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GTIIT: Future Innovation Leader

On December 16, 2015, the Guangdong Technion-Israel Institute of Technology (GTIIT) launch ceremony was held in the new stadium of Shantou University. More than 4500 guests, alumni of Shantou University and students gathered in the stadium to witness this important ceremony.

Governor Zhu Xiaodan, former Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres, honorary president of Shantou University Li Ka-shing, and other domestic and foreign guests attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the institute. Afterwards, Zhu Xiaodan, Shimon Peres, and Li Ka-shing, attended the launch ceremony of GTIIT and delivered speeches.

At the ceremony, Mr. Peres pointed out that the world is entering into the era of science and technology. The content of science and technology not only is an innovation, but also contains the moral, values, and the use of science and technology in a fair way. He also said, "Education plays a very important role during the process."

Technion President Peretz Lavie said that, "The combination of the innovative and entrepreneurial spirit of Israel and the unbelievable scale and re-

sources of China will result in a great partnership... Together we will create a major research institute that will help not only China and Israel, but also mankind in general." Mr. Li Ka-shing added, "In this day and age, no one has an iota of doubt that

technological innovation underpins a country's ability to create collective wealth, and that it is the key impetus to individual success".

GTIIT, a historic partnership between Technion and Shantou University, will offer high-level, innovative and research-oriented undergraduate and graduate education. In the future, the advanced model of running a school and the idea of entrepreneurship and innovation will be introduced into China. GTIIT will become the foundation of innovation. A new Silicon Valley will appear in the south of China, which will promote the transformation and upgrading of Guangdong and the whole country.

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Speech Contest: Opportunities Exist Alongside Challenges

The Speech Contest was held on 12th December, the second day of the English Festival at STU. Students from different countries and regions, including China, Japan, Singapore, Taiwan and Macao, gathered together at STU to give the audience remarkable English speeches.

The contest included two rounds. "15 minutes of fame" was the topic of this contest. In the first round, all speakers shared their ideas about 15 minutes of fame with the audiences in 3 minutes. They talked about their daydream, blood donation, bravery and something they could do in 15 minutes. It seemed that all speakers had prepared for the speech well. Nevertheless, when going up on the stage, there were still several speakers forgetting words owing to nervousness.

Rina, a speaker from Japan, was so nervous that she forgot lines halfway. When she went

backstage, she said sorry to her teacher. To comfort her, the teacher gave her a hug. This detail was noticed by Morry, the volunteer who accompanied Rina during the English Festival at STU. "There are quite many marks on her speech draft," Morry said, which meant that every contestant was really diligent and hard-working and tried to give a good performance.

In the second round, the speakers were required to give an impromptu speech with different topics. After this part, the judge would ask them a question according to what the speakers had said, and then they had to present their answers. That is to say, the speaker must think much deeply of the question and give the answer immediately at a normal pace.

In addition to the speech, there were several excellent performances from CEC, which enter-

tained the audience successfully. Compared to those serious speeches, they were livelier and were combined with some performances.

In this speech contest, students had a chance to compete with others from different schools and exchanged the experience of speech and English learning. For the contestants, opportunities existed alongside challenges. Every contestant challenged themselves and made progress. As for the audience, although they didn't participate in the contest, they also obtained enjoyment and learned from some of the experiences of the excellent speakers from their speech.

A successful speech is powerful. The audience can be deeply moved by the speaker and the positive opinions, and be urged to do what will make life and even the world better. Let us watch more speeches, listen to various opinions, or be the one who will give a speech to change the world!

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The Color Run

With the theme of "Run for Your Favourite", The Color Run, an activity organized by Students' Association Union and several clubs, was held at 3 p.m. on December 5th.

In order to hold a meaningful running game, the staff wearing green hula skirts and green balloons had prepared for more than 3 hours that morning.

Starting from the Truth Bell, runners went through the route of the motto of the monument, DG teaching building, the Graffiti wall, the reservoir, the 789 building, and finally arrived in the playground. Wearing green hula skirt, runners passed through totally 6 different games: tasting sushi made from vegetable, crossing the yellow sponge holes, passing Doraemon magical door to recall happy childhood, going by the pink arch, and passing by red world and the orange balloon pool. The more interesting part is the long canvas in both start line and finish line, which is provided for runners to doodle on.

