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A hit on December 5th evening! Eren Basbug, a gifted young pianist, composer and conductor, came to STU and gave an excellent performance! When Eren's fingertips touched the Seaboard GRAND, people went crazy for it.

Shock and intoxication were what you could only feel during the performance. Listening to the music is like walking into the blue and unfathomable ocean and seeing waves sometimes going on and on slowly and sometimes rushing crazily when sunlight is everywhere into your hearts.

As for the magic instrument, different from the piano whose sound is like pearls falling down to beat the keyboard, the Seaboard GRAND is a radically new musical instrument that can emit soft and continuous sound. Associated with the unbroken sky, we can feel

New "Piano", Seaboard GRAND in English Festival



like in the pure blue. When you make dynamic changes such as vibrato or pitch bends, the sound will change correspondingly just like moving on a string instrument.

Every time Eren stopped, thunderous applause broke out. "I was amazed that he played different musical styles and I think it was the best performance on that night." said Kuang, a

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student of STU. "The sound made me fascinated." said Wu, also a student. It is said that the performance at STU was the first in Southern China! At last, the poem by Percy Bysshe Shelley can tell our feelings: Sound of vernal showers /On the twinkling grass/ Rain-awakened flowers/All that ever was/Joyous, and clear, and fresh, thy music doth surpass. The music is like a stray bird flying across the sky but we have seen it and remembered it.

(ROLI, website: www.roli.com/seaboard)

When it comes to our hidden hero, maybe you would think of your parents, teachers, friends or some volunteers. Nevertheless, TAN ZHER MIN, a student from National University of Singapore, whose major is Biological Science gave us a totally different answer in the speech contest of English Festival. During her speech, her accent, manner, gesture, emotion and beautiful appearance left an deep impression on both judges and audience.

From her perspective, a pen can be a hidden hero. Why? "The pen is my agent through which I express myself. Without it, my thoughts would forever be jumbled up in my head," she explained. There was one day when she forgot to bring her pen out so that she could not write down her great ideas in time. When she finally sat down and wrote with a pen, the great idea had gone. What a regretful thing it was! Only at that exact moment could she realize how important a

A Pen, a Hidden Hero

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seemingly trivial thing was.

With a pen, you can write, doodle, and maybe change the world! However, why is it so essential? She gave us several examples. Darwin's notebook on his theory of evolution shook the scientific world; Tchaikovsky's manuscripts

brought beautiful music to the world; Confucian philosophy still remains important and relevant in many aspects today. She emphasized that many brilliant ideas would not have been written down, and many amazing literary works would not have been produced without a pen. Thus, it

serves as a symbol for education, enlightenment and empowerment. We tend to pay less attention to pen in our daily



life. However, pens have greatly changed our world! Accordingly, we are supposed to think about things that are worthy of our appraisal. A pen can also be our hidden hero!

Fat≠Bad Look Differently, Think Differently in Loquitos

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“Does anybody here want to be fat?” Mickey asked 45 students who participated in Loquitos. Three of them put up their hands, and other laughed about this question.

Loquitos is a word of Spanish, in English it means "little crazy people" . Mickey initiated the English activity “Loquitos” in the hope that Chinese students can become less conservative and more open-minded to unfamiliar things through looking at and

discussing different works of art. Mickey chose “BIG women” as the topic. She represented one art work Joueurs de cartes made by a Colombia artist Fernando Botero. A huge male and female seated at a table in a restaurant ,which occupied 90% of the whole frame. In the lower right corner stood a little female ,carrying a large plate on her shoulder.

Students gave their own opinions about the picture. “Lovers see nothing but



themselves in the world,” a girl guessed. “In technological perspective, the closer object looks bigger in photography,” a boy said. “The waitress is poor yet two guests are rich; richer people have more,” another girl shared her viewpoint. Mickey applauded for everyone’ s thoughts and expressed her interpretation of the work with Colombian (Latin) cultural background, “The little woman suggested the strict class system in Colombian society.”

When asked about the purpose of topic “BIG woman” , Mickey gave her answer, “Art helps us to look at things from different perspectives. Big or fat don’ t definitely mean bad.” She pointed out that almost every girl wants to be slim as a Barbie doll nowadays, but some artists are more obsessed with fat women. “With art, you learn to know yourself and accept who you are instead of attempting to change your appearance all the time, like having plastic surgery.”

