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Chapter 1081: Disappointing, So Disappointing

But in the end, after weighing the pros and cons, Kuang Xuejin still chose the old partner Mantech Group from Europe. Moreover, Mantech Group had developed a new energy battery this time, and technologically, it was nothing short of a revolutionary breakthrough.

"That's also true."

Hearing this, Chen Xueming gave a slight nod.

"Manager Dong, since Dami Technology Group released the Dami 1 series, how many have been pre-sold to date?"

Kuang Xuejin suddenly asked another person in the office.

That was none other than the general manager of Penguin Auto Group, Dong Yan.

"Mr. Kuang, the Dami 1 series by Dami Technology Group has pre-sold over 17,000 units," Dong Yan answered.

"It seems the presales aren't bad."

Upon hearing this, Chen Xueming couldn't help but remark, "It's only been a week since the launch event, and already over 17,000 units have been pre-sold. Wouldn't that mean the monthly sales will easily reach twenty to thirty thousand units?"

Achieving monthly sales of twenty to thirty thousand units is already quite impressive domestically.

"It's all about having a large fanbase."

Kuang Xuejin remarked with a sense of admiration.

The Dami 1 series of new energy vehicles from Dami Technology Group wouldn't pose a threat to Penguin Group's 6 series, so Kuang Xuejin wasn't worried at all.

His current concern was that the new energy vehicle produced in collaboration between Huawei Technology Group and Red Flag might pose some threat if it featured an excessive amount of black technology.

As for Dami Technology Group, the presales figures were merely the result of fans showing their support.

If Kuang Xuejin's prediction was correct, the first month's presales might be higher but would decline each month thereafter, becoming more and more dismal.

"Kuang, Chang'an Group's press conference has started," Chen Xueming suddenly reminded him.

Far away in Mist City.

At the National Expo Center, Chang'an Group's new energy vehicle, Chang'an · Nova, officially launched its press conference.

The person responsible for the live broadcast of the press conference was Liu Pei, the general manager of Chang'an Group.

Although Ding Yue had come to the scene, he was there only to watch Chang'an Group's press event, and the entire conference proceeded normally.

However!

The car model showcased at Chang'an Group's press conference today didn't look good to Ding Yue.

"What's going on with Chang'an Group's car designers this time? Isn't this style too radical, too deformed?"

Upon seeing the Chang'an · Nova, Ding Yue muttered to himself.

"Fuck! Indeed, it doesn't look smooth, and it's not attractive at all," Huang Youjie also offered his critique.

This car's exterior design indeed polarized opinions severely. If someone liked it, they might really love it.

But for most people, when it comes to aesthetic preferences for car exteriors, this design wouldn't be easily accepted.

Like Ding Yue and Huang Youjie, for example.

Even Ding Yue's secretary, Wen Ruohan, shook her head and said, "This car doesn't look very good."

"This exterior could have a negative effect."

Ding Yue analyzed and commented.

"Yue, with an exterior like this, I definitely wouldn't buy it," Xu Bin said from the side. "What are the designers and senior management at Chang'an Group thinking?"

"However, luckily this Chang'an · Nova is equipped with our graphene battery, so the performance should certainly be strong. With that, it might compensate for some of the disadvantages," Huang Youjie analyzed as well.

Ding Yue felt Huang was right. It seemed Chang'an Group's Chang'an · Nova could only rely on the graphene battery from Feiyue Group to make up for some lost ground.

Originally,

Ding Yue felt the exterior of Chang'an Group's Chang'an · Nova was outrageous, but to his utter surprise, the interior was even more absurd.

Even a normal interior would be better than what they had now, right?

This time, Chang'an Group, in an effort to stand out, ended up with something that was eccentric and inappropriate. Furthermore, regarding the vehicle's operating system, Chang'an Group actually used their own self-developed system, which seemed quite ordinary and lacked any highlights.

This fell short when compared to Dami Technology Group's Dami Operating System, not to mention the later competition with Huawei Technology Group's Red Alliance Operating System and Penguin Auto Group's Penguin Cloud Smart Operating System.

"What... What was the leadership at Chang'an Group thinking?"

Ding Yue was already close to being dumbfounded.

It seems that the leadership of Chang'an Group really has limited ability, or perhaps they never seriously considered making new energy vehicles well.

Because this time, the Mist City Government had a significant subsidy for Chang'an Group, could it be that Chang'an Group was merely trying to swindle the subsidies for new energy vehicles?

But looking at how serious Chang'an Group seemed this time, it didn't quite fit that mold!

In short, this time Chang'an Group's Chang'an · Nova seemed like a new energy vehicle that was seriously built, but the result turned out to be neither fish nor fowl, without any highlights.

Of course, except for the graphene battery.

There you have it.

It finally came time to introduce the new energy part of Chang'an · Nova.

Liu Pei did indeed spend a lot of time, especially highlighting the graphene battery used in Chang'an · Nova, and mentioned Feiyue Group numerous times.

When the range capability data of Chang'an · Nova's graphene battery was released, the audience instantly gasped!

"Fuck! A range exceeding two thousand kilometers? Full-load range over 1200 kilometers? Fuck, is this for real?"

"The vehicle's range is that impressive?"

"Feiyue Group's graphene battery is that amazing?"

"Damn, this range is awesome!"

"Such a strong range, huh? Fast charging too!"

"I'm somewhat tempted now; I want to buy, but the exterior and interior designs are really off-putting."

"After looking at Chang'an Group's Chang'an · Nova, fuck, except for the battery life, it seems like every other aspect is really subpar!"

"Apart from the battery, this car really has nothing going for it."

"Indeed, the battery is a bit awesome, this graphene battery from Feiyue Group is really impressive."

"I had heard about the graphene battery from Mist City Arts and Science University before, and now it seems there really is something to it."

The viewers onsite at the National Expo Center, as well as the netizens, could say that their evaluations of Chang'an Group's Chang'an · Nova are quite on point.

