Participant Informtion Sheet - Survey

**Title of Project** *An investigation into the strategies for learning Chinese characters employed by adult learners of Chinese as a foreign Language*

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 *You are being invited to take part in a research study. Before you decide it is important that you understand why the research is being done and what it involves. Please take time to read the following information. Ask us if there is anything that is not clear or if you would like more information. Take time to decide if you want to take part or not.*

1. **What is the purpose of the study?**

*The aim of the study is to explore the strategies used by students of Chinese as a foreign language to learn Chinese characters and how these might be influenced by various factors such as motivation and preferred learning styles. We are looking for adult (aged 18 or over) students of Chinese as a Foreign Language who are not native speakers of Chinese.*

1. **Do I have to take part?**

*No. It is up to you to decide whether or not to take part. In order to take part, you must be (1) a learner of Chinese as a foreign language and (2) not a native-speaker of Chinese and (3) 18 years of age or over.*

1. **What will happen to me if I take part?**

*You will be asked to complete a questionnaire about your motivations and experience of learning Chinese as a foreign language and in particular, how you learn new Chinese words and characters. The survey takes approximately 40 minutes to complete.*

1. **Are there any risks / benefits involved?**

*There are no risks involved in taking part in this study. The main benefit to you is that it may help you reflect on how you learn Chinese and consider new ways of learning. The study should contribute to the general understanding of teaching and learning Chinese as a foreign language, in particular, the learning of Chinese characters.*

1. **Will my taking part in the study be kept confidential?**

*All the information that you provide will remain anonymous and complete confidentiality is assured.*

**This study has received ethical approval from LJMU’s Research Ethics Committee**REF: 18/LBS/005, Date of Approval: 10 April 2018.

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**If you any concerns regarding your involvement in this research, please discuss these with the researcher in the first instance. If you wish to make a complaint, please contact** **researchethics@ljmu.ac.uk** **and your communication will be re-directed to an independent person as appropriate.**