Looking at the surrounding with different perspectives and learning more about yourself is what Loquitos is trying to make. “Be ‘crazy people’ once in a while and you will discover a brand new world,” Mickey once said .

Conservative N

Someone who is unwilling to accept changes and new ideas.

Perspective N

a particular way of thinking about something, especially one that is influenced by your beliefs or experiences.

Game,Game,Game

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What do you want to do to kill time? Sit in your dormitory, playing computer games or chatting online? Why not just get off the phone and join the Games Night held in Tuesday evening at EAC?

“Scrabble is so interesting,” Jack ,a freshman said. Scrabble is one of the games played at the Games Night. There are also other games, such as chess and mahjong.

To begin with, the organizer gave the participants a brief introduction to Scrabble, a board game in which words are formed from letters in patterns similar to a crossword puzzle. Each letter has a value and those values are used to score the game.

At first, it is very easy to spell out the right words. As the game goes on, the board is covered by many letters. The player may encounter some problems. He has

each word make sense in all directions.

Sometimes, the letter works across but fails to match the words down .



to make Just as this picture shows, it is not easy to think up some words like Maastricht and Amsterdam, let alone make the words fit in all directions.

However difficult it is, some people can make a difference. On one of the Game Nights ,Edward and Jay, they got the highest points, more than 60 points, due to good cooperation. only about

Eight participants divided into four teams played this game, no team got more than 40 points, except for Edward and Jay . “The key to playing the game is not



good cooperation but also a good strong vocabulary ,” Edward said. But you know, according to the record from Baidu Encyclopedia, the highest score(SOWPODS) in the world is 1082 ,obtained by Helen Gibson and David Webb in 2000. Both of them are British.

Games Night is not just about games, “We also can experience

something which is really beyond your imagination,” Bruce, another participant said. Last night, he met a pretty girl who goes by the name of Crystal. He really regretted that he didn’ t ask for her phone number. If you go there and meet her, be sure not to ask for her phone number, Bruce will appreciate that very much.

SOWPODS:

SOWPODS is the word list used in tournament Scrabble in most countries except the USA, Thailand and Canada. The term SOWPODS is derived from the anagram of the two acronyms OSPD and OSW, these being the original two official dictionaries used in various parts of the world at the time.

The Incheon Asian Games is one of the biggest events in Asia in 2014. They lasted from Sept. 19 to Oct. 4. The races were amazing. However, the performance of the K-pop stars at the opening and closing ceremony also left a deep impression.

In fact, Korea has held two Asian Games before. One is Seoul Asian Games (1986), and the other was Busan Asian Games (1988). Compared with the former Asian Games, the 2014 Incheon Asian Games had more pop stars on its stage. For example, the theme song was sung by a popular boy group called JYJ. Kim soo-hyun, the popular Korean star who played a main role in the TV series *My Love From the Stars*, also came on the stage. Besides, PSY, EXO, CNBLUE, Bigbang also gave great performances. The appearance of the K-pop stars became a hot spot. They made the ceremony like a mini concert!

Why did the Korean government allow so many pop stars to stand on such an international formal stage? One of the reasons is that the influence of the Korean Wave is not to be neglected nowadays.

Korean Wave spread to China in

the 1990s. At that time, the Korean TV series like *Autumn In My Heart*, *Winter Sonata*, along with the boy group H.O.T were popular among Chinese teenagers. As time has gone by, the Korean Wave has influenced not only on Asia but even the whole world. These days, including TV series, music, movies, clothing and so on, Korean culture has a great impact around the world. Apparently, the Korean government wanted to promote their cultural ideology through the Korea Wave. Incheon Asian Games was such a great chance.

However, different people have different views on this issue. Gump, a big fan of CNBLUE, said: "I'm so glad to see CNBLUE on such a big stage! Their show was viewed by people all over the world!" Another girl, Soe, who doesn't know these K-pop stars well, said that she feels a little strange to see so many young pop stars on such a formal stage like the Asian Games. "It will let the audience miss the point of the game," said Soe.

Also, this action seems not very suitable to the older people. Mr. Chen, a 55-year-old man, said: "I completely don't

The Korean Wave Reflected by the Incheon Asian Games

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singing. Besides, the music is too noisy for me. "In order to make its culture spread wider, maybe the Korean government should think of a better way to combine the K-pop culture with the traditional Korean culture.

