Categorization of the recollected memories

- Based on the association to the physical environment of the old house, the memory recalled by the informant can be classified into two categories:
  1. object-associated memory
  2. place-associated memory

Object-associated memory

Example:

- "Once I asked the workman to clean this ceiling. At that time I left him cleaning the ceiling alone by himself, because I had to go for other business. As I returned home and checked his work, I found that the coating paint of this wooden panel was damaged. "Hey, what did you use?" I asked. Then I learnt that the workman used caustic soda to clean the ceiling and the caustic soda sprinkled to this wooden panel."
- "You should only use sponge and water. You don't need to use caustic soda for this work," I said to him. "Oh, I must look for a good polishing to coat this wooden panel again." (P-Na/02/07/06)

Place-associated memory

- In the past many food sellers passed through this alley in front of our house. Especially in the evening, various kinds of food sellers came and passed through the row of houses. Every evening the alley was quite lively. At that time the sellers still carried the carrying poles on their shoulders and could pass this narrow alley easily. Now the food sellers use motorcycles to bring their selling foods. Well, I think people's life now becomes more convenient. But they become difficult to pass this alley. Now there is almost no food seller comes and passes here. Yes, maybe it is because that now most of the residents who live in this area especially along this alley are old people who only have few appetites. Gradually no food seller passes this alley. Well... now the situation of this alley is always silent. Of course, we sometimes sit down outside the house and talk with neighbors, but I feel the situation is different now. There is also less children here. (P-Oa/02/06/28)

- In the interview, the informants recalled and spoke about various experiences and events during their living in their old houses.
  - Then it is discerned that the contents of the memories recalled by the informants cover various topics.
  - Giving attention to each memory episode spoken by the informant, it is found that there are 3 kinds of position of the informant in the remembered event according to the intensity of the involvement:
    1. as an experienced person
    2. as an observer
    3. as a listener

A shared memory

Example

- "When I was child my father had many turtledoves (a kind of singing birds), about 150. The birdcages were hung around this pond, so this place became full of birds. So many. Our neighbors and people in this area called this place as a turtledove park. At that time everyone knew this bird park. (laughing) Even now, some friends with the same age with me still remembered, "Ah, he's place in the past was the "turtledove park."" (P-Na/02/07/08)