The polarization is severe.

The battery of Chang'an · Nova received high praise and was even hailed as awesome.

But for the other aspects of the Chang'an · Nova, they really couldn't garner any interest from consumers.

Over at Penguin Auto Group headquarters.

Kuang Xuejin's eyes widened upon seeing the range and charging speed of Chang'an Group's Chang'an · Nova: "Does it really meet the performance metrics given?"

"Kuang, this graphene battery is really powerful indeed."

Chen Xueming knew that for the revolutionary new battery models of new energy vehicles soon to hit the market, like the Penguin 6 series and Tesla's latest models, full-load range would be impossible to exceed one thousand kilometers.

Yet Chang'an Group's Chang'an · Nova claims it can achieve a full-load range of over 1200 kilometers?

"What a pity, such a good battery paired with such a car? Chang'an Group has really made a fool of itself this time, hahaha."

Kuang Xuejin couldn't help but burst into laughter.

Although the battery range and charging speed of Chang'an Group's Chang'an · Nova do seem pretty impressive.

But apart from the battery, the Chang'an · Nova model seems to have no other merits.

At this moment, Ding Yue's thoughts were the same as Kuang Xuejin's.

Not only that, deep down, Ding Yue felt a sense of disappointment that Chang'an Group, which was cooperating with his own Feiyue Group, was so underwhelming.

"Sigh."

Ding Yue couldn't help but sigh: "This Chang'an Group."

"Yue, it's such a waste using our graphene battery for Chang'an Group's Chang'an · Nova. It would be better off in the Dami 1 series."

Huang Youjie also said helplessly.

If even Ding Yue and his buddies were not optimistic about Chang'an Group's new energy vehicle launch, what more could be said about the new energy vehicle consumers?

"So disappointing, but it's okay, since Chang'an Group isn't performing well, we have even more reason to build our own new energy vehicles."

Ding Yue shook his head and said, then his eyes flashed with determination.

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Regarding the new energy vehicle launch event of Chang'an Group, Ding Yue's feelings were actually quite mixed.

Firstly, when he saw netizens' evaluations of the Chang'an · Nova, he felt a sense of disappointment with Chang'an Group, because their reviews were too polarized.

In summary, aside from the battery's range and charging speed, nothing else seemed to impress consumers.

Such a car did not offer a high cost-performance ratio.

Originally, Ding Yue thought that Chang'an Group would make a splash in the new energy vehicle market by utilizing the graphene batteries from his own Feiyue Group, thereby securing a certain position in the market and revitalizing the languishing Chang'an Group.

But in reality, it turned out the leaders of Chang'an Group were, quite frankly, incompetent.

All that effort resulted in just this?

It was truly a waste of the graphene batteries provided by his own Feiyue Group—Ding Yue genuinely felt that the Chang'an · Nova was unworthy of Feiyue Group's batteries.

However.

Through Chang'an Group's new energy vehicle launch event, Ding Yue also saw another advantage for himself.

If Chang'an Group was likely to face a Waterloo this time, it would present a great opportunity for his own Feiyue Group.

After all.

Prior to this, Ding Yue had already laid out plans for Feiyue Group to enter the new energy vehicle market, which meant manufacturing their own cars.

Now, they were steadily laying the groundwork for their own vehicle manufacturing. Once that foundation was solid, Feiyue Group would launch its own new energy vehicles.

In this process, Ding Yue's only concern was Governor Li of the Mist City Government.

Because Chang'an Group was a local automotive enterprise in Mist City that Governor Li was keen on saving, his own foray into the new energy vehicle market would mean competing with Chang'an.

Before this, Ding Yue pondered whether Governor Li would give his consent.

After all, building a factory and acquiring land for Feiyue Group would definitely require Governor Li's approval to proceed smoothly; otherwise, without land for the factory, how could they manufacture cars?

Now, however, things were different.

Chang'an Group had sabotaged themselves. Missing out on this opportunity, the ever-changing market would not give them another chance.

Ding Yue guessed that if the presales of the Chang'an · Nova fell short of expectations, Chang'an Group was pretty much doomed.

Of course, the decline would be gradual since such a large automaker's traditional fuel vehicle business had not yet completely vanished, so they wouldn't go under instantly.

But if you miss the ride on new energy vehicles, you won't have a future foothold.

"Ah, Yue, we provided such a good graphene battery to Chang'an Group, and look what they've done—this is what they come up with. They're selling it for over 300,000, who's going to buy that?" Xu Bin couldn't help but express his criticism.

Indeed, the price of Chang'an Group's Chang'an · Nova had been released. Unlike Dami Technology Group's Dami 1 series, which had various versions, the Chang'an · Nova had only one version, priced at 315,999 yuan!

This price point seemed similar to the most expensive Enjoy Version of Dami Technology Group's Dami 1 series new energy vehicles, but other than having superior battery life and charging speed compared to the Dami 1 series, in nearly all other aspects, it was outclassed by the Dami 1 series.

"Indeed, faced with choosing between the Chang'an · Nova and the two versions of Dami 1 series, I reckon I would choose the Dami 1 series," Huang Youjie offered his assessment from an ordinary consumer's perspective.

Indeed, at least the Dami 1 series cars looked quite pleasant from the outside, the interiors were nice too, plus they had the Dami operating system, which, though not perfect intelligent driving, was still very smooth and should be problem-free.

After all, Dami Technology Group's operating system was rather mature.

But Chang'an Group's Chang'an · Nova was different—it had almost nothing that could attract Huang Youjie apart from the battery.

"Chang'an Group is really set on running themselves into the ground this time."

Ding Yue let out a cold laugh and said, "But that's good, if Chang'an Group falls short, we will have a better opportunity."

If the well-known local car enterprise of Mist City was on the verge of collapse, the city government would surely support another enterprise, and Ding Yue's Feiyue Group was set to be the local enterprise backed by the Mist City Government.