As one of the countries that is deeply effected by the Korean Wave, China should learn from our neighbor in culture promotion. Take the TV series for example. We can learn the production mode and propaganda way from Korea. The editors of films or TV series, should do more market research, so that their works can cater to the audience better. We should not just keep producing the same thing, but make our new, unique cultural products. In a word, We should be more creative. Maybe one day, we'd create a "Chinese Wave"!



Ideology N

definition: An ideology is a set of beliefs, especially the political beliefs on which people, parties, or countries base their actions.

synonym: political orientation, political theory.

material of the lessons in MYSTU. Therefore, we students pay more attention on listening instead of taking notes in the class.

Some spelling contest also reflect such problems. The performance of participants worried us. According to Chinanews.com reported, in the second term of Chinese characters dictation competition, the accuracy of adult dictation group was only 8%. Our mother culture is disappearing gradually. As Chinese, it is high time that we did something to protect our culture and pass it on from generation to generation.

Calligraphy is bound to be a lonely art, but some people also still have enthusiasm for handwriting. A sophomore from Art and Design School, Jiang Peiyan (13, Art), the vice-chairman of the Calligraphy Association, has been practicing calligraphy for about two years. During his freshman year in STU, he joined

five associations. Busy as he was, he didn't give up practicing.

"Calligraphy never fails to fascinate me, so I just keep writing." He said. Yang Zesheng, the director of the Calligraphy Association of Shantou City, adds, "When learning calligraphy, you have the chance to have a deeper understanding of Chinese culture, including poems, philosophy, aesthetics and so forth."

When you are writing by hand, especially practicing calligraphy, you are not just writing words or sentences but expressing your aesthetic temperament and interest.

Throw away your cellphone for a while and enjoy the happiness of handwriting, you will have different feelings.

Degradation of Handwriting

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On September 18th, Chinese First Lady Peng Liyuan wrote some words with Chinese brush-pen in India, which drew a lot of attraction all over the world. It was her second time that she showed the calligraphy art in such an important diplomatic occasion. Why did she do so? The reason was that calligraphy is one of the symbols of Chinese culture, and she wanted to show this great culture to the world.

With time going by, an increasing number of people tend to use computer or mobile phone to write. Actually, though these digital devices do bring much convenience to our life, we still find some troubles when using them sometimes.

When in senior high school, we threw ourselves into the ocean of

motion. At that time, we wrote with pen every day. What's more, in order to get ideal results, we tried our best to write down every word perfectly. Nevertheless, it seems that after entering colleges, we are less concerned about our handwriting than before, and we are gradually losing the ability of writing well.

Yan ZeSheng, a schoolmate of Shantou University, said, "It's a fact that the use of computer is becoming more important in the handwriting. And we are not able to change this situation." Nowadays, we complete our essays or articles in computer and hand them in by e-mail, MYSTU or just print them out and then hand them in classes. On the one hand, a great many teachers upload the PPT or other

When you walk along the school path , have you ever noticed the stray cats ? Have you ever cared about where they come from ? Have you ever wondered if they can sustain life on their own ? Here I will show you a warm story about a poor stray cat and its new owner.

June is the university graduation season, and in Shantou there are typhoon in June every year. So not for people but for stray cats, June is a sad month. But for Bam Bam, a cat which was abandoned by its owner in June, June is a happy memory. On one rainy day, people became a circle and had a heated discussion. Momo Lin, an art school student, just passed by and saw a poor cute cat in the middle of the crowd. Maybe the little cat was cold and hungry, it’ s poor eyes looked at Momo. Momo said, “It seemed the cat was saying ‘please take me home’ , and he was so poor. So I couldn’ t help but bring him to my dormitory.” Then she gave the cat some food . When the cat’s tongue licked her fingers, there was a warm current flowing from his mind.

Before being Bam Bam’s owner, Momo hadn’t raised a cat. So she searched something about “How to raise cat” on the Internet, and she now felt she had a big

“Mommy, take me home!”said the stray cat

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responsibility for Bam Bam. She regularly takes it to be vaccinated, and buys him cat snacks and cat toys. Momo said. Her friends called Bam Bam “noble cat” , in that Momo had spent too much money on it. But Momo thinks it’s a meaningful thing.

