

## **Interview Questions for Ethnic Chinese Community Organisers and Civic Actors**

### **Motivations and experiences of organisational involvement**

1. Where do you come from? When did you move to Australia and why?
2. Could you list the organisations in which you have previously or currently involved?
2. Could you specify your roles in them?
3. Could I have some pamphlets and introductory materials about these organisations?
4. Could you take me through the history of your involvement in Chinese community organisations?
5. What motivated you to participate in Chinese community organisations?
6. What have you devoted to and gained from your community engagement? How does it influence your personal (and family) life and career/business development?
6. Is this experience similar to your expectations?
7. What motivated you to set up a new organisation rather than participating in an organisation that has already exist?
8. Or, why you have chosen to take part in this organisation other than all other organisations?
9. Could you describe what you value most from your involvement and participation?
10. In your opinion, what is your contribution to this organisation? What kind of resources and opportunities have you brought to this organisation?
11. Do you think your gender has an impact on your community engagement?
12. Do you think women are playing a more important role in community organising? If so, in what ways?
13. How has Chinese migrant women's presence and involvement changed the development of Chinese community organisations?
14. What do you think of the differences and similarities of male and female community organisers in terms of community engagement patterns, leadership styles, and influence?

### **Organisational characteristics**

11. What are the primary pursuits of the organisation(s) that you are leading?
12. What kind of impact/ contributions has this organisation generated?
13. What are the membership criteria to be a member of this organisation?
14. How many members does this organisation have? How many did it use to have?
15. What are the key features of the members?
16. How is this organisation structured?
17. How are the decisions made in the organisation?
18. How are the leaders elected or chosen?
19. What are the major activities held by this organisation? On what kind of activities is this organisation keen?
20. Does this organisation have a distinctive organisational culture/ belief?
21. Where does the major source of funding come from?
22. Has funding been an issue for this organisation?
23. Has the funding source changed over the years?

**Intra/ inter-organisational networks**

24. Does this organisation have any interaction with other Chinese community organisations? If so, what kind of interactions?
25. How does this organisation interact with local ethnic Chinese community?
26. Does this organisation have any interaction with the Chinese consulate?
27. Does this organisation have any interaction with the Australian government?
28. Does this organisation have any interaction with other ethnic community organisations? the Chinese consulate, the Australian government, other ethnic community organisations, and other mainstream organisations?
29. Has this organisation received any support from the Chinese consulate?
30. Has this organisation received any support from the Australian government or community organisations?
31. Has this organisation received any support from the Chinese government?
32. Has this organisation received any support from the other Chinese community organisations, or the umbrella Chinese community organisations?
33. What is the relation between this organisation with Chinese community organisations? with FCA?
34. What do you think of the relationship between this organisation and the Chinese government? Any transnational activities?
35. What do you think of the relationship between the Australian government or community organisations?
36. Are there any Chinese community organisations with which this organisation has a cooperative relationship with?
37. Any tension and conflicts between this organisation and other organisations? If so, why?

**Changes and continuities**

38. What do you think of the development of your organisation, since its establishment, especially since the late 1980s and early 1990s?
39. Which factors have facilitated its development and which factors have prohibited its development?
40. Any changes with regard to organisational activities, functions, orientations, structure, membership, leadership etc.?
41. What is your impression of the development of Chinese community organisations since the late 1980s and early 1990s? Have they changed? If so, in what aspects?
42. What is your opinion of these changes?
43. In your view, what are the causes for these changes?
44. Has the development of your organisation and Chinese community organisations in general been influenced by China? If so, in what ways? If not, why?
45. Has the development of your organisation and Chinese community organisations in general been influenced by Australia's social, cultural, political, and economic conditions? If so, in what ways? If not, why?