"Right, if that's the case, Principal Ding, Governor Li might support us in tackling the new energy vehicles," An Yujia understood the implication of Principal Ding's words.

"Exactly," Ding Yue responded with a nonchalant smile, then turned and left the launch event venue.

He had seen all that he wanted to see at his event; Chang'an Group had slightly disappointed him, yet also given him a bit of joy.

During the event, Feiyue Group's graphene batteries had indeed caught the attention of many consumers.

Now, everyone knew that the new energy batteries used by Mantech Group in the Dami 1 series, sourced from Europe, were not the most formidable after all.

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Feiyue Group's graphene batteries are the real deal!

At this moment, in the Penguin Auto Group building, Kuang Xuejin started to panic a little.

Because Feiyue Group's graphene batteries turned out to be so impressive, what if a well-known car company partnered with Feiyue Group? If they managed to produce a decent car

in all aspects, and on top of that, equipped it with Feiyue Group's graphene batteries, wouldn't it become the market's new favorite?

As a result, Penguin Car's sales would inevitably decline. It'd be unfortunate if, before bringing Tesla down, a new new-energy vehicle brand emerged.

"Chen, allow me to make a call."

Kuang Xuejin was now preparing to call someone at Europe's Mantech Group.

The most prudent approach would be to secure better new-energy batteries from Europe's Mantech Group so that Penguin Car's 6-series, in terms of battery performance, would not fall far behind Feiyue Group's graphene batteries. Then their problems wouldn't be so grave.

"Alright."

Upon seeing that Kuang Xuejin had something important and needed to make a call, Chen Xueming nodded and said.

Kuang Xuejin picked up his mobile phone and walked to the floor-to-ceiling window of his office. He continued to puff on his cigar, but his call was already connecting to distant Europe.

"Hey, John, this is Kuang Xuejin."

Kuang Xuejin got through the call.

The person he called was John Dalton, a senior executive at Europe's Mantech Group.

"Mr. Kuang, is there something you need?"

John Dalton asked.

Penguin Auto Group was Mantech Group's largest new-energy vehicle partner in the Asian region, so naturally, John Dalton had a good relationship with Kuang Xuejin.

"John, do you have better batteries? I want our Penguin's new car to significantly enhance its battery endurance this time."

Kuang Xuejin asked straight away.

"Uh, Mr. Kuang, the new-energy batteries we provide to Penguin Auto Group are definitely the best. They've already doubled, if not more, the battery endurance compared to traditional new-energy vehicles. Isn't that enough to satisfy the market demand?"

John Dalton was puzzled.

Previously, the battery endurance of new-energy vehicles was around two to three hundred, at most four hundred kilometers, with very few capable of breaking five hundred kilometers.

But this time, the new-energy batteries provided by Mantech Group to Penguin Auto Group could at least double the battery endurance, if not more, allowing full-load endurance to break through seven hundred kilometers and potentially, with less consumption by onboard equipment, even a full thousand kilometers of endurance is not impossible.

"We may have encountered a new competitor, graphene batteries. I think you're well aware of them," Kuang Xuejin said bluntly.

He also sent a signal to John.

"Mr. Kuang, graphene batteries are indeed impressive, but as you also know, it is very difficult to mass-produce graphene. It's just a gimmick. What are you worried about?"

John Dalton analyzed.

In Europe, few believed any company could achieve mass production of graphene. After all, graphene stripping technology has always been less than mature, and Mantech Group had previously tried to take the route of graphene batteries but could never overcome the hurdle

of mass-producing graphene. No matter how mature the graphene battery technology was, it couldn't be applied to a vast market because it couldn't meet the demand.

"Are you saying that new-energy cars with graphene batteries can only satisfy a very small portion of the demand?" After hearing this, Kuang Xuejin furrowed his brows and asked.

"Exactly, Mr. Kuang. It's true that if the graphene battery technology is mature and utilized, it's incredibly powerful. It's not an exaggeration to say that even a 5000-kilometer endurance would be no problem. But look around the world, which company can achieve graphene mass production?"

John Dalton confidently stated, "So graphene batteries can only be used in a very small number of high-end new-energy vehicles."

"Understood."

After careful thought, Kuang Xuejin felt it made sense.

It seems he had been overly concerned; Feiyue Group's graphene batteries posed no threat to the vast new-energy vehicle market.

Even if the vast majority of car buyers wanted new-energy vehicles with graphene batteries, Feiyue Group might not be able to provide that many graphene batteries.

This time, Chang'an Group's car is likely just trying to hype up the concept of graphene batteries.

"Mr. Kuang, what you need to consider now is Tesla from America," John reminded Kuang Xuejin kindly. "As far as I know, Tesla has collaborated with America's Ike Technology Group on the new energy vehicle with fuel cell technology. Fuel cells are no less inferior to our new energy batteries."

John Dalton offered a friendly reminder to Kuang Xuejin.

"I know,"

Kuang Xuejin replied calmly, "Alright, let's leave it at that, goodbye, John."

"Goodbye, Mr. Kuang!"

After hanging up the phone, Kuang Xuejin felt that the call had been pointless and meaningless.

Now was not the time to worry about companies like Feiyue Group, which were of mixed quality; the main focus should be on competing with Tesla.

Because this year, Tesla would definitely be releasing the new Model 4.

As John Dalton said over the phone, Tesla's Model 4 would surely use fuel cells from America's Ike Technology Group.

The fuel cell technology is on par with Europe's Mantech Group's new energy battery technology.

These two battery technologies were both fully developed by their respective companies for the future market after graphene battery technology had appeared at Mist City Arts and Science University.

Therefore, the performance of Tesla's Model 4 in terms of range and charging will not be inferior to Penguin Car's 6 Series, and surpassing it in performance is basically unrealistic.

In that case, Penguin Car must find other ways to try to defeat Tesla and firmly grasp the vast domestic new energy vehicle market in its hands.