“The cat is a kind of spiritual animal ! ” Momo excitedly said . One night Momo slept with Bam Bam on the upper bunk. Bam Bam usually sleeps quietly. Suddenly Bam Bam jumped from the bed and screamed loudly. Momo was awakened, and she saw her roommate’s socket sparking, then she quickly pulled the plug. “Oh, Bam Bam has saved my life. I feel so moved.” Overtime, Bam Bam has become closer and closer to



Momo. He relies on Momo very much. In the course of getting along with Bam Bam, Momo came up with the idea of building up a website which can help settle the stray cats and make people concerned about them. Momo wants to set up “Cat’ s Island” in communities and parks, provide residence for stray cats.

“The houses for the cats will be made of soundproofing so that the cats won’ t disturb human’ s life.” Momo said, “Each cat house needs a light so that it can illuminate and decorate the night.”

Also, Momo has been planing to make an App which can let people who want to know the cats’ condition see into the cat

house. Momo wants to do the project as her graduation work.

“Some graduates in Shantou University abandoned their pets when they graduate from school and I met Bam Bam at the graduation season, so I want to help the stray pets like Bam Bam.” Momo said, with her eyes focus on the cat, fulling of love. Many people have a prejudice against stray pets. They think the animals have some kinds of disease that is infectious so they prefer to buy a new pet rather than adopt a stray one. Momo and Bam Bam’ s story tells that this is not always true. Besides, Momo’ s roommates, Xiao qing Chen and Xinxin Ji, said that although they were surprised when they see a cat in the dormitory at the time they moved in, They later got used to it because Bam Bam is tactful. “I will get on with Bam Bam well as long as it doesn’ t disturb me,” One of them said.

There is a saying that goes: “You can have a lot of things in your life, but you’ re the only one for your pet.” So don’ t be grim and keep your promise to your pet.

Sustain VT supply with necessities and support, be the physical support of; carry the weight of.

A Hidden Interesting Place and A Hidden Interesting Job

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As you walk across the grass in CKAD (Cheung Kong school of Art and Design) ,an interesting house may catch your attention. It is a big woodworking house where art students do their



woodworking homework. Working there to help students finish their tasks, a carpenter Li Dehua, manages the house from 9 to 12am and 14 to 17pm from Monday to Friday.



In daily life, besides helping art students, the carpenter carves his handiworks, which are placed in a small glasshouse. When it comes to the work of carpenters, it is really not as easy as we think. It does need professional skills, not just cutting wood or making holes on wood

For a professional carpenter, it’ s very important to wear overalls like shirts and pants while working .In addition ,it’ s required to tie up the cuffs (袖 口) or roll up the sleeves for fear that the loose sleeves will get caught in the electric tools.

Many are curious about how to make a wooden table .

Before construction ,you have to draw the design according to the figures of the table .You can cut the material with a saw. If the wood is large or hard to cut, the functional woodworking table is

necessary .

After that ,you may use a hammer or a nailer to nail the table legs onto the table top . At this point ,the basic table is presented .Following that ,both corners and the table top should be planed so that they will feel flat and smooth.

“The clothes make the man look fine .” So does the table. The table should be painted as well which is not an easy job. Firstly ,you are supposed to paint it . After waiting until it’ s dry, you can brush it in order to make it smooth .To make it better , you should repeat these two steps for several times. After all this, a wooden table is done !

Premise N a statement that is assumed to be true and from which a conclusion can be drawn.

On Sep 27th there was a fantastic basketball game between Shantou University and Dongguan NBA Basketball School. Although the Transformers lost the game, it was clear the team has a lot of talent and potential.

In order to know more about the Transformers, Shantou Beat interviewed Emil Cheung, the team's Director of Operations. Mr. Cheung was also a sports anchor at NowTV in Hong Kong, and has a great understanding of basketball.

Shantou Beat: Can you tell us about the Head Coach of the STU basketball team?

Cheung: Bill Tomlinson is now the Head Coach of the Transformers. He previously coached in Australia's National Basketball League, where he won three championships with the Sydney Kings. He's also been a technical consultant with the Chinese Women's national basketball team. Altogether, he has over 25 years of experience. The Transformers have two practices every day, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. In the evening Coach Tomlinson even goes to the gym to pick up balls for the players if he has time. He's very dedicated.

Shantou Beat: Can you describe the situation of the Transformers now?