It is a pity that The Color Run this year has to replace color powder with pigment, due to the dust explosion in Taiwan and the consideration of the participants' safety. The color powder, made of corn starch, is harmless to human beings and environmentally sound, but it will explode in certain conditions. Anyway, thanks to the wonderful preparations, all the participants enjoy themselves in this wonderful activity.

The Color Run, which is also known as the Happiest 5k on the Planet, is a unique paint race that celebrates health, happiness and individuality.

Now as the single largest event series in the United States, The Color Run has gained great popularity since the debut event, we have more than tripled our growth. The Color Run hosting more than 300 events in 50+ countries in 2014. Not only can the attendants build their body during running, but also they are able to learn the spirit of persistence and the public welfare.

Presenting the characteristic culture of each organization through the color run, this activity symbolized the collaboration of Students' Association Union and other school clubs. "For the sake of lightening up the school atmosphere, we will pay attention to the popular sports and hold more interesting sports game with practice for students and teachers at STU", said Xing Jiajian.

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Christmas is approaching: How do foreigners celebrate this festival?

Christmas, regarded as the birthday of Jesus and Christianity, is celebrated on 25th Dec almost all over the world. In order to celebrate the most important festival of the year, some western families have begun to prepare at the beginning of December, purchasing food, Christmas trees, gifts and so on. It is really a good time for the whole family to get together to have a Christmas feast on Christmas Eve. However, different countries have different customs. Let me introduce to you some food traditions of Christmas around the world.

England: Generally speaking, English families will roast turkey on their own. First, they make a stuffing with bread, squash a lot of vegetables, and put this mixture into the turkey, including celery, onion and chestnut. Then, they add spices to it. Finally, they put turkey into the oven and start to bake it. Sometimes baking a large turkey can take the whole day.

France: Buchedenoel is a kind of well-known world-wide Christmas food. The trunk-shaped cake has its origin in a romantic tale: long long ago, a stripling who was so poor broke off a trunk as a Christmas gift to his lover. To his surprise, his lover happily accepted it. Nowadays, Buchedenoel become the symbol of best wishes.

Denmark: It is the apricot pudding that the whole family will eat before Christmas feast. Besides, they have a traditional custom: the person who eats the complete apricot will be the luckiest one in the next year, so they often put a complete apricot in the youngest child's pudding. This cus-

tom is similar to Chinese New Year's custom - we will put a coin in a dumpling. The person who finds a coin in a dumpling is considered as the luckiest person in the coming year.

Germany: Lebkuchen, which look likes the combinations of cake and biscuit, is prevalent among Germans. Lebkuchen is made of honey and pepper corn. It tastes not only sweet but also peppery. At present, Lebkuchen is often covered with sweet icing.

Finland: They enjoy drinking glogi wine. The distinctive wine is the combination of apricot, raisin and wine. It's excellent with bakery products like Lebkuchen.

Having introduced the Christmas food, let's talk about some more details about Christmas. Actually, the story of the Christmas tree is also a touching tale. A long time ago, a farmer came across a poor child on the Christmas day. The child begged for food. The farmer invited him to his family's Christmas feast. To express his gratitude to the farmer, the child broke a branch from pine tree and planted it in the soil. Immediately, the branch became a tall Christmas tree that was decorated with gifts.

The following is other impressive story about Santa Claus. A heart-warming nobleman was devoted to philanthropy, which made him run out of his money. Unluckily, it's also time for his three daughters to get married. But he had no money to prepare dowries for them. A sage named Nicholas knew of his difficulties. He came to the nobleman's house on 25th Dec when the whole family was asleep. Therefore, he went on the roof and threw three



bags full of gold through the chimney. Three girls found gold in their stocking the next day. Then they get married happily. The act to pass love becomes a wonderful tradition through the years.

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Do you REALLY know about "stiff neck"?

Sometimes people would say they're "having a stiff neck" instead of "my neck is aching", and maybe you are one of them. Actually, "having a stiff neck" is not counted as a medical professional medical term. It is more like a figurative word, which suggests the feeling of stiffness in the neck.

