

Tapescript

Narrator: **Part 1**

Tom is doing a project about public housing in Hong Kong. He is listening to a radio programme.

You now have one minute to read this part. *(one-minute music)*

Listen to the first part of the radio programme and answer Questions 1 – 5. The radio programme will be played **once** only. The radio programme will begin now.

Chris Wong: Good morning to all our listeners. My name is Chris Wong. Welcome to our programme, 'Living History'. On this programme we interview senior citizens who recall their life experiences in Hong Kong. On our last programme, two weeks ago, we talked about life before second world war. Today we have two guests. Mary Au and her husband, John Au, **who have lived in Hong Kong for more than 70 years. Let's hear what they have to say about their experiences in the past.** A big welcome to you both, Mary and John.

Mary: Thank you. We are happy to be here today.

Chris: Let me ask you first, Mary. In your opinion, what was the most important thing that happened in Hong Kong back then?

Mary: There were many things but I especially remember the public housing estates built by the government. For us, we felt the government made a good decision. **It really changed our lives because we were very lucky to get a flat in one of them.**

John: Yes, we were. Before that, we lived in a tin hut near the hillside in Shek Kip Mei. **We had no running water, no toilet, and when it rained our little hut would be flooded.**

Chris: **It must have been very difficult to raise a family there.**

John: Yes, it was. We had two children and they were seven and five when we moved from the hillside to the public housing flat.

Mary: *(grateful)* **Thank God our children were happy and healthy.** I didn't have to worry much about them. They hardly ever got sick. After we moved, we were closer to their schools and a very big playground. That was good for the children.

Narrator: Now, answer Questions 1 to 5. When you hear a beep *(beep)*, tick the best answer.

Question 1

Listeners can listen to 'Living History' _____.
(beep) (8-second pause)

Question 2

Why does Chris invite Mr and Mrs Au to her programme?
(beep) (8-second pause)

Question 3

According to Mr and Mrs Au, what changed their lives?
(beep) (8-second pause)

Question 4

When Chris says,

Chris: "It must have been very difficult to raise a family there."

Narrator: What does Chris mean? *(beep) (8-second pause)*

Question 5

How does Mrs Au feel when she talks about her children?
(beep) (8-second pause)

- Narrator: Now, listen to the last part of the radio programme and answer Questions 6 – 10. The radio programme will begin now.
- Chris: What did you think about the government's public housing programme, Mrs Au?
- Mary: **Hmm... some people still had to live on hillsides where life was difficult.** But we were among the first group to be chosen to live in a public housing flat.
- Chris: Why was that?
- John: Our hut was destroyed by a fire. We were left homeless. But we were lucky to move into a public housing flat.
- Chris: I see. Would you say it really changed your life?
- Mary: It certainly did because **I didn't have to spend so much time queuing for water. You know, our little hut had no running water.** I was then able to get a part-time job. The money was very important for our children's education.
- John: I worked all day so Mary had to take care of the children. Luckily our neighbours looked after our children when Mary found a part-time job.
- Mary: **Thanks to the government's public housing programme, our children are well-educated and have good jobs today.**
- Chris: It seems to me the housing programme was a success for you. I admire your courage and strength over that difficult period.
- Mary: Oh. **We're only one of many, many Hong Kong families who survived hard times.**
- Chris: Thank you for sharing such an interesting story with us today, Mr and Mrs Au. It is a very good example of 'Living History'. Join us the next time for more interesting stories on 'Living History'. Good-bye.
- Narrator: Now, answer Questions 6 to 10.
- Question 6
What does Mrs Au think about the government's housing programme?
(beep) (8-second pause)
- Question 7
Why did the Au family get a public housing flat?
(beep) (8-second pause)
- Question 8
Why did Mrs Au need to queue for water?
(beep) (8-second pause)
- Question 9
What was the benefit of the housing programme to the Au family?
(beep) (8-second pause)
- Question 10
According to the radio programme, what did you learn about the Au family?
(beep) (8-second pause)
This is the end of Part 1. (5-second pause)