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The Policy of Limiting the Number of Tourists at STU

With the Truth Bell and new stadium built, the environment at STU is getting more beautiful and more attractive, which enhances its appeal not only to students and university faculties, but also to many visitors. As a result, the number of visitors to STU has dramatically increase in recent years. Considering the bad influences of too many visitors have on students' life and the university environment, a policy of limiting the number of visitors to the campus was issued in March. In terms of the policy, no more than 500 visitors can walk into STU. This policy has aroused wide concern in the past several weeks.

Different people hold different views. As for

visitors, many of them are confused and do not understand why STU made such a regulation.

However, some students at STU seem to be supportive to such a limitation policy. Some students point out that some visitors' behaviors are very uncivilized, which has a great effect on the campus environment and teaching order. For example, there are always some kids treading on the Truth Bell and playing with each other while their parents are just standing and watching them play rather than disciplining and stopping children doing that. The Truth Bell is not only acknowledged as a facility for recreation but more importantly, a spiritual symbol of pursuing truth, a symbol of encouraging students to study. So many students feel that it is rude and disrespectful for those kids to play around and trend on the Truth Bell.

Other students complain that visitors like to have a picnic on the lawn or have barbeques around the reservoir, and after they finish their activities, they just leave the trash scattering on the lawn. This puts a great burden on the cleaners and it also damages the campus environment.

In addition, some other students argue that our campus is not big enough to hold a large number of people. Take parking lots for instance. There are not many parking lots at STU, so many visitors' cars have to park in the streets, occupying the pavements. In this case, the roads and the pavements become narrower for students.

According to the research online, lots of people have complaints and arguments to the policy. Obviously, STU is in a dilemma that how to balance the protection of our campus envi-

ronment and the demand of tourists. I believe the policy is temporary and cannot last for a long time for the reason that a university needs to have an open mind to accept and welcome different people. But in order to reach the goal of opening the campus without any resistance, STU should figure out some solutions. First of all, we students should keep in mind that it is our duty to protect our campus because we are a member of STU and even the simplest thing can make a difference such as persuading tourists not to throw trash or leading tourists the right places for entertainment. What's more, STU can encourage student to become volunteers and join in the activity like picking up the trash to beautify our campus. Secondly it is essential that the power of security at STU indeed needs strengthening and whoever enters the campus should be recorded his/her ID card number by machine. Above all, the majority of tourists are well-mannered and have high moral qualities.

By 15 law Florence Xu

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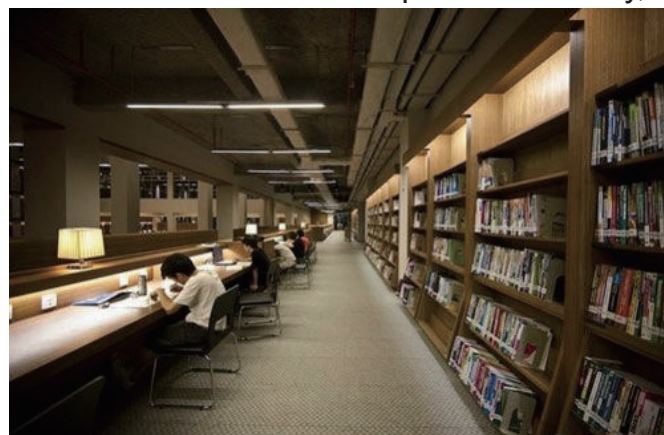


Report on Reading Festival

The World Book and Copyright Day is on 23rd April, aiming to appeal more people to read and write. With the same goal, the Sang Pu Mountain Reading Festival was held in STU in April. There were several meaningful activities being held during the festival, which encouraged many students to read more books.

As a fan of reading, Sam, a ELC teacher, recommended the novel named *A Song of Ice and Fire* (or *Game of Thrones*), which is about a series of stories happened in fictional medieval world. He also thinks highly of some other famous book such as *Anne Frank's Diary*. According to Sam, if you want to know more about

the life of the English teenagers, reading *The Secret of Adrian Mole* is a good way. Sam said that reading books is very important for people because it could enrich our spiritual life. Finally,



he expressed his worry that young generation in modern society are losing their interests in reading and do not have enough awareness of the importance of reading.

