	Born in 1949 in Taizhong. A photographer.
M9 Mr. Li	6/23/2008, Taipei	Born in 1951 in Taipei. His great great grandfather was a renowned comprador engaging in foreign trade since the Qing Dynasty, and his family used to enjoy Western food during his childhood. He has run a Western restaurant for ten years.