

Vietnamese American Oral History Project, UC Irvine

Narrator: JOE DO

Interviewer: Paul Do

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Life Map

- 1965 Born in Saigon, Vietnam.
 -Enjoyed his schooling and education

- 1975 Communists came to Saigon and took over the city and country.

- 1982 Escaped during the summer on a boat.
 -Made his way to the refugee camp based in Singapore.
 -Transferred to a second refugee camp in Indonesia.

- 1984 Sponsored by his older brother to come to the United States.
 -Lived in Westminster, California as his first stop in the States.
 -First job was working at the Costa Mesa swap meets.

- 1991 He started working for Toshiba based in Irvine.
 -Sent to work in Japan to work temporarily.
 -Younger sisters came to America.

- 1993 Married to his current wife on May 15th.
 -Moved with his wife to Seattle, Washington for job opportunities.

- 1994 Joe had his first son in Seattle, Washington.

- 1995 Moved to Houston, Texas to pursue other working opportunities.

- 1999 Had his second son.

- 2001 Received his real estate license.

- 2002 Moved to another district of Houston, Texas.

- 2005 Went back to school to study and receive a medical coding license.

- 2011 Moved back to Southern California to pursue other
working opportunities.
 -Began working in the field of medical research.

Present Currently working in the health field and is residing in the Fountain Valley/
Orange County area.