Cheung: 4 years ago, the Li Ka Shing Foundation started a project to reform our basketball team. So our group is new and our ideas about the basketball team are new. Right now the most important thing is to find some good players.

Shantou Beat: How do you define a good player?

Cheung: A good player not only plays basketball well but also studies well. It's commonly



Transformers

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believed that in China students on the basketball team don't need to study. But we don't think so. In America, people who want to join the NBA must study in university for at least one year. No smoking, no drinking, no skipping class and they must obey the rules. I think our players should do that.

Shantou Beat: What do you do in your job?

Cheung: I have many responsibilities, including making publicity for our team, organizing games, inviting the players' parents to visit our school, and so on.

I also used to be in charge of the players' fitness but I'm too busy for that right now.

Shantou Beat: What are your expectations of the basketball team?

Cheung: We are a new team, so people can't expect us to win a championship immediately. Of course we always want good results, and players have the biggest part. So this year we are involved in active recruitment. We want to find some ideal players who fit our team. And we need time to improve our team. I hope we can get good results in 3 years.



The Chinese Men's Basketball Team at the Asian Games

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At the 2014 Incheon Asian Games, the Chinese men's basketball team was eliminated in the second round of the group stage. They beat Kazakhstan and Chinese Taipei, but lost to Japan and Iran. They ended up in fifth place overall, the worst result since they took part in the Asian Games in 1974. Many Chinese basketball fans are having a hard time accepting this result. Since the team has had a successful history in this tournament. The Chinese men's basketball team won their first championship in 1978 and had been dominant in Asia from that time on. Since 1978, they have been in Asian Games champion six times. But now they have fallen on hard times and are a second-rate team.

For this Chinese team, their most distinctive feature is that they are very young, but at the same time, they lack experience. The average age of the players is only 22 years old, and some of these players do not have the experience of international competition. Moreover, the coach, Gong Luming, has not been coaching for many years, so his performance was not very good during the tournament. Throughout the Games, the players had enough energy, which could be seen during their use of a stifling full-court press, but they were not able to achieve success on offense.

However, during the Asian Games, there were also some

surprising performances. For example, Zhou Qi, who was born in 1996 (yes, he is only 18 years old this year), showed a strong talent on both offense and defense. He can shoot like Kevin Garnett (the excellent NBA player) and he has a massive wingspan like Anthony Davis. He is 2.17 meters in height and his arms stretch up to 2.37 meters. Besides Zhou Qi, Zhelin Wang and Allen Guo also showed their great talent. Both of them are good scorers. Wang can move very quickly and get a lot of rebounds. Guo is very fast and he is an excellent ball-handler. Basketball fans can feel excited about their performance in the upcoming CBA season.

Growth is always difficult, so



fans should not be discouraged by the basketball team's failure. Even the United States lost the championship at the 2004 Olympic Games. This young team deserves more patience and encouragement, with the hope that they can make progress and do well in the future. The winter of 2014 has arrived, and the enthusiasm of Rio de Janeiro 2016 is not far away.

Study in CUHK: Keep your eyes open

By 14 Journalism Jellit Hong & 14 Journalism Vicky Wang

In a seminar room of SLC, a young girl wearing a yellow dress was laughing happily, saying "You should ask my interviewers about it!" As an exchange student participating in the international course of The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK) during this summer vacation, Zheng Yanan, Sarah, a Grade 4 student majoring in English, was playing a joke with the 2 freshmen of Shantou Beat.

At the beginning of the interview, Sarah had a chat with us so that the interview phenomenon was relaxing. I was very curious about her strength in the admission, she cracked a joke mentioned above, saying that: "You should ask my interviewers." My curiosity was satisfied by being told that she had made a good preparation for the interview. At first, she handed in a long resume designed by herself to the interviewers. Being asked to write it in an official method, Sarah just changed her resume into a 3-page table while she was asked to write 1 page. As an old saying goes, opportunity favors only the prepared mind. Sarah's success is a proof of it.

Sarah stressed the importance of spoken English when communicating with foreigners. It is another advantage of gaining the chance to study in Hong Kong. As for her, she is fond of American and British TV series, movies and music. She shared her feeling that by living in an English-speaking environment, she has gained a lot. Firstly, by learning some daily English expressions, she has improved her spoken English. For example, when she met her new friends, she can use the expression "How can I address you?" rather than "What is your name?" What's more, she has gotten used to foreigners' speaking habits while watching English TV series and movies. It reminded her of an interesting story when she talked to her American friend, her friend said she was more like an American than a Chinese. For the reason that she likes

American and British cultures, she had many topics to talk with her new friends. Because she and her roommate have the same habits, they get on well with each other and have become close friends. And now, they still keep in touch with each other and exchange news information or interesting things happening in their countries online. She is very delighted to make such a good friend.

