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孫中山先生出生於廣東香山縣翠亨村的一個農民家庭。香山縣因盛產沉香而得 名,位於珠江三角洲的南部,鄰近澳門及香港,居民容易接觸到西方文化,使風 氣日開。同時,隨著人口增長,耕地不足,很多居民相繼移民海外謀生。當時的 檀香山(今夏威夷)正盛行發展蔗糖與稻米種植,加上有鄉民在檀香山經營蔗糖 及經商成功,使檀香山成為鄉民移民的熱門之選。

Dr Sun Yat-sen was born to a peasant family in Cuiheng, a village in the county of Xiangshan in Guangdong province. The county got its Chinese name from the abundant agarwood that was produced there. Located in the southern part of the Pearl River Delta, Xiangshan was close to Macau and Hong Kong, and its residents enjoyed easy access to Western culture, which made them relatively open-minded. As the local population grew and the supply of farmland became more limited, many villagers emigrated to try and earn a living overseas. At that time, Hawaii was home to a flourishing sugar cane industry, while rice farming was also becoming popular. When early immigrants from the county achieved some success planting cane and running businesses there, Hawaii became a favoured destination for departing Xiangshan natives. 第一部分 | PART 1 | 7

