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Duration: 05:16:44

Language/Dialect: Tamil

Track: C15016_0001	Time frame: 00:00:01 - 00:10:00
<p>Synopsis:</p> <p>Born in 1953 in Kedah Road. His father was a tailor. Studied at Chowrasta school. Her mother worked as a laundry worker. The location of Chowrasta school. Studied up to Form 3 and then began helping in his father's tailoring shop. Types of work that he did at his father's shop. Mentioned other family members who were also involved in the tailoring business. The location of his father's shop. Number of tailors in the shop. Shop rent before and after the repeal of the Rent Control Act.</p>	
Track: C15016_0001	Time frame: 00:10:00 - 00:20:00
<p>Synopsis:</p> <p>Building materials used in his father's shop when he was a child. Renovation made to the doors in the 80's. Described Jual Murah in Penang. History of his father's tailoring business. Mentioned shop rent. How his father kept the place safe for keeping tools. Rat problem faced in the shop. Measures taken.</p>	
Track: C15016_0001	Time frame: 00:20:01 - 00:31:03
<p>Synopsis:</p> <p>Mentioned that rat problem still existed. Described a box that his father would use to keep all the valuables. Shops that offered tailoring work for his father. Types of assignments given to his father. How he helped his father. The after-school routine. Mentioned the other job that he did after finishing his studies. Began helping in his father's shop when he was in Form 1. How he became a tailor.</p>	
Track: C15016_0002	Time frame: 00:00:00 - 00:10:00
<p>Synopsis:</p> <p>Described in details about how he learnt sewing. How he cooperated with his father in sewing. Mentioned that collar sewing was the most challenging yet most useful skill. Wages given by his father. Described how he began to sew and how he worked together with his father.</p>	

Track: C15016_0002	Time frame: 00:10:00 - 00:20:00
<p>Synopsis:</p> <p>Described being caught by his father when he was buying movie ticket while there was unfinished work at shop, thus he was ordered to go back and work immediately. Described how certain stitching shops pawned their customers' cloth, only to get it back when they saved up enough money, sewed it and then returned it to the customers. His father's and his arrival time in the shop every day. Work that they did when arriving at the shop. Mentioned the setting of the workplace. Described checking the bobbin before starting sewing.</p>	
Track: C15016_0002	Time frame: 00:20:01 - 00:30:00
<p>Synopsis:</p> <p>How would he know if the sewing machine went wrong, and how to repair it. Tools that might cause injuries. Way to prevent from being injured. Food taken for lunch and tea. A container called "paalkolai" was used to buy drink.</p>	
Track: C15016_0002	Time frame: 00:30:00- 00:38:04
<p>Synopsis:</p> <p>Described an incident in which somebody told his father that he was being beaten up and which ended up that his father discovered that he was smoking. Mentioned food that was sold door-to-door. Mentioned that Jual Murah was a crowded place even at night. Work done before closing of the shop. Road taken to get home. Mentioned distributing newspaper in the morning before coming to shop to help.</p>	
Track: C15016_0003	Time frame: 00:00:00 - 00:10:13
<p>Synopsis:</p> <p>Services provided in the tailoring shop. His customers were mostly Indian Muslims and Malays. Why would people who come to do fabric shopping here would stitch their cloths before they left Penang. Explained why they accepted only immediate payment and not on credit.</p>	
Track: C15016_0003	Time frame: 00:10:13 - 00:20:00
<p>Synopsis:</p> <p>Mentioned types of cloths. Described foreign customers and sewing service that was usually requested. Peak season of the business. Type of sewing services requested by customers during Hari Raya.</p>	