As we all know, having goals is of great importance in our life. However, when asked what she wanted to get from this experience before setting out, Sarah showed her opinion that though having a goal is necessary, it's improper to do everything utilitarian-style (功利的). There is no doubt that she should take classes seriously, but with the precious chance to study in an international course, it's a great opportunity to communicate with students from all over the world and open her eyes. She enjoyed getting touch with different people with different cultural background in this summer vacation.

In Sarah's opinion, the education model (办学模式) of STU is advanced in China. It's her first time to study in CUHK, but she has adapted to its teaching methods quickly for they are similar to STU's. Attending a summer school, they had more free time to visit the traditional architecture, enjoy the places of interest and taste all kinds of Chinese food. No matter when they studied or traveled together, The relationship between she and her foreign friends was closer and they learned more about different kinds of cultures better.

"By studying abroad, not only can you improve your spoken English and make friends from all over the world, but the most important thing is that by learning the diversity of the world's culture, you can broaden your horizon and improve your Inclusiveness (包容度) so that you can get on well with others easily. This is the most important



thing that I have gained in this experience."

As a Grade-four student, Sarah noted that if given the chance to be an exchange student or study abroad, we should try our best to take it. She called on everyone to experience this wonderful thing personally, but she suggested us freshmen that now, we should focus on our studies. Only when we have good grade, can we have a chance to go further study.

Words in the story

conversational : colloquial not formal; as used in conversation
E.g. The one who owns a conversational tone can get on well with others more easier.

Utilitarian : having utility often to the exclusion of values
e.g. "The '90s was about utilitarian fashion," said 28-year-old Mr. Altuzarra, who was a preteen when Cobain-chic made its debut.

Recently, many female university students have been killed. On August 9, Gao Yu, a Chongqing girl, lost her life for getting into a wrong car. On October 5, a girl

who visited her mom in Dongguan was killed later on. Many people were shocked by these accidents and felt pity for these young girls.

Throughout history, females are considered as the disadvantaged group (弱势群体) so that they always become the target of some lawbreakers

easily . Why are these terrible accidents are happening around us?

“What’s wrong with you, my lovely college girls?”
“What’s wrong with you, my lovely society?”

Tragedies of lovely college girls and major reasons .

A developing society accompanied by declining morality.

Although the economy is developing rapidly, the income disparity has become much larger and the grass roots still find it hard to make a decent living. Therefore, some of them resort to illegal and silly acts to earn money. Some kill people without mercy just for money or a moment of pleasure .This terrible phenomenon reveals that,under the pressure of life, some people regard profit as everything so that they do something illegal without carefully and comprehensively thinking .

Families and schools only focus on students’ scores.

Both families and schools should be blamed for students’ lack of awareness of self-protection. In China, most parents and teachers just pay attention to students’ study and scores, without teaching them basic self-protection skills. Many students in America have been taught about how to protect themselves when they are in danger from the time they are in kindergarten. However, College students, who have received high education, could be cheated easily in China, not to mention junior high school and senior high school students.

Besides, improving students’ awareness of self-protection and teaching students how to be an upright person is of great importance. A 19-year-old boy recently murdered a female

university student, Gao Qiuxi,who was planning to go back to college. If the boy had been taught to be an upright person (正派的人), he would not be put into prison or even be sentenced to death.

The government doesn’ t manage the society perfectly.

Nowaday, many female students lose their lives for taking the unlicensed cabs(黑 车). “Although I know it’ s unsafe to take an unlicensed cab, it’ s so hard to wait for a bus or a cab,” one Jinan resident said. It is the government that doesn’ t offer a thorough public transportation system, providing opportunities for the unlicensed cab drivers.

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Our dreams about college include increasing knowledge, broadening horizons, enhancing friendship, seeking relationship,etc. However, some female students can’ t seek their dreams any more.