During the reading festival, three films were played in the library for free. Many students who went to see the films thought highly of the activity. A student who watched the film *the Kite Runner* commented that "After reading this book, I have a deeper understanding of responsibility." The other two, *The Flowers of War* and *Breakfast at Tiffany's*, were also appreciated by most students. "I hope we can have more chances to take part in such an interesting (NEXT →)

and useful activity, to watch some great movies for free." A student who finished watching *The Flowers of War* said.

"Inside the Library" was another main activity, which was held on 20th April and 22nd April. The participants were gathered together to look around and to have a better understanding of the library. There was a Q&A section after the tour, students were active and some of them won the awards. Additionally, a survey from the library was presented, which shows that *Chinese Classic Treasure House* (中国历代经典宝库), *The*

Ordinary World (平凡的世界) and *The Secret Garden* ranks the top three of most popular books.

Voltaire once said, "Reading makes people an eagle." The Sang Pu Mountain Reading Festival has been highly acclaimed by students and teachers, because it encouraged students to read more books and enriched their mind and life greatly.

By 15 English Venus Huang



Reflections of Students' Reading Situation

The thirteenth Sang Hill Reading Festival was held at Shantou University in April, 2016. There were four main activities and one of them was Books and Films, which is the most special one among the four activities. Books and Films provides students with a "free theatre" to watch some movies adapted from some famous books, such as *The Kite Runner* and *Breakfast at Tiffany's*. Many students participated in this activity and they enjoyed the films very much.

Zeng Baixiang, who was responsible for this activity, says, "Holding a series of reading activities in a month can't change students' current reading habits, but it can create an atmosphere of reading good books in this Information Age when most people have been spending too much time on mobile phone and computer." According to him, we need more time to get rid of our bad reading habits, and we also need a proper direction.

Now student's reading situation in China has become worse and worse according to some surveys. Liu Qiuli and Zhang Zijun, who have participated in books and films, say that they don't read many books and that they only enjoy reading novels. When it comes to the function of this activity, both of them think highly of this reading event and they think their interests in reading books have been inspired a lot. However, it is hard to raise people's interests in reading in daily life. So how can we improve our reading situation?

"We can invite some people who have much reading experience to deliver some speeches and to give us some suggestions about reading. Also, holding some meetings among students to discuss various kinds of

books is a good way to encourage students to read widely." Zhang Zijun says.

Nowadays, many people are confused about reading. They do not know what kind of books they should read, because there are too many articles and books updated online every day. As a result, some people may choose shallow books to read and thus waste much time. What's worse, some people give up reading because they do not know what to read. So it's important to give these people some clear directions, that is, recommending some great books for them to read. If they know what they should read and know what is worth to read, they can save much time and more importantly, they may be inspired to read.

Interest is also very important. "Everyone's majors and reading hobbies are different, so the tendency of reading is very different. And interest plays an essential role in choosing what kind of books in some sense," says Zeng. Reading may be boring if you are forced to read something you are not interested in. However, if you choose the right book, the book you really like, you will keep reading and could not stop.

Although Sang Hill Reading Festival has ended, it provided students with a good reading environment and it did encourage students to read widely and wisely.

By 15 journalism Anna Hu



Girls' Day

People usually set Girls' Day on March 7th as Girls' Day, a festival to make people care about girls, originating from the 1980s, was sponsored by the Shandong University first and spread to other universities in China. Almost every university has the tradition to celebrate the Girls' Day, and STU is no exception.

This year, the Student Union in STU prepared plenty of surprises for girls. First, streamers for celebrating Girls' Day could be seen everywhere on March 7th. On that day, some lucky girls could receive the free loving breakfasts in the dormitory building before they attended their classes. Additionally, one of the members of the Student Union played the part of Kumamon, a popular and cute bear, to hug the girls and give them flowers and mysterious presents. Moreover, the Student Union arranged for their male members to pick up the packages for girls without any pay. Many girls said that they felt like a princess because the boys treated with them and cared about them in such a gentle way. Girls' Day not only can enrich the campus life, but also can be beneficial to boys and girls and make them interact sincerely.