One of the main reasons why people get a "stiff neck" is that they sleep in a wrong position. Another main reason is that their pillow is set too high or too low. However, these reasons that I mentioned above are not all the reasons that may cause stiff neck! Sometimes "stiff neck" is not just a simple stiff neck pain, and it may be a sign of a more serious disease. If this happens, the most important thing is to consult a doctor as soon as possible to diagnose the disease, and to figure out how to treat it. Here comes a question. How can we tell whether it is the stiff neck pain and the symptom of a serious disease? Here are some tips for you.

1. Numbness of both arms. This means that your nerves may be oppressed in somewhere of your neck and shoulders.

2. Severe pain on your back or shoulders. If you still feel painful in your back or shoulders even though you've recovered from a stiff neck, this may possibly mean a problem for cervical disc.

Having a stiff neck is really suffering. Then how could we ease the pain? If you are not sure it is stiff neck pain, then here are the suggestions for you.

1. Massage the aching area. Massaging is a good way to ease muscle pain, and you can find a special spine massager to help.

2. Slowly turn your neck from left to right, from top to bottom, and from upper to lower. The key is, you must do these exercises gently and slowly; otherwise, it will aggravate the symptoms of stiff neck.

3. Change to another appropriate pillow. You might want to replace the ordinary pillow with the special one specifically designed for neck pain. If you are using a neck pillow, and your neck is still aching, then please remove all your pillows, and simply lay down to sleep.

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The Semi-final of the FIFA Club World Cup in 2015

In the Semi-final of FIFA Club World Cup on Dec. 16, Barcelona clashed against Guangzhou Evergrande and won the match by 3:0. However, the 3:0 loss didn't really disappoint the Chinese, for Evergrande had made considerable progress when compared to its performance in the 2013 FIFA Club World Cup. Throughout the whole match, Evergrande gave 100% to defend some amazing goals for 40 minutes. They have reached the top performance of Asian football in this year.

Although Barcelona's Lionel Messi (in my opinion, the best footballer in the world) and Neymar had missed the semi-final of the FIFA Club World Cup against Guangzhou Evergrande because of renal colic and hurt, Evergrande was still faced with the most powerful team in this FIFA match.

It was not until the 23rd minute that Barca carved out their first clear chance, but Li Shuai was off his line quickly to block Munir El Haddadi's effort after a brilliant through-ball from Andres Iniesta.

Evergrande's power was crippled a little bit when Zou Zheng had to be stretchered off the field with what seemed like a potentially serious injury to his ankle, and the game became even tougher when Suarez opened the scoring after 39 minutes.

In the end, Luis Suarez joked about the absences of Lionel Messi and Neymar as his hat trick to send Barcelona into the Club World Cup final with a 3-0 win over Guangzhou Evergrande Taobao.

Before the match, the Evergrande captain, Zheng Zhi, promised that his team players would not be intimidated by the strong opponents from Barcelona. "We have been looking forward to this game," said the veteran midfielder, "We just want to go all out and enjoy it, and to learn something from it. We are not afraid of them and there's no reason for us to be nervous."

"We will put our heart and soul into it," he added, "Barcelona is a fantastic side but we will get ready. Just give a full play to our potential and see what happens."

Barcelona is one of the strongest teams on the planet. Therefore, we should cheer up for the fact that Evergrande is becoming more and more confident and powerful. Evergrande is the winner, too!

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The Reflections on Tu's Winning the Nobel Prize

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2015, a year filled with many important events, is finally coming to an end. Looking back to 2015, Tu's winning the Nobel Prize in Medicine is most likely to be one of the remarkable events in our country because Tu Youyou is the first Chinese citizen to receive this prize in medicine. However, this event also lead to many reflections in society.

Firstly, this event gives a hit to the Chinese Academician System. Reflecting to the status of Tu Youyu, you may be very surprised at it. She is the chief professor at the China Academy of Traditional Medicine, who doesn't have the experience of studying abroad, doctor's degree, or any of the honor of academician. Therefore, she is called "a scientist who doesn't have three things". In China, it's hard to imagine that a person who doesn't have three things above should win the Nobel Prize for medicine, which is the highest distinction in this field. Why doesn't Tu Youyou become an academician? What are the rules of selecting the Chinese academicians? How does the Chinese Academician System work? As we know, an academician status is the highest honor in a process of studying. Therefore, the rules are very strict and there are only a few people who can be selected as new academicians every year in the whole country. Though Tu Youyou won the Nobel Prize, she hasn't become an academician. As a result, many people play a joke on it, say that realizing an academician dream is more difficult than winning the Nobel Prize. From this point, we can draw a conclusion that selection of academicians does not rely on profession only. Maybe there are other hidden factors that influenced the judgment, such as personal relationships. In short, the Chinese Academician system must be reformed to correct maladies for an equal environment.