"Our opponent is still the giant beast Tesla,"

grumbled Kuang Xuejin, turning around.

"Old Kuang, I think so too. Mist City Arts and Science University and Feiyue Group are not worth your concern. Instead of worrying about them, it's better to think about how to bring down Tesla. Then the huge domestic new energy car market will be yours,"

Chen Xueming, as a friend of Kuang Xuejin, also offered this advice.

"Mhm, to bring down Tesla, Old Chen, Q Entertainment Media must help us boost our presence!"

Kuang Xuejin said to Chen Xueming with a light smile.

When it came to media influence, Q Entertainment Media had a very powerful capability.

If they couldn't defeat Tesla in terms of performance, then they would have to attack from a different angle, trying to gradually diminish the domestic consumers' impression of Tesla and thereby elevate the status of Penguin Cars.

Previously, Q Entertainment Media had already helped Penguin Car by publishing many articles about Tesla.

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After leaving the Mist City National Exhibition Center,

Ding Yue directly drove back to the university.

On the way, Ding Yue had his secretary Wen Ruohan arrange some upcoming matters, which then freed him up to plan another visit to Governor Li at the Mist City Government.

"So Principal Ding, do you want to arrange the visit to the City Government before or after Director Qi's surgery?"

Wen Ruohan asked, puzzled.

After all, Director Qi Chunsheng's surgery was approaching.

"Let me first ask when Governor Li has time to meet," Ding Yue thought for a moment, then turned to An Yujia and said, "Miss An, bring the documents with you when we go together."

"Yes, Principal Ding."

An Yujia naturally complied, as if Feiyue Group was to make cars, she would definitely need to prepare all the detailed materials.

Obtaining land from the Mist City Government smoothly would depend critically on the detailed materials and plans.

After all, the Mist City Government would not grant land just because of some unsubstantiated idea.

Ding Yue immediately took out his phone and made a call to Governor Li...

Chapter 1084: Investing 2 Billion in Aerospace Specialty

The busy schedule of Mist City's Governor Li made it tough to find free time to meet with Ding Yue recently.

Therefore, the meeting with Governor Li was ultimately scheduled for a week later.

This meant that they had to let Director Qi Chunsheng complete his surgery first, as that was currently Ding Yue's most pressing matter, followed by the visit to the Mist City Government to see Governor Li.

The matters Ding Yue needed to discuss with Governor Li this time were numerous and important, so adequate time was needed for the meeting. It couldn't be just a quick discussion over a meal like the last time they met.

However, before Director Qi Chunsheng's surgery, there was another matter that Ding Yue took very seriously.

It was the visit by the expert team from the National Space Administration to Mist City Arts and Science University.

Indeed.

Two days later, the National Space Administration notified both Mist City Arts and Science University and the Mist City Education Department, informing them that their professorial team would be arriving at Mist City by flight today.

Director Xiao Wenxing of the Mist City Education Department had already communicated with Ding Yue about this well in advance.

The group coming to visit included expert professors from the National Space Administration, who were the Taishan Beidou level experts of Xia Country's aerospace industry.

As the director of the Mist City Education Department, Xiao Wenxing naturally had to provide support to Principal Ding.

This time, Ding Yue and the staff from the Mist City Education Department went directly to Mist City airport to receive the visitors.

Meanwhile, at the university, arrangements had been made by the canteen and logistics departments. The apartment for the expert inspection team from the National Space Administration had already been prepared by Huang Youjie and his team.

At the same time, Yuping's mother, Zhang Yuping, who managed the Fifth Canteen, also specially prepared local dishes. In terms of food, they were neither extravagant nor simple, but they were sure to satisfy the expert professors from the National Space Administration.

As scientists from the National Space Administration usually led simple lives, they weren't fond of luxurious dining, which worked out well since the Mist City Arts and Science University's cafeteria didn't offer luxury, but rather simple and plain dishes of first-rate taste.

Ding Yue arranged for a large bus from the school to go to the airport, welcoming the arrival of the expert team from the National Space Administration.

Professors like Qian Jianlin, Zuo Tinghui, and Wang Shi were well-known aerospace scientists in the country.

Beyond them, the list of the inspection team also included Professors like Pang Shicheng, Guan Peiqiang, Ji Min, and Yang Zhuoyuan, who were the backbone of the National Space Administration.

This "luxurious" group's arrival at Mist City Arts and Science University was indeed a remarkable honor.

This showed that the National Space Administration was very serious about fostering talent in the field of aerospace.

In Xia Country, besides a few specialized aerospace universities, the aerospace programs in other universities were generally not prominent, let alone in private colleges.

But Mist City Arts and Science University was different.

In the field of private institutions, the achievements it had made in recent years were absolutely jaw-dropping.

Even the key public universities might not match the scientific research accomplishments of Mist City Arts and Science University, which the nation had gradually started to pay attention to.

Of course.

The National Space Administration decided to send such a large team of experts to Mist City Arts and Science University partly because of the university's recent collaboration with Xia Science Institution's Solar Research Institute to create the latest graphene solar photovoltaic panels for the Zhu Rong project.

Graphene material's applications in the aerospace field are also wide-ranging and extremely important.

The main reason Professors Qian Jianlin, Zuo Tinghui, and Wang Shi were visiting Mist City Arts and Science University this time was to assess the prospects of graphene material applications in the aerospace industry.

Otherwise, they really had no reason to be at Mist City Arts and Science University.

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At Mist City airport, inside the exit terminal building,

Ding Yue, Director Xiao Wenxing, and Director Song Wankong from the Aerospace Academy of Mist City Arts and Science University, among others, were waiting for the arrival of Professors Qian Jianlin, Zuo Tinghui, and Wang Shi.

According to the flight's schedule, there should be about twenty minutes left until their arrival.

Ding Yue and his party had come an hour earlier.