The most important meaning of Girls' Day is to guide the girls to

more concern about their own moral accomplishment, the cultural connotation and the mental health. Additionally, it conveys the meaning that girls should enhance their comprehensive qualities and treat themselves properly. As we all know, the status of males was higher than females in the past, even now the situation still exists. Because of the physical differences between males and females, males have more advantages than females in doing the heavy work which is of great significance in the ancient time. Thus, males were in the position of dominance all the time, and females were discriminated against. With the advancement of society, the thinking of people is improving as well. Female attaches great importance to equality. They do their utmost to use their abilities, wisdom and knowledge to prove that they are able to achieve extraordinary careers without depending on males. Therefore, the original purpose of celebrating Girls' Day is to express the hope that girls can obtain some creative and valuable experience and they will be full of confidence and passion in the future.

By 15 English Yannis Huang



STU "Leopards" in 100 km Hiking in Shenzhen

On March 19, Shenzhen Mo Fang Net held the 16th 100 km Hiking activity. This activity has been held 15 times in the past 15 years in spring. This year, an outdoor association in STU, Snow Leopard, organized 48 students and took part in the Hiking, with proudly 12 of them completing the whole of 100 km.

On the afternoon of 19, STU students arrived at the starting place, the Shenzhen Bay Sports Park. Right there, thousands of people had already gathered there. It was no doubt that this activity was very popular across China and even over the world. After their check-in, our students began their journey, following the huge crowd of people.

According to the rule of the race, all hikers were expected to finish their walking in 24

hours. For the sake of students' adaptability to such a long-time walk, Snow Leopard previously arranged an simulated hiking, about 40 km long, from STU to the Chaoshan Airport in Jieyang (揭阳). Most of the students successfully



finished the training on time, and back with their boosted confidence upon the 100 km Hiking.

During the Hiking, an hour after the race began, an unexpected heavy rain came, and it forced some students slowed down and even stop. At the meantime, there were some students withstanding the rain and keeping walking until the rain stopped. In the evening, it was really a splendid scenery that so many people were walking at one time.

The night time was the most difficult in the long walking because you would find yourself tired and sleepy. Thanks to the adaptive training before, most of the students were still energetic as a day time leopard and enthusiastic as they were early in the race. They marched along and (NEXT →)

smoothly reached the second and third place for signing.

When some of our students reached the fourth place for signing, they were already extremely tired, and yet, some of them even got their feet swollen. As a professional outdoor association, Snow Leopard had got ready for such situations. A bus arranged for those who could not carry on was in place to take them directly to the destination. However, some students made up their mind to finish the left hiking track despite of their swollen feet.

At last, before 6:00 p.m., the Da Peng Square embraced a few of our students. They completed the whole Hiking in 24 hours. Other students also finished the whole hiking lately. Members of Snow Leopard had already booked enough rooms in a hotel for STU's students. In the morning the other day, after a night of rest, they went back to STU.

This long-distance hiking is a great challenge and also a good training for our students. Not only can they learn how to persist but they can have

such a special and precious experience in their life. What's more, the friendship they sowed and reaped this time will never fade out.

By 15 Electronic Engineering Welson Huang



Thank you, Kobe

This event aroused great attention around the world, no exceptions for students in STU. Students in STU were also crazy about this event. For most of them, especially boys, Kobe is the special star who attracted them into the magical world of basketball. So they would not miss the last game that Kobe played. Some students stayed in their dormitories to watch the game, and others went to the third canteen with their friends to enjoy Kobe's very last competition. No matter what the result would be, the students wanted Kobe to do the best he can, to shoot once he seizes a chance. They wanted Kobe to get a high score, as he did when he was young.

