



**The Three Water Supplies Historic Buildings at the HKU Centennial Campus  
Heritage Project**

**Synopsis**

Interviewee:	<u>Chan Wing Chi</u>
Gender:	<u>Male</u>
Birth Date or Year:	<u>1919</u>
Birth Place:	<u>Hong Kong</u>
Date of Interview	<u>January 10, 2010</u>
Place of Interview	<u>Mr. Chan's home in Shaukiwan</u>
Profession:	<u>Retired</u>
Interviewer:	<u>Heronie Mok</u>

**Background:**

Mr. Chan was a former staff member of the Waterworks Department (later renamed into Water Supplies Department). His father had also worked for the Waterworks as a Workman and then Technician and finally Foreman before he joined the Department in 1940 as a temporary Foreman, then employed as Class I Foreman on permanent terms in 1949, and promoted to Assistant Inspector in 1951. He had served the Department for over 30 years before he retired in 1977.

Before the Second World War, Mr. Chan lived with his father in another Junior Staff Quarters near the Elliot site. He used to mingle with those who lived in the Workmen Staff Quarters and those who worked in the Senior Staff Quarters at that time. He had got to know Helen Rigby, the other informant in this project, before the war when she was a kid and visited her family friend at the Elliot Senior Staff Quarters Building. The Elliot Water Treatment Work was among those water supplies premises that he was responsible for overseeing when he held the appointment of Assistant Inspector. In this interview, Mr. Chan shared his memories of working for the Waterworks and the Elliot site.