"Principal Ding, do you feel confident about convincing elite professors like Qian Jianlin, Zuo Tinghui, and Wang Shi to stay this time?"

Director Xiao Wenxing approached Ding Yue and struck up a conversation about this matter.

"Ah, to be honest, there is no absolute certainty, as our Aerospace Academy at Mist City Arts and Science University is like a high-rise building that has risen from flat ground, and right now, we are still at ground level without a high-rise. How could Professors Qian Jianlin, Zuo Tinghui, and Wang Shi be willing to stay?"

Ding Yue shrugged his shoulders, indicating it would probably be very difficult.

After all, Professors Qian Jianlin, Zuo Tinghui, and Wang Shi had their identities as scientists at the National Space Administration, as well as professors at Yancheng's aerospace universities.

All of these were several notches higher in status compared to being a professor at the Aerospace Academy of Mist City Arts and Science University, weren't they?

This time, Ding Yue's expectations weren't high; if he could just invite one or two of these esteemed scientists from the National Space Administration to give a talk and hold a symposium at his university each year, that would be sufficient.

To really persuade Professors Qian Jianlin, Zuo Tinghui, and Wang Shi to stay, Ding Yue would have to work even harder.

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For instance, fostering a cutting-edge aerospace technological project within the Aerospace College at Mist City Arts and Science University. By doing so, as long as we can catch the attention of Professor Qian Jianlin, Professor Zuo Tinghui, and Professor Wang Shi, there might still be a chance.

But this requires a process.

A few days ago, Ding Yue searched his own system marketplace and found that in the field of aerospace, there are mainly three advanced technological domains.

The first is aerospace materials.

After all, a spacecraft has to leave Earth and enter outer space; hence, materials are extremely important. If the materials could be upgraded, the progress of the aerospace industry would naturally follow.

The second major domain is undoubtedly energy.

If space rockets and spaceships want to reach further and more efficiently complete aerospace scientific and research missions time after time, then a potent energy source is very crucial.

Just as human spacecraft cannot easily break out of the solar system, that's because of insufficient energy. The most cost-effective method they can adopt in the vastness of deep

space is "deep space drifting," basically not using too much energy power, letting the spacecraft drift in the universe.

The third domain is the aerospace electronic system.

Everything from the various instruments and equipment in the aerospace field to the wearable devices for astronauts requires very advanced and precise avionics for coordination.

Among these three domains, as long as the Aerospace College of Mist City Arts and Science University can have advanced research directions in any one domain, it should be able to attract the attention of Professor Qian Jianlin, Professor Zuo Tinghui, and Professor Wang Shi.

Thus achieving the goal of drawing Professor Qian Jianlin, Professor Zuo Tinghui, and Professor Wang Shi to our Aerospace College at Mist City Arts and Science University, enhancing the teaching and scientific research strength of the Aerospace College.

Ultimately, making a contribution to the national aerospace cause from our Mist City Arts and Science University!

In fact, Ding Yue was very aware that Professor Qian Jianlin, Professor Zuo Tinghui, and Professor Wang Shi were coming to Mist City Arts and Science University mainly to explore the application of graphene materials in the aerospace field.

This was also an opportunity for Mist City Arts and Science University to make a contribution to the national aerospace cause.

However, Ding Yue's ambition was even greater, which was to expand the Aerospace College of Mist City Arts and Science University, making it a continuous source of national aerospace talent and technology. That would be ideal.

"That's true, but the fact that experts and professors from the National Space Administration are willing to come for an inspection is already a very good thing," said Director Xiao Wenxing, feeling he might have been thinking too much, and he nodded slightly as he spoke.

"Director Xiao, the Aerospace College at our Mist City Arts and Science University is currently a little short on teaching investments. In the coming years, I plan to allocate a special investment for the aerospace field, aiming to cultivate some aerospace professionals and develop related technologies with significant input," Ding Yue said to Director Xiao Wenxing seriously as he talked about some of his plans for the Aerospace College.

Now, Mist City Arts and Science University had already built top-tier departments and majors such as mechanical engineering, computer science, architecture, and medical school.

But we cannot rest on our laurels.

Therefore, it's necessary to expand and build more powerful departments and majors, and the Aerospace College is the next target that Ding Yue has chosen.

Beyond that, the development of departments and majors like the E-sports Game College, Art College, Culinary and Gastronomy Department, Law School, and College of Agriculture and Forestry are also key targets for the next phase of development at Mist City Arts and Science University. It's just that the Aerospace College carries a bit more weight.

"Is that so? How much investment is Principal Ding planning to make?" asked Director Xiao Wenxing with immediate interest. "When the time comes, if you need any policy benefits for education, just let me know. After all, in Mist City, we still don't have a proper aerospace college or department."

How could Director Xiao Wenxing not fully support such endeavors to cultivate talent and technology for the national aerospace cause?

"For the first batch of investment, I'm looking at around twenty billion yuan," Ding Yue said with a corner of his mouth curling into a smile, speaking calmly to Director Xiao Wenxing.

Twenty billion yuan might sound like a lot, but in reality, for an aerospace specialty that consumes a significant amount of research funding, it's not that much.

"These things burn money, and actually, they're not much different from photolithography machines when it comes to cost."

Ding Yue had plans for the twenty billion yuan.

If Ding Yue were asked to come up with another twenty billion yuan right now, he definitely couldn't do it because the money at his disposal, aside from the normal annual expenses of the school, had already been invested in various projects.

And the loan from Mist City Government was still being processed, even if the special loan of one hundred billion yuan came through, that money could only be used in the graphene industry.

But that's okay.

The reason why Ding Yue dared to consider investing twenty billion yuan in the follow-up funding for the aerospace college was because once the graphene industry was established and his Feiyue Group's business continued to expand, earning twenty billion yuan should not be a big problem.

"Twenty billion yuan, it seems like Principal Ding, you are set on heavily promoting the aerospace specialty!"