When Kobe scored, students in the third canteen applauded crazily and cheered for him. It seemed like they were on the spot. Some of them were so excited and emotional that they cried when they saw the game. Some students said they felt empty and pity when they knew the news of Kobe's retirement. Some students said that it was hard just to imagine

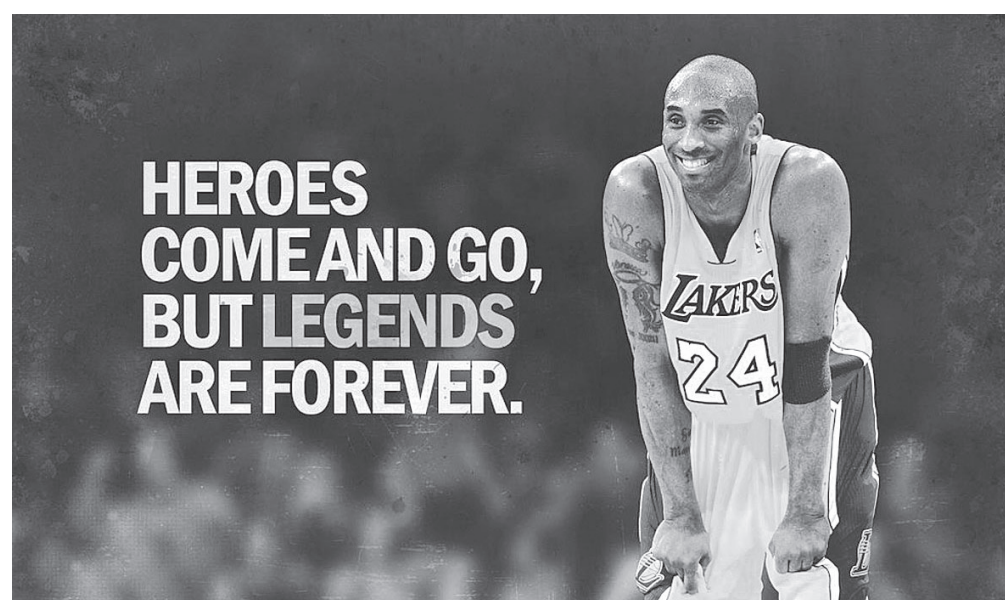
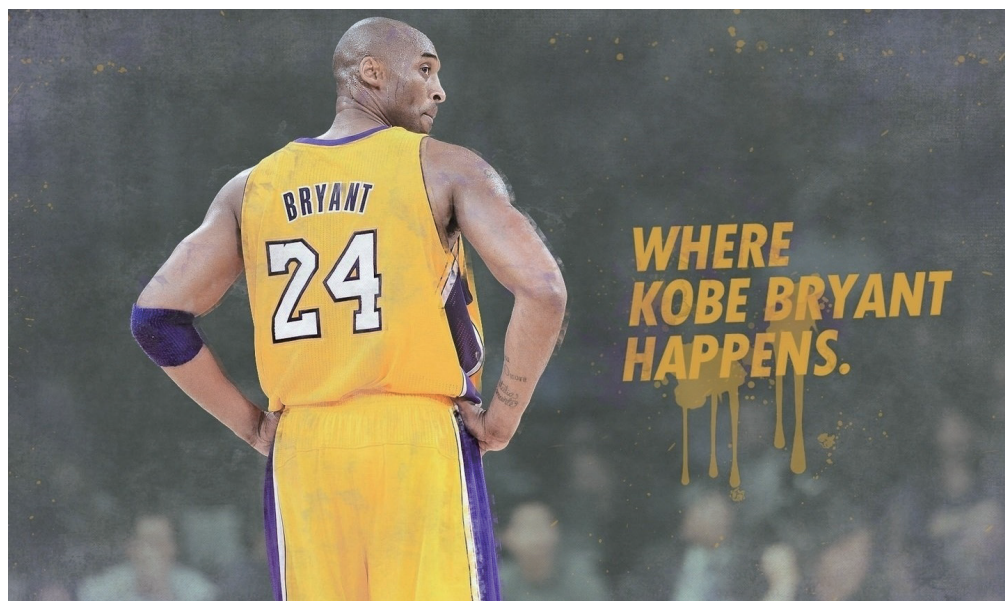
that Kobe would never play basketball in NBA in the future.

