Appendix 1. Participant Questionnaire

PARTICIPANT QUESTIONNAIRE

Project title: Investigating forensic document examiner opinions on signatures in a foreign script

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To be completed by the study participant:

Please check/circle the appropriate answer

1 Sex: Male Female

2. Age: 18-30 31-50 51+

3. Highest level of education:
   High school

   University

   Other (please specify) _____

4. Do you consider yourself fluent(able to easily identify, read, write, sign) in English script?
   Yes No

5. Do you consider yourself fluent(able to easily identify, read, write, sign) in Chinese script?
   Yes No

6. In which country did you learn English script (if applicable)? _____

7. In which country did you learn Chinese script (if applicable)? _____

8. What do you consider is your first language? _____

9. In what language(s) do you usually sign? _____

10. I am: Right-handed Left-handed

11. On average how many times per week do you sign your name?
    0-9
    More than 10

12. Have you taken any courses in Chinese calligraphy? Yes No

13. If you are not a Forensic Document Examiner, what is your main area of study/expertise/ work?

All answers will be treated in the strictest confidence and will be made anonymous
所有的回答将绝对保密地对待，匿名处理。

If you are a Forensic Document Examiner, please complete Additional Survey (Page 3).

I understand that I can request results of this project by email when it is completed, from Ms. Rosalind Spencer (Rosalind.spencer@cbsa-asfc.gc.ca).

Additional Survey on Rendering Opinions on Signatures Written in Chinese Characters

中文签名检验意见的其他调查

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1. How many years of forensic document examination experience do you have?_____
2. Which statement best describes your experience of Chinese characters, Chinese signatures and the Chinese language? Fluency = ability to easily identify, read, write, and sign in Chinese script l am fluent

   in Chinese

   I am not fluent but I have some knowledge of Chinese script

   I have no knowledge of Chinese script
3. If you answered 'I am not fluent but I have some knowledge of Chinese script', how was it gained
4. Do you give opinions on signatures written in Chinese characters? (other than 'inconclusive')?

   Yes No
5. On how many Chinese signatures a year do you give such an opinion _____
6. What identifying or eliminating opinions have you given on a signature(s) written in Chinese characters? (circle all those closest to the opinions you have rendered)

   Identification
   Strong probability did write
   Probably did write
   Some evidence did write
   Probably did not write
   Strong probability did not write
   Elimination
7. If you had to describe your personal approach to forensic signature examination in general, which of the following would best describe it?
   - ❍ A 'class/individual' paradigm (you believe your expertise is based on knowing what is class and what is individual and it is your extensive knowledge of how individual features are that enables you to identify)
   - ❍ A 'complexity' paradigm (you make assumptions about the variation in the population of features to enable you to identify).
   - ❍ Not sure.

Thank you very much for your participation.

Any other comments you may wish to convey