Director Xiao Wenxing exclaimed in surprise upon hearing this.

A private university directly investing twenty billion yuan into a single faculty's specialty, that's quite an impressive move.

Keep in mind, Mist City Arts and Science University has over twenty different faculties and specialties. If every faculty and specialty were to invest this much, wouldn't that require an investment of hundreds of billions over a year or two?

Of course, the actual situation is not like that.

Mist City Arts and Science University also has faculties with varying numbers of people, with strengths and weaknesses, and not every faculty and specialty has as broad a potential for future development as the aerospace college.

The potential for the development of the aerospace college at Mist City Arts and Science University benefits from their breakthroughs in graphene technology.

This is almost universally acknowledged, even by the scientists from the National Space Administration who came to inspect it this time.

To this, Ding Yue cannot deny.

However, Ding Yue plans to develop every faculty and specialty of Mist City Arts and Science University as much as possible within ten years.

Even the weakest specialty must reach the level of a public undergraduate to be satisfactory!

As for the strongest faculties and specialties, there's no need to say more. Mechanical engineering, computer science, medicine, and architecture are already ace-level, and they will certainly aim for even higher goals.

And like the aerospace college, which Ding Yue is preparing to focus on developing, may also achieve noteworthy successes after ten years, at least nationally and internationally, it should be able to rank quite well.

"The aerospace field is very important for our country, and even for humanity in the future, so no matter how much money is invested, it's worth developing and building it up."

Ding Yue smiled and said to Director Xiao Wenxing.

At that moment, Director Xiao Wenxing truly saw the "big picture" in Principal Ding. Principal Ding's vision and scope for the future were quite impressive, at least they seemed beyond his own.

Just like that, Ding Yue and Director Xiao Wenxing discussed some matters regarding the aerospace college for about twenty minutes, and the time flew by.

"Principal Ding, the team from the National Space Administration should be arriving soon. Their flight has landed at the airport."

Wen Ruohan pointed to the flight information screen above the exit, indicating that the flight carrying Professor Qian Jianlin, Professor Zuo Tinghui, and Professor Wang Shi had already arrived at Mist City Airport.

"Come on, Huang, Bin, hurry up and hold up the sign."

Upon hearing this, Ding Yue immediately called his colleagues, Huang Youjie and Xu Bin.

Since it was the first time meeting Professor Qian Jianlin, Professor Zuo Tinghui, and Professor Wang Shi, Ding Yue had specifically prepared a "Welcome National Space Administration Team" sign at the airport pickup area to easily receive the team of Professor Qian Jianlin, Professor Zuo Tinghui, and Professor Wang Shi.

It's a common method of reception, especially when the two parties are not very familiar with each other.

"Yue, I think, since the National Space Administration is a team, it should be easy to spot them when they come out," Xu Bin suddenly said.

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It was just as expected.

At the exit of the terminal building, among the crowd, Ding Yue could see a group of people from afar. They indeed looked different from ordinary citizens.

The group was primarily composed of individuals in their fifties or sixties, all exuding an air of gravity.

At first glance, these were people of a lofty status.

Was there even a question?

They must certainly be the team of scientists from the National Space Administration.

Upon seeing this, Ding Yue quickly said to Director Xiao Wenxing beside him, "Director Xiao, look, that must be Professor Qian Jianlin, Professor Zuo Tinghui, and Professor Wang Shi, right?"

Director Xiao Wenxing followed the direction pointed out by Principal Ding and then nodded, "Yes, that's them."

Although Director Xiao had never met Professor Qian Jianlin, Professor Zuo Tinghui, or Professor Wang Shi in person, he had seen their photos in the news and on the internet. He was sure he would not mistake them.

"Professor Qian! Over here!"

Ding Yue immediately raised his hand, waved at Professor Qian Jianlin and the others, and called out loudly.

When the people from the National Space Administration heard someone at the exit calling for Professor Qian, they all looked in the direction of the voice and saw a young and handsome man.

This young and handsome man was no ordinary individual; everyone knew him to be Principal Ding of Mist City Arts and Science University.

Graphene technology was developed at their university.

After a short while, Professor Qian Jianlin and Professor Zuo Tinghui, among others, approached.

"You must be Principal Ding Yue, right?"

Professor Qian Jianlin walked over, smiling as he addressed Ding Yue.

Having done his homework beforehand, Professor Qian naturally recognized Principal Ding of Mist City Arts and Science University, especially for his youthful and handsome appearance, which was hard to forget after a single glance.

"Yes, yes, yes, that's me, Ding Yue. You all must be exhausted from your journey, Professor Qian. The vehicles are ready, this way please."

Ding Yue promptly and respectfully invited Professor Qian Jianlin and the others to accompany him to the parking lot.

The individuals before him were eminent scientists in the aerospace field of Xia Country, and Ding Yue naturally treated them with utmost respect.

In fact, apart from several giant figures in the aerospace field like Professor Qian Jianlin, the crowd also included many younger individuals. If Ding Yue's guess was correct, they must be assistants or students brought by the distinguished scientists.

After all, this visit to Mist City Arts and Science University was similar to the previous inspection by the academicians of Xia Science Institution, with these older experts most likely bringing along their students or assistants.

"Let me introduce you, this is Director Xiao Wenxing from our Mist City Education Office."

Ding Yue enthusiastically introduced Director Xiao to Professor Qian Jianlin and the others.

"Director Xiao, hello."

"Professor Qian, welcome to Mist City."

Although he held a high position, Director Xiao Wenxing showed great respect for these elder scientists.

Very quickly,

Ding Yue and Director Xiao Wenxing led everyone to the airport parking lot.

Here, the school had already prepared a shuttle bus, and this particular bus was the most comfortable one from Mist City Arts and Science University, with every seat extremely plush.

"Come on, Chen, get on the bus. Principal Ding, are you riding with us?"

Professor Qian Jianlin called over the other professors who had come for the inspection to board the shuttle bus and then looked at Ding Yue and asked.