Secondly, this event brings an inspiration to inherit our traditional medicine. The prize for medicine has gone to Tu Youyou because she discovered artemisinin, a drug that has sharply lowered the number of people who die of malaria. However, her findings come from our traditional medical science. In that case, I think that winning the Nobel Prize for medicine is a sign suggesting that the traditional Chinese medicine is acknowledged by the whole world. Nevertheless, since western medicine was broadly introduced in China, the traditional Chinese medical science has been weakened because of its disadvantages, such as working slowly. In this situation, there is no doubt that Tu's winning the Nobel Prize in medicine is a great inspiration for us to inherit and develop our traditional medicine.

Last but not least, this event brings a warning to the creativity of science and technology in China. Tu's winning the Nobel Prize is mainly the result of studying our traditional medicine. And we haven't received the Nobel Prize for the creativity. In spite of developing quickly in technology, China still has to try to make a big stepstrides towards creativity. Today, the competitive situation between countries is becoming more and more serious intense, so the creativity of technology is very crucial for a country to win victory. Deng Xiaoping said that science and technology are the primary productive forces. If we don't want to be defeated, we must improve our ability of creating.

In a sense, Tu's winning the Nobel Prize in medicine is not only something to be proud of, but something that encourages a reflection on the academician system, traditional Chinese medicine, and scientific creativity.

Meaningful Fellowship at STU

In order to strengthen communication and cooperation between two different majors, carefully planned by the class monitors, on November 14, 2015, students who major in public administration and those in electronic engineering came together to hold a party.

At the beginning of the activity, girls from public administration were too shy to talk to the boys from electronic engineering. So the host decided to break the ice by encouraging them to play games. The rule was: firstly, to form a circle and give a self-introductive, and then the next student had to repeat the previous person's name and introduce himself or herself. If one student didn't remember the last student's name, then he or she would be punished, just like singing song or dancing. The game wasn't over until all students had given a self-introduction. They became familiar with each other by playing this game. The most exciting activity was making sushi. There were 5-6 students in a group, and the leader got one bamboo mat and a sharp knife. Actually, it was the first time for most students to make sushi. Although they were not familiar with the steps, they enjoyed themselves.

One student named Cindy who is good at making sushi taught others to make the food, "You can make delicious sushi if you follow the tips: place seaweed down on the bamboo mat, grasp the cooked rice, spread it onto the seaweed and line up your ingredients in the middle of the

seaweed. After that, hold the closest edge of bamboo mat, roll it and tighten it as you go, move your full roll to a cutting board. Slice it first down the middle, where you can cut it into six or eight, as you prefer." All the people enjoyed the process, and everybody did a good job.

A student named Elaine said, "It's difficult to roll the bamboo mat, sometimes, I make it too loose to cut or too tight to the cooked rice. So the sushi just looked ugly but was delicious." People were very happy to taste their handmade food in the party.

When it came to the meaning of party, Zhangjin who majored in electronic engineering said, "It's not just for us single men to make girlfriends, but for providing a chance for us to make more friends from different places of China and to get more warmth and strength."

At the end of this meaningful fellowship, everybody was looking forward to their next one.

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Walk across the Tropic of Cancer

The activity "Walk across the Tropic of Cancer—a 30-kilometer Hike in the Nan'ao Island" was organized within ZhiCheng Academy on Nov 28, 2015.

In early morning, all the participants assembled in the square of the Truth Bell in Shantou University and held a brief ceremony before they set out at 6:10 a.m. After one and a half hours bus ride, all of them arrived at the Nan'ao Bridge parking lot.

Participants began their hiking at 8:00 a.m excitedly. During the journey, they were to hike 30 kilometers and climb over 1000 meters, which could be an extreme challenge for most of the students. However, people were talking, laughing, and singing all the way. They wondered at the awesome scenery on the road and kept taking photos to record the beauty at this moment. The scenery was so fascinating that people enjoyed themselves so much and even felt reluctant to leave. Although the journey was physically hard, all the participants made it to the end instead of giving up easily. They managed to reach the terminal point before 6:00 p.m one after another.