Track: C15016_0003	Time frame: 00:20:00 - 00:31:03
<p>Synopsis:</p> <p>Mentioned readily made clothes were only available from the 1980s. Time taken to complete sewing for different types of clothes. The work during Hari Raya period and during usual days. How did they decide whether or not to take up a job. Described the situation in Penang during the haj festival. Described commonly requested sewn items by the pilgrims.</p>	
Track: C15016_0004	Time frame: 00:00:00 - 00:10:00
<p>Synopsis:</p> <p>Items that were commonly requested to be sewn during Deepavali season. Work distribution among his father and him in shirt sewing. Described difficulties faced at work when certain fabric could not be sewn as easily as they thought. Challenges faced when his father passed away.</p>	
Track: C15016_0004	Time frame: 00:10:00 - 00:20:00
<p>Synopsis:</p> <p>Changes made at work after his father's passing. Described in details about tools and materials used in sewing. Places to shop for tools and materials. Introduced types of cloths and their differences.</p>	
Track: C15016_0004	Time frame: 00:20:00 - 00:31:03
<p>Synopsis:</p> <p>Continued describing about types of cloths. Described in details about clothing materials used to make different clothes. The change in clothing materials used over time. The way to find out whether a fabric was of good quality.</p>	
Track: C15016_0005	Time frame: 00:00:00 - 00:10:00
<p>Synopsis:</p> <p>How he examined quality of the fabric when buying at shops. Tools used and their functions. When to use big and small needles. Described scissors.</p>	
Track: C15016_0005	Time frame: 00:10:00 - 00:20:00
<p>Synopsis:</p> <p>Prices of the materials used in tailoring. Mentioned good quality zip. Sewing charges during his father's time. Described Maphilindo, one of the shops in Penang that made stitching orders in his shop. Mentioned waiting at Jual Murah for customers who needed stitching work. Structure of the sewing machine.</p>	

Track: C15016_0005	Time frame: 00:20:00 - 00:31:03
<p>Synopsis:</p> <p>Described how to use a sewing machine. Described how dust could affect the performance of a sewing machine. How to clean the dust. Structure of the sewing machine. Maintenance of the sewing machine. Common problems with the sewing machine. How he made the needles sharp. Shops that provided scissor sharpening services.</p>	
Track: C15016_0006	Time frame: 00:00:00 - 00:10:08
<p>Synopsis:</p> <p>Charges for scissor sharpening service. Described the location of the shop that provided scissor sharpening services. Described how the falling of a scissors could affect its sharpness. The usage of chalk. Described the difficulties in getting the right thread though there were many available. His different practice in using bobbin as compared to his father's. Described chalk.</p>	
Track: C15016_0006	Time frame: 00:10:08 - 00:20:55
<p>Synopsis:</p> <p>Mentioned button sizes. How his father kept the tools when closing the shop. Described how his father secured cotton cloth by twisting the rope. Father passed away in 1973. Situation in the shop after his father's passing. How he coped with the work at shop following his father's passing. Shared his experience about how to do correct cutting and measurement according to types of clothes that were being stitched.</p>	
Track: C15016_0006	Time frame: 00:20:55 - 00:30:00
<p>Synopsis:</p> <p>How he learnt all the steps taken in tailoring when his father was no longer around. How he got help from other tailors to complete salwar stitching. Described having a work place in the walkway and learnt cutting skill from other tailors. Described learning salwar stitching from a Chinese man. Other cloth stitching skills learnt.</p>	
Track: C15016_0007	Time frame: 00;00:00 - 00:10:08
<p>Synopsis:</p> <p>Elaborated on a fire incident happened at Jual Murah while he was working in the shop. His struggle when the fire happened. Described that owners of Jual Murah refused to repair the electric works after the fire because of cheap rent, and how the tenants reacted to it. Described the situation during the fire. Safety precaution taken by the people at Jual Murah after the fire.</p>	