"I could do that, I drove here," Ding Yue nodded and answered.

"Then, Principal Ding, I'll ride in your car, so we can have a chat on the way," Professor Qian Jianlin said with a smile.

"Sure."

Ding Yue nodded again and immediately made arrangements. His car would take Professor Qian Jianlin, and of course, his secretary Wen Ruohan would also follow him.

The others were left to Huang and his arrangements. The shuttle bus, along with Huang, Bin, and the vehicles of Director Xiao Wenxing and his group, would certainly suffice.

And so,

Professor Qian Jianlin followed Ding Yue to his Audi.

Ding Yue personally opened the car door for Professor Qian: "Professor Qian, please."

"Thank you."

Professor Qian expressed his gratitude for Principal Ding opening the car door for him, then sat in the rear seat of the car.

Next, Ding Yue called his secretary Wen Ruohan: "Get in the car."

"Principal Ding, am I riding in your car?"

Wen Ruohan was somewhat surprised.

She had thought that since Professor Qian was riding in Principal Ding's car, it would not be appropriate for her to do the same.

Ding Yue shrugged his shoulders and said, "Aren't you getting in? What are you waiting for?"

"Oh, right."

Seeing his response, Wen Ruohan hurried into the car.

In the parking lot, Huang and Bin led the way with their vehicles, as though clearing a path.

Next came the shuttle bus filled with the National Space Administration's eminent scientists, followed closely by Ding Yue's car.

Then it was Director Xiao Wenxing's vehicle.

For this inspection visit of the National Space Administration's expert and professor team at Mist City Arts and Science University, Director Xiao told Ding Yue that he planned to accompany them throughout the entire process.

This moved Ding Yue immensely, as it meant the esteemed Director of Mist City Education Office was providing full support to the inspection by the National Space Administration—a matter of considerable honor.

The convoy slowly drove out of the Mist City airport parking lot, and soon after, they were on Mist City's ring expressway.

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Actually, the most convenient route from Mist City Airport to University Town is via the ring road highway.

Because basically, you can take the ring road highway all the way from one side of Mist City straight to the other, which brings you right to University Town.

And once you're in University Town, you're pretty much at Mist City Arts and Science University.

"They say Principal Ding of Mist City Arts and Science University is quite young, and it looks like it's true," Professor Qian Jianlin chatted with Ding Yue as the car drove smoothly.

"I just started my business relatively early,"

Ding Yue smiled and responded, "Professor Qian, you look very energetic yourself."

Since Professor Qian Jianlin had already given him a compliment, he definitely needed to return the favor with flattery.

But speaking honestly, Professor Qian Jianlin indeed seemed to be very spirited, vigorous, which many scientists seemed to have, appearing full of vitality.

"I heard that Principal Ding, you have made significant achievements in the field of physics and semiconductors?"

Professor Qian Jianlin asked again.

"Not at all, physics is just my field of expertise, but due to the constraints of my energy, I doubt I'll be researching in the field of physics much anymore."

Ding Yue shook his head, smiling as he responded.

Last year or the year before, Ding Yue indeed had made some achievements in physics, in collaboration with several professors from Jiangnan University of Science and Technology,

and he also was a graduate student in physics at Qinghua University. These facts were well known to anyone who wanted to learn about Ding Yue and had done a little research online.

It seemed that Professor Qian Jianlin had done some homework on him before coming.

"You and the colleagues from Jiangnan University of Science and Technology have made significant advancements in gallium nitride semiconductor materials, enriching our country's weaknesses in this area. Very impressive. Several senior physicists from the National Space Administration think you have great potential,"

Professor Qian Jianlin said, smiling as well.

The scientists from the National Space Administration cover a wide range of specialties, and among them, there are quite a few in the field of physics.

After all, space exploration involves a vast array of fields and specialized knowledge.

"Hehe, really?"

Ding Yue said, a bit embarrassed.

"Your Mist City Arts and Science University has also impressed us older folks, especially in the field of graphene technology. I've heard that if all goes well, your school should be able to secure the National Science and Technology Award."

Professor Qian Jianlin, chatting away, brought the conversation around to the main topic.

"The National Science and Technology Award is still just a nomination," Ding Yue said modestly, "Professor Qian, your decision to visit our Mist City Arts and Science University this time is also due to graphene materials, right? Graphene's application in aerospace has a very broad prospect."

"Yes,"

Professor Qian Jianlin nodded and replied, "But that's just one of the reasons. I heard from Deputy Chen that your university is interested in training professionals in the aerospace field, is that correct?"

Professor Qian Jianlin's willingness to visit Mist City Arts and Science University was motivated by not only the significance of graphene materials in aerospace but also the news that this "hot" private university intended to train aerospace talent.

Although most of the country's aerospace talent comes from a few space-focused institutions, a private university willing to invest might also be capable of bringing up considerable frontline aerospace talent.

The country's space program is indeed in great need of frontline talent.

Furthermore, the miracles created by Mist City Arts and Science University in recent years had motivated Professor Qian Jianlin to come and see for himself.

"Yes, but our aerospace college at Mist City Arts and Science University is still in its infancy. In truth, there are many students who are passionate about aerospace but, due to various reasons, can't gain admission into the nation's top related institutes. I believe they still have potential worth exploring."

Ding Yue replied.

"Setting up an aerospace educational program is quite an investment, Principal Ding. As a private university without state financial support, can you manage it?"

Professor Qian Jianlin asked again.

These questions seemed casual, but they were actually very important to Professor Qian Jianlin's assessment this time around.

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If Mist City Arts and Science University is really willing to spend money on investing in its Aerospace College, then the National Space Administration might be able to lend a hand.

Even if it comes from Professor Qian Jianlin's personal desire and emotions, he would be willing to help Mist City Arts and Science University.