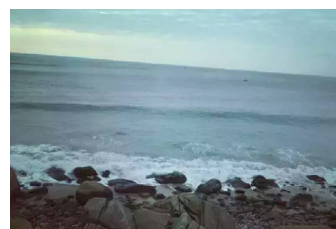
When asked how they felt about the hiking, some said that they couldn't believe that they had completed the whole task of hiking 30 kilometers on foot! It was especially exhausting for the last 2 kilometers.

Nevertheless, to their happiness, finally they made it to the terminal. For them, the event was worthy of giving a try and it proved to be a unique experience.

Just as a saying goes, "Nothing in the world is difficult if you put your heart into it". If you want to achieve your goal, go for it!

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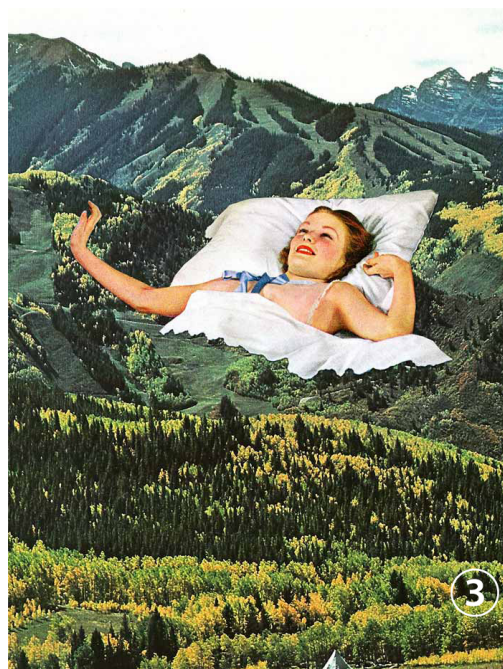
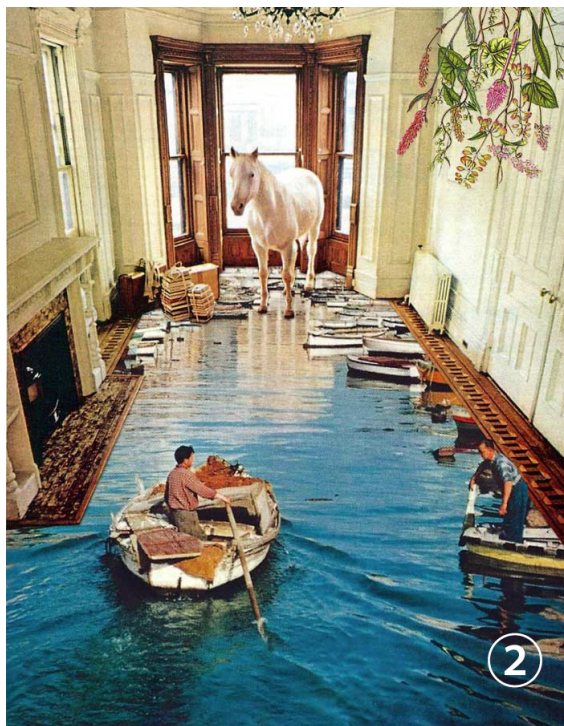
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- 1.Canada's Kaillie Humphries and brakeman Melissa Lotholz raced to a two-run time of one minute 45.37 seconds to win the women's World Cup bobsled race on Saturday.
- 2.The final series of ITV's Downton Abbey has won best drama for the fourth time in five years at the 2016 National Television Awards.
- 3.Taiwan's independence-leaning Democratic Progressive Party not only won a presidency in the election but majority in the legislature for the firsttime, a development that could have a big impact on economic policies with China.
- 4.The former governor of US state of Alaska Sarah Palin has given her support to Donald Trump in his campaign to be the Republican Party's presidential candidate.
- 5.The NHL's Feb. 29 Trade Deadline is approaching and teams are making decisions on whether to buy or sell and decide which players can make the biggest difference and hold the greatest value. Check out today's trade rumours and speculation from around the NHL beat.

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