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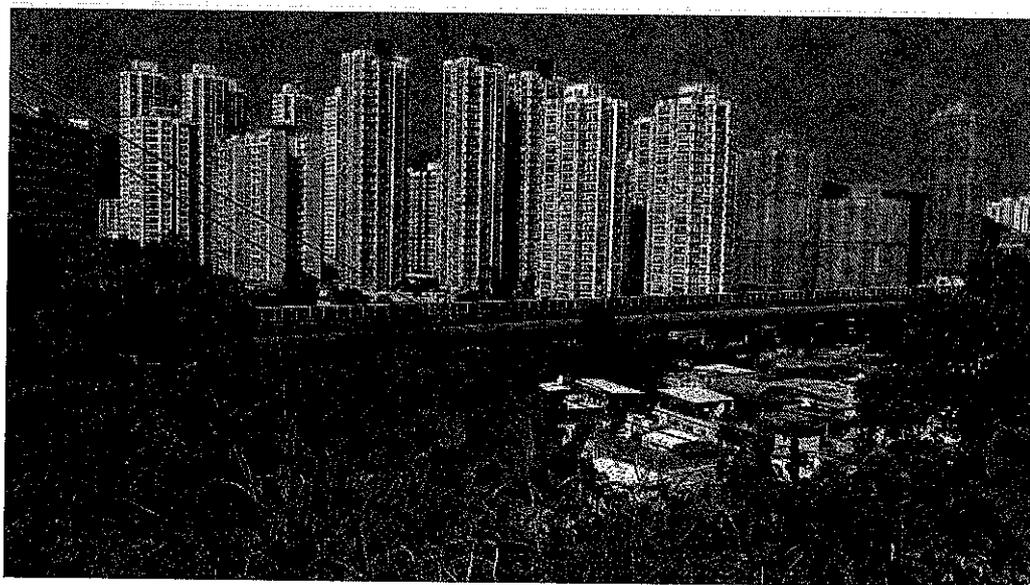
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1. Introduction

Even after more than 300 years, the Xies in the Sha Tin Wai Village are still adamant about keeping the legacy of their ancestors from Fujian, China. Impressed by their dedication, we would like to explore in depth about the immigrant ancestors in the Sha Tin District. Since our school is located in the Sha Tin District, we are interested in the lives of early settlers of the Sha Tin area from mainland China. Our project explores the stories of ancestors of the people currently living in Sha Tin Wai Village (沙田圍村) and how the current generation keep their cultural inheritance. Also, in our preliminary research, we find very little primary and secondary sources on the stories of the settlers in the village of Sha Tin Wai. With the passage of time, it would be a pity if their stories were lost. It is our responsibility to record their stories.

Therefore, the project would focus on stories behind their ancestors' decision to come to Hong Kong. For instance, we would like to explore their reasons and livelihood after they arrived in Hong Kong. Also, we would concentrate on the traditional culture that the current generation has inherited, for example the Hakka culture. Furthermore, we would explore the lives of the immigrants and the changes of the village since the Qing Dynasty.

Our inquiry questions are summarised as follows:

1. What were the stories behind their ancestors' decision to come to Sha Tin Wai?
2. What were their traditions inherited from the mainland?
3. To what extent were the traditions kept in the 21st century?

Methodology

Our research methodology of this project is the use of both primary and secondary sources. We would like to combine the information from secondary sources like books and articles, and primary sources including conducting an interview with the inhabitants of Sha Tin Wai Village and official documents from the Government Records Service. By doing so, we aim to paint the whole picture of the origins and continuation of legacy in Sha Tin Wai Village.