Many people shared their memories about Kobe on social media. Not only real fans, but also those who only heard about Kobe expressed their thanks and respect. For most people, Kobe does not only mean a great basketball player. More importantly, Kobe has accompanied them for a very long time, through their childhood and adolescence. Kobe seems to become their life tutor, rather than just a basketball star. Through his own life experience, Kobe taught people to pursue their dreams perseveringly and to struggle for their goals no matter how difficult they would be.

Kobe has accompanied many people for 20 years. That night, Mamba out. Kobe said, "some people love me and some people hate me, but there is only one reason." No matter people love Kobe or not, they will appreciate Kobe for his accomplishment.

Thank you, Kobe!

By 15 Electronic Engineering Victor Chen



Cantonese in the Danger of Death

Recently, a Guangdong high school hung a slogan "Learning Mandarin, becoming a civil man", which angered the local students. Some people were concerned that the widespread use of Mandarin may cause Cantonese to become extinct. I believe their worry is well justified.

Cantonese is viewed as a part of the cultural identity for its native speakers across large swathes of southern China, Hong Kong and Macau. Although Cantonese shares some vocabulary items with Mandarin Chinese, the two kinds of languages are not mutually intelligible because of pronunciation, grammatical, and lexical differences. For example, Cantonese keeps a lot of monosyllabic words like "er" which means ear, but it is called "er duo" in Mandarin.

Due to Hong Kong's cultural influence, back in the 1980s and 1990s, people in Mainland China grew up with music and films made in Hong Kong, and that language, together with people's admiration of Cantonese culture, has become the symbol of the era.

However, in comparison to the increasing economic power and cultural dominance of Beijing, Guangdong and Hong Kong are losing their cultural influence even in the local area. In Guangzhou, many official TV

broadcasts have banned using Cantonese, retaining few ways to spread the standard Cantonese. Worse still, children are asked by schools to speak Mandarin Chinese only. They start to learn Mandarin Chinese in kindergartens and communicate with classmates in Mandarin Chinese even though they are all Cantonese. A popular prediction is that Cantonese will be further parochial and finally draw back to a regional dialect just as other dialects that are only spoken among locals.

The death of a language is a huge cultural loss. If this education phenomenon keeps going on, Cantonese is going to die after a short while. We all perfectly know that children are our future. The Mandarin Chinese education, to some extent, is a detriment to Cantonese's future. I hope that Cantonese will be respected and protected while Mandarin is promoted by Guangdong government. I love Cantonese as well as the local people.

By 15 Administration Management Lam Sunning



Mixed major accommodation system in STU Does Harm to Students

As is known to all, STU has a special accommodation system—students need to live with others from different grades and majors. Some people contend that it's good and beneficial to making various friends and develop our thinking. But from my perspective, I don't really approve of this system because it brings harm more than good.

First of all, this accommodation system has an unfavorable influence on the relationship between roommates. If a freshman lives with junior or senior students from different majors, it seems that he would live with them only for one or two years, which is not very good to keep a long friendship with elder students. They may not comprehend each other completely, owing to a lack of common topics and their few communication and interaction. Furthermore, different timetables are prone to bring about conflict,

causing dead air and terribly silence in the dorm.

Secondly, this system is a barrier keeping students from communicating with those from the same major. If someone has some problems about the specialized knowledge, he or she has to give others a call or use other digital forms of communication to ask for advice. It is much more inconvenient compared with asking someone around you for help. In addition, it is also difficult to organize some class activities and do class work. For example, our commissary in charge of studies was required to hand out CET4 test cards to our classmates, but she had to make an appointment with them in advance. They decided to meet in the second canteen from 12 to 13 o'clock, but if someone forgot, she had to wait for them until they came, which killed her time and made her angry.

There is no doubt that living with others from

different grades and majors can enlarge our interpersonal networks. And with the collision of different thoughts, ideas could flow out everywhere. Nevertheless, joining some organizations in the college, taking general classes and participating in various activities can also work. So I believe special accommodation system in STU is unreasonable and needs to be changed owing to its disadvantages to students.

By 15 Chinese Sally Chen



Xiaoyan Chen

Xiaoyan Chen, a local paper-cutting artist, promotes paper-cutting culture in Shantou University

"I will try my best to impart Chaoshan paper-cutting skills to the next generation and exchange with paper-cutting culture from other areas," Xiaoyan Chen, who is a local paper-cut artist, said.