Measures should be taken at once. For college students, especially female students ,we should improve their awareness and skills of self-protection, like being accompanied by others when going out at night. Families and schools, not only should teach students how to get high scores, but alsohow to protect themselves and how to behave as an upright person.Governments should take the responsibility to provide a better social environment, safely and conveniently.

About Fake News

By 14 English Vanessa Xu

The CCTV Spring Festival Gala, a cultural feast has been held at Chinese New Year’s Eve every year since it started in 1983. Recently, some media outlets reported that the Spring Festival Gala would be canceled this year, which has aroused wide attention and discussion. However, in September, 2014, the CCTV official micro blog revealed that it was a piece of fake news.

Why is there so much fake news? Why can they spread at a quick speed in our society?

With the media, it is easier for information to spread. With the development of new technique and new media, as long as we log on to news websites, we can catch sight of news from all over the world. To illustrate, you can seek

out a lot of fresh events happening in America, including something about economy, politics, and culture and so on. At the same time, new techniques and new media can also bring fiercer competition to the industry when a great number of newspapers report the same events. If your reports don’ t have any outstanding features, some people won’ t continue reading. In order to improve the sales of newspapers and the number of network news hits, some reporters prefer to create fake news to attract people’ s attention. Sometimes, they report some fictional news concerning private life stories of the popular stars’ to arouse people’ s interest. Or they just add some details they guess from the stars’ behavior but never prove the authenticity of them.

The press management and the laws for press and publication are

incomplete. As a result, cases about making and spreading fake news have no specific law that applies to them. In general, the punitive measures include deducting the payment, exposing their deeds through the media and shutting down their work temporarily. Because the punishment is not strong enough, some media are united to continue to do such things without deep introspection. What’ s more, the governments don’ t have sufficient credibility in that they don’ t correct the fake news in time. As the fake news spreads, the governments’ credibility is reducing.

As individuals, we do not analyze the authenticity of news. The moment we receive a piece of astonishing news, some of us send it to our friends circle. Some even create fake news to play a trick on others. For instance, a man in Liaoning

made the rumor that someone lost all his possession in a taxi and many citizens came to help. But the newswas confirmed to be a trick finally.

Besides, the real news may not be accepted easily because people have seen or heard too much fake news. Fake news makers don’ t respect the objective facts. As an old saying goes, "rumors stop at the wise." The wise will never be bothered by rumors for they have the ability to judge the nature of things.

Competition between media, a lack of governments’ management, as well as individuals’ casual spreading of fake news are responsible for the proliferation of problematic journalism. Only if we all are united to fight against fake news, can we make our society a better place to live in and a more reliable family to trust.

(Discussion group of news comment :Michelle Vanessa Jellit Sheriff)



Letter To John

Dear John:

How do you do ? My name is lingling, a freshman in STU.

I hope to find a foreign friend to help me practice my oral English. Also, I want to know more about other cultures, just like you. But I don't know how to make friends with them. Because of my poor English, I don't even dare to talk to them. Besides, I don't know where to make friends with people from other countries.

Could you please give me some advice?

Thank you.

Best wishes !

Lingling.

Words in the letters

Oral : spoken

spoken rather than written

E.g. We will have a oral exam tomorrow.

Commit : perpetrate

to do something wrong or illegal

E.g. Most crimes are committed by young men.



John's Reply

Dear Lingling:

You've mentioned some important matters in your letter. Let me try to address them here.

First of all, let me assure you that you don't need to worry so much about your English. In many (if not most) cases, your English will be better than the foreigner's Chinese. So, in order to communicate, you'll only need to keep in mind that a foreigner is a human being just like you are. While it's possible that you could commit some sort of cultural mistake in communicating with a foreigner, it's also possible that the foreigner could commit a mistake in communicating with you. Once you take the chance to try to talk to a foreigner, you'll realize that it isn't that difficult. You just need to take the chance.

Now let's take the idea of making a foreign friend. Honestly, I think your goal should be to "meet" a foreigner first. Keep in mind that friendship takes time. And the foreigner you meet may not be one that you'll end up being friends with—just as a Chinese person that you meet may not in the end become a close friend. Once you meet a foreigner—perhaps at the East Gate or at an STU activity—you'll discover whether or not you and he/she share common interests, have things to talk about, etc. In short, you'll discover whether or not you and he/she really hit it off.

In short, make an effort to meet a foreigner; let friendship develop naturally.

Kind regards.

John



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