

Mr Ashokan Chidambaram

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Track Number: S14031_0001, S14031_0002, S14031_0003, S14031_0004, S14031_0005,
S14031_0006, S14031_0007

Duration: 03:15:37

Language/Dialect: English

Track: S14031_0001	Time frame: 00:00:00 - 00:10:00
<p>Synopsis:</p> <p>Born in 1954. Parents' background. Stayed in Green Hall when he was a child. Attended school at Western Secondary School. Described his feelings and memories of Green Hall when he was a kid. The house rent. Number of families staying under the same roof. How his family ended up staying in the Green Hall house. His place of birth. Moving out from Green Hall in 1995.</p>	
Track: S14031_0001	Time frame: 00:10:00 - 00:20:00
<p>Synopsis:</p> <p>Education background. Described the layout of the house. Described the situation in Green Hall during festive seasons. The colour of the building and why was it so. Building materials. Described the exterior of the house. Described the window.</p>	
Track: S14031_0001	Time frame: 00:20:00 - 00:31:03
<p>Synopsis:</p> <p>Elaborated on the interior of the house. The location of his room. The building materials. Furniture at home. Shared spaces in the house. Spaces used by his family. Mentioned about the five-foot-way.</p>	

Track: S14031_0002	Time frame: 00:00:00 - 00:10:09
<p>Synopsis:</p> <p>How he used the five-foot-way. Mentioned his uncle breaking the stone of five-foot-way. The other function of the house. The toilet system. Mentioned his uncle who allowed some Chinese carpenters to utilize their space for free in exchange of some house repairing work when in need. His daily routine. The house cleaning job.</p>	
Track: S14031_0002	Time frame: 00:10:09 - 00:22:06
<p>Synopsis:</p> <p>Spaces used at home. Leisure activities when staying in Green Hall, which included movie watching, swimming, football playing at Dewan Sri Pinang. Places accessible by tram. Described daily routine during schooling period.</p>	
Track: S14031_0002	Time frame: 00:22:06 - 00:31:03
<p>Synopsis:</p> <p>Continued to describe daily routine. His favourite space at home. Materials used for rooms division. Described watching television at other people's houses as his uncle refused to buy one at home.</p>	
Track: S14031_0003	Time frame: 00:00:00 - 00:10:29
<p>Synopsis:</p> <p>The education opportunities when he was a student. Maintenance done in the house. Described the rat problem and how to deal with it. Mentioned prayers done during Deepavali. Described food that was sold nearby.</p>	
Track: S14031_0003	Time frame: 00:10:29 - 00:20:29
<p>Synopsis:</p> <p>Continued to describe about food sold nearby. Description about a marble cockerel which was placed on top of the house but was stolen, and later returned to them. Believed that the Green Hall house was built following the <i>feng shui</i>, making it very peaceful. Why they kept the door opened at all times. Places to sleep and the bedding.</p>	

Track: S14031_0003	Time frame: 00:20:29 - 00:31:03)
<p>Synopsis:</p> <p>Continued in the description of his bedding. The house cleaning task division among family members. Described his four years old birthday celebration. Food prepared during birthday celebration. Why his birthday celebration was ceased after the age of 13. Described Deepavali celebration.</p>	
Track: S14031_0004	Time frame: 00:00:00 - 00:11:22
<p>Synopsis:</p> <p>Described Chinese New Year celebration. The reason of his mother's moving out from Green Hall after his father's passing. His working career. Described daily routine when he started working.</p>	
Track: S14031_0004	Time frame: 00:11:22 - 00:18:43
<p>Synopsis:</p> <p>His feelings for Green Hall. Furniture that he took along when moving from Green Hall to Gelugor. Got married in 1985. Bought a house in McCallum and shifted there in 1995. Challenges to get a property in George Town.</p>	
Track: S14031_0005	Time frame: 00:00:00 - 00:10:00
<p>Synopsis:</p> <p>Described his family relationship with a Chinese carpenter who stayed with them. Mentioned the particularity of the 27 Green Hall house which had a cockerel placed on top. Celebration took place in Green Hall. Mentioned his uncle who got married while staying in Green Hall.</p>	
Track: S14031_0005	Time frame: 00:10:07 - 00:20:45
<p>Synopsis:</p> <p>Described going to his uncle's wedding when he was 9 years old. Described playing football in where the Dewan Sri Penang is currently standing. Described playing badminton nearby Green Hall, where the SEGi College is currently located. Elaborated on Queen Elizabeth's coming to Penang in 1982. Mentioned the first bike purchased in 1977.</p>	

Track: S14031_0005	Time frame: 00:20:45 - 00:31:03
<p>Synopsis:</p> <p>Place to park his bike at home. Mentioned the ritual performed when he first bought the bike. Place to wash his bike at home. Described the passing of a bakery man at home. Described his father's funeral.</p>	
Track: S14031_0006	Time frame: 00:00:00 - 00:10:46
<p>Synopsis:</p> <p>Described other funeral taken place at 27 Green Hall. Place to cook. Described the stove used in the past. Change in the kitchenware used beginning 1973. His opinion on the Hartal incident. Described the May 13, 1969 incident.</p>	
Track: S14031_0006	Time frame: 00:10:46 - 00:20:03
<p>Synopsis:</p> <p>Elaborated on the daily life during curfew period. Recalled travelling to Johor to remove things from the old house back to Penang during curfew period. Described the impact of the repeal of Rent Control Act and his feelings on it.</p>	
Track: S14031_0006	Time frame: 00:20:03 - 00:31:03
<p>Synopsis:</p> <p>Continued to describe his feelings on the repeal of Rent Control Act. The place shifting of the 27 Green Hall families when Rent Control Act was lifted. Described an earth tremor incident experienced in 1966.</p>	
Track: S14031_0007	Time frame: 00:00:00 - 00:10:37
<p>Synopsis:</p> <p>Recalled staying in Green Hall when the Indonesia Confrontation happened. His life principles. His memory of Green Hall. His life events which happened in the house. Described his daughter's naming ceremony.</p>	

Track: S14031_0007**Time frame: 00:10:37 - 00:21:39**

Synopsis:

Continued in describing his daughter's naming ceremony. Why he loved staying in George Town.
Appreciated the government's effort to preserve heritage buildings.

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