Paper-cutting is called kezhi, chuanguhua or jianhua. Paper-cutting is a very distinctive visual art of Chinese handicrafts. It originated from the 6th century when women used to paste golden and silver foil cuttings onto their hair at the temples. Later, they were used to decorate gates and windows during festivals. After hundreds of years, now they have become a popular kind of decoration among country folk.

Chaoshan paper-cutting is an ancient art, which stems from Chaoshan folk culture, Chaoshan paper-cutting is included in state-level intangible cultural heritage. People convey their wishes to others with paper cuttings. For example, for a wedding ceremony, red paper cutting is a kind of traditional and required decoration on the tea set, the mirror on dressing-table, and on other pieces of furniture. A big red paper cut into the character 'Xi' (happiness) is traditional necessary stuff on the newlywed's door. In the birthday party of the elders, the character 'Shou' represents the longevity and makes the atmosphere of the celebration more warm and delighting.

When it comes to the experience of paper-cutting, Xiaoyan Chen said that she likes remembering some amazing things by using the way of paper-cutting. When she was a child, she helped her mother do embroidery, which helped her get used to using small tools, like needles and nicking tools. She spent five months in creating works about the Beijing Olympics and caused a sensation in the Chaoshan area. To our surprise, the works

contains one hundred people and thirty-eight items on a piece of paper.

Compared with her achievements, she is more willing to talk about her wish to inherit Chaoshan paper-cutting art. But she thinks that it is easy to learn about cutting a piece of paper but very difficult to master it with perfection. She cooperates with Shantou University handwork club and established the Chaoshan paper-cutting center. She will be an adviser in Chaoshan paper-cutting center. Besides, Xiaoyan Chen also takes other measures to inherit paper-cutting art. She started a professional training class to teach children paper-cutting. Additionally, in her opinions, to develop this kind of art, we should not only study from other culture but also maintain distinctive Chaoshan features in paper-cuttings. Furthermore, she says that government cultural policies can well support the development of paper-cutting.

By 15 Journalism Maggie Mai



English Composition Competition

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A moment in life

When I was five, I thought lipstick and high-heel are what make a mature woman. I remembered quite clear one peaceful afternoon, my mother told me that she would go out for a party and not stay with me. What made me excited was that she had forgotten to lock her lipstick into her cabinet as she hurried out. Seeing that, I carefully picked up the lipstick and carefully applied it evenly on the lips. When I saw a puffy face with a sausage-shaped mouth, I was shocked by myself. On second thought, imagination of being a mature woman makes me feel like walking on air.

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Years have passed. I now learn how to use the lipstick skillfully and walk with high-heel elegantly.. What's more, I began to doubt myself. And I gradually understand that maturation is not all about the look. It even has nothing to do with lipsticks and high-heels. It is not about height or weight. It is a psychological reaction rather than physical changes.

There is a moment that has ever stricken my heart and made me suddenly feel that I was really mature. Again a serene afternoon, I tried to help my 5-year-old cousin do her makeup which was supposed to make she look more energetic on the stage. When I saw her smiling face and heard she say, 'Thank you Ann, you makes me look as pretty as my mom! I love you!' I burst out laughter but suddenly understand that every girl has a dream of growing up and becoming mature just like her mother. But it is strange that many women want to be young again. When I found that I could not go back to my childhood, and when I can only be a little girl and beg my beautiful mother to do a makeup for me only in my dream and when I finally know that these kinds of dreams can never come true, I feel a sense of the bitterness of growing up. It a feeling of maturation, which is accompanied by obligation.

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By Zhang Xiaoyun

2nd

A moment when you feel you are mature

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By Doris

3rd

Pain past is pleasure

I tramped hurriedly on my own in a street with a cold light from streetlamp. A half moon that were hidden behind some wispy clouds accompanied me, and I was just walking, tears began to spill out of my eyes.

I could not believe that I parted from my love in a call in minutes ago.