Track: C15016_0007	Time frame: 00:10:00 - 00:20:08
<p>Synopsis:</p> <p>The reason of taking up a job at the local council in 1997. How he continued doing tailoring while working at the local council at the same time. Mentioned daily routine. His enjoyment and regrets in tailoring. Started his tailoring business in a shop before the 90's, when Jual Murah was burnt down. Described how the descendant of the shop owner encouraged him to take up the shop. Types of clothes sold at the shop.</p>	
Track: C15016_0007	Time frame: 00:20:08 - 00:31:03
<p>Synopsis:</p> <p>Mentioned the size of the shop. Elaborated on the display of goods at the shop. His brother took over the previous place at Jual Murah. Building materials of his shop. Described rat problem faced at the shop. Way to curb the rat problem. Described troubles caused by the rat problem. Shop rent and increment. Place to shop for cloth.</p>	
Track: C15016_0008	Time frame: 00:00:00 - 00:10:21
<p>Synopsis:</p> <p>Consideration made in the goods arrangement at the shop. Mentioned that the role of a tailor came first before a businessman. Explained why. Mentioned how to protect valuable items in the shop. Described restocking of goods. Described goods arrangement.</p>	
Track: C15016_0008	Time frame: 00:10:21 - 00:20:00
<p>Synopsis:</p> <p>Explained why he usually kept cloths up to 10 colours in the shop. Described stocks keeping and displaying. Described why he sold Muslim-related items. Places to shop for fabrics. Described the location of the shop at Acheen Street that he usually did religious book shopping for his shop.</p>	
Track: C15016_0008	Time frame: 00:20:00 - 00:31:03
<p>Synopsis:</p> <p>Types of books he bought from the Acheen Street shop. Places to shop for other goods. <i>Songkok</i> sizes available in his shop. Described the change in types of clothes sold following the modern fashion. Described business trend during the Hari Raya period. His main customer group. Mentioned some patterns of clothes that were not available in the shop in olden days but were being sold now.</p>	

Track: C15016_0009	Time frame: 00:00:00 - 00:10:00
<p>Synopsis:</p> <p>Colours available in Sajjada. Explained why the number of customers increased after he opened the tailoring shop. Services that were often requested. Why the customers who came for the tailoring work were mainly local people. Described how the introduction of readily made clothes impacted his business. How he decided to receive a tailoring job or not. Mentioned clothes alteration saved him from being affected badly by the readily made clothes. Types of alterations that were often requested. Described his frustration and satisfaction in dealing with some of his customers.</p>	
Track: C15016_0009	Time frame: 00:10:00 - 00:20:00
<p>Synopsis:</p> <p>Mentioned that all the tools left by his father were stolen at Jual Murah, when the gate was spoilt. Described daily routine when working at the local council and doing tailoring at the same time. Routine work during shop opening every day. Mentioned trying to have more complete supplies at the shop so that customers would not need to buy at other shops. Why he positioned his sewing machine with the foot heading outside and head heading inside. Mentioned a stealing incident happened to the shop. Daily routine.</p>	
Track: C15016_0009	Time frame: 00:20:00 - 00:31:03
<p>Synopsis:</p> <p>Continued with his daily routine. Prayers that he would read silently in mind when closing the shop. Transportation used to travel back home. Going back to do tailoring at the old place, while his brother took care of the shop when the Rent Control Act was lifted. Explained that he couldn't take care of the shop anymore because of his more burdening job at the local council. Described the discussion between his brother and him when the Rent Control Act was lifted. How he continued doing tailoring work after leaving the shop to his brother. Described the situation at Jual Murah when Rent Control Act was in place. How the lifting of Rent Control Act changed Jual Murah. Took up a shared shop last year. Described how he felt when being told that the other tenant who shared the shop with him was going to leave.</p>	
Track: C15016_0010	Time frame: 00:00:00 - 00:10:16
<p>Synopsis:</p> <p>Why he decided to take up the whole shop. How he felt when making such decision. Ritual performed during the opening of the new shop. Preparation made for the opening of the new shop. Elaborated changes on the design of clothes over the years. Used to do materials shopping at Siam Road but now had to get it from Carnavon Street. Described he was comfortable with his old machine and working condition.</p>	

Track: C15016_0010	Time frame: 00:10:16 - 00:20:55
<p>Synopsis:</p> <p>Why was the order for Baju Melayu stitching had decreased. Common requests for clothes alteration. Mentioned pricing for stitching work. Described the use of different fabric materials in different kinds of clothes. Described how he learnt cutting after his father's passing. His satisfaction at work. Described the interaction with customers. His attitude at work. What would make him sad.</p>	
Track: C15016_0010	Time frame: 00:20:55 - 00:31:19
<p>Synopsis:</p> <p>His entertainment in George Town in the past. Considered George Town as a dead town now and why. His wish for George Town. Fabrics that could not be found nowadays. Described how he was satisfied for being able to repair a zip on a bag for a customer.</p>	