August advanced to September of last two year ago, I chatted with a stranger to kill time by a dating software when I recuperated at home after an accident, I found that we were congenial and had a great joy when we talked with each other, after a period of time, we decided to established a relationship of love with each other, we were thankful for the destiny that made us encounter. However, life is not in the trajectory we expect, we have to say goodbye with each other ultimately after covering a journey that are full of sweet and bitter.

We are the LGBT. The identity of the LGBT make our road rugged and hard, we are defeated by the poor tolerance and the conventional mindset of society at the end.

At that night, I cried out for anguish at parting. I feel heart broken and painful, after calming down, I started to look back and examine the process of this romantic love.

I seemed to understand something that make me mature.

I think that the moment of falling love make me mature, it is my first time to feel the beauty and fantasy of the romantic, falling in love is all froth and fantasy. Breaking the shackles to pursue love with huge

courage would be the most correct choice I have made. I can feel the power of love that make me mature when I pay all of mine for it. It encourages me to be a better man, to be more excellent. To understand responsibility and the wonderful feeling of dedication and giving.

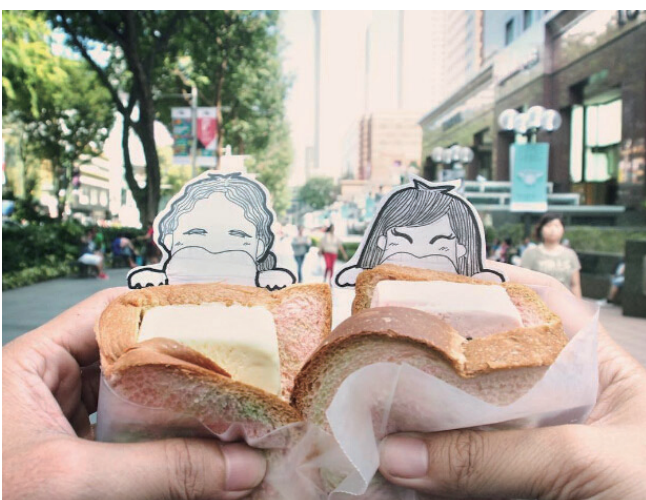
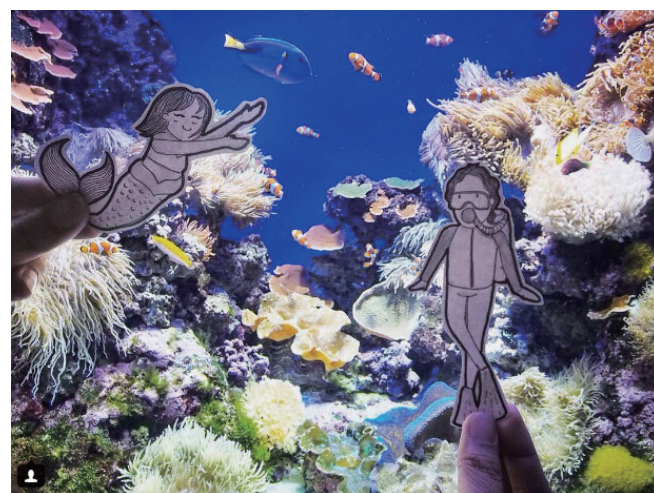
As for me, the moment of farewell is the catalyst to growth. In the first few days after breaking up, I realized that something in the world you can not change at all, it made me feel helpless. Intensive anguish of losing my love knocked me over and disrupted the rhythm of life. I try my best to motivate myself by reading and absorbing the ideas of talented people, which extremely broaden my horizon, make me forget the sadness and offer me another kind of happiness and fulfillment. I wanted to get rid of the grief deeply, so that I started consider about what could bring me ceaseless satisfaction, I found that the answer hidden in my heart is "dream", something inspire me and I can't not do. At that moment, I became more mature, because I started to stop complain and evasion, I recover from this frustration and figure out something meaningful for me. I am still full of expectation for love and trust myself that I could solve the problems of love maturely and better in the future. This is the meaning of mature: TO REACH A BETTER SELF.

As the saying goes: pain past is pleasure. Being mature and better is what I gain from the experience of pain.

By Vigor

Couple: Selfie in the travel

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