Of course, all this is predicated on whether the university is truly willing to invest in aerospace education. If it's just a publicity stunt or using the National Space Administration for promotional recruitment and profiteering, then I'm sorry, but Professor Qian Jianlin would be the first to object.

"Professor Qian, rest assured, our Mist City Arts and Science University has never been vague about educational investment, and my Feiyue Group also has the financial strength to put forth a substantial amount of funds," said Ding Yue with a confident smile, explaining.

If this were a year or two ago, Ding Yue certainly wouldn't have this confidence. At that time, Ding Yue's total assets might have amounted to just thirty to fifty billion yuan at most.

But now, the scale of the graphene industry is expanding continuously and the business is also expanding, including the upcoming entry into the new energy vehicle market.

The earnings of Feiyue Group are expected to soar in a straight line over the next few years.

This doesn't even count the income from the various subsidiaries of Feiyue Group in other fields.

"That's very good to hear," said Professor Qian when he saw Principal Ding so forthright and assured, feeling that Mist City Arts and Science University was serious about fostering aerospace professionals.

He had learned about the capabilities of Feiyue Group.

This is a privately-owned enterprise involved in a wide range of fields, and it seems that after the success of graphene technology, Mist City Government appeared to strongly support the graphene industry of Feiyue Group.

With the wide range of applications for graphene materials, Feiyue Group can be said to have unlimited potential, so there was basically no need to worry about money.

For private university principals like Principal Ding and private entrepreneurs to pour a large amount of money earned into another national future industry like aerospace, it's commendable indeed.

Professor Qian Jianlin even started admiring Principal Ding Yue.

Just think, so many internet companies riding the wave of the times have made a fortune. Who else is willing to use their money to advance the development of science and technology?

Penguin Group!

Aba Group!

And other internet companies! Where is their awareness? They only think about how to exploit monopolies in every aspect of basic human needs to make big bucks, without casting their eyes towards the vast universe.

This was precisely the reason why Professor Qian Jianlin profoundly disliked domestic internet companies with trillion-yuan market values.

"Professor Qian, before you got to the airport, I was talking to Director Xiao Wenxing. I have already planned the first batch of investment for the Aerospace College: it will be twenty billion yuan," Ding Yue shared his investment plan with Professor Qian Jianlin.

"Good, very good," said Professor Qian Jianlin, nodding his head in satisfaction.

"The future of the aerospace industry has a long road ahead. I think that the development of human civilization must inevitably head towards the stars and the sea. Professor Qian, don't you think so?" Ding Yue began to banter with Professor Qian.

Although Ding Yue couldn't be a hundred percent certain about the future direction of human civilization, he knew it definitely wouldn't be confined to the Earth alone.

Nowadays, countries around the world have already begun exploring Mars. Then the even more vast universe naturally holds great appeal.

The development of the aerospace industry has significant importance for the continual change on Earth.

For example, one day, when the Earth can no longer sustain human population growth or faces resource shortages, what people fantasized about many years ago, like moon and Mars colonization, may become the best choice.

This is why, in the United States, Space Exploration Technology Company has become one of the top-edge companies in the world.

As for Ding Yue himself, as an impassioned young man, how could he not yearn for the vast cosmos?

Chapter 1088: The College Student Chasing the Aerospace Dream

Over at Mist City Arts and Science University.

At the entrance to the university, teachers from the Aerospace Institute had already organized the students, who were waiting with a red banner for the arrival of the scientist team from the National Space Administration.

The banner read - Welcome to Mist City Arts and Science University, Scientists of the National Space Administration!

Many students from other departments at Mist City Arts and Science University also became aware of the National Space Administration's visit to the school today.

"Wow, did our Principal Ding really invite the scientists from the National Space Administration?"

"I have always said Principal Ding has extensive connections."

"Where are those who used to say Principal Ding was all talk?"

"Principal Ding is truly awesome!"

"Damn! Professor Qian Jianlin from the National Space Administration, he's a top scientist in the aerospace industry!"

"Does this mean that the next department Principal Ding will focus on is the Aerospace Institute? I'm so envious!"

"We students from the Business School are just feeling sour."

"The last time Principal Ding directly bought a domestic C919 for the Aerospace Institute, and this time he's invited scientists from the National Space Administration, he really treats them like his own sons."

"Hahaha, I feel like our department is like the stepchild."

"To be honest, our school was only established a few years ago, it's not easy to develop all specialties. Focusing on the promising ones isn't a bad idea."

"I almost chose the Aerospace specialty initially."

"When will it be our department's turn to be favored by Principal Ding!"

Students at Mist City Arts and Science University, upon learning that Principal Ding had invited the scientist team from the National Space Administration to visit the school, were impressed by his strong capabilities.

After all, inviting a top scientist team from the National Space Administration isn't something an ordinary private college could achieve.

Even many key public universities might not be able to manage it.

It is likely that only a few top aerospace universities in the country could invite someone like Professor Qian Jianlin.

After waiting for about twenty minutes, the students and staff from the Aerospace Institute finally saw a convoy slowly approaching in the distance.

The leading few vehicles were Mercedes and BMWs, and everyone recognized these car models—the two Mercedes and BMWs belonged to Directors Xu and Huang from the school.

Following them was a midibus, which also belonged to the school.

Behind the midibus followed Principal Ding's car, and one other vehicle that many students and staff at Mist City Arts and Science University were quite familiar with.

Because that vehicle had visited Mist City Arts and Science University more than once.

Yes.

It was indeed the official car of the director of the Mist City Education Bureau.

"Quick, quick, quick, Principal Ding and the others are back."

"They're here, they're here, everyone get ready, you guys, the banner, right, right, quickly unfurl the banner."

A few teachers hurriedly shouted, instructing the students from the Aerospace Institute to ready themselves.

The visitors this time were no ordinary people.

Seeing the scientists from the National Space Administration might be the first time these young people got to see scientists up close. If they didn't perform well, this visit could possibly be their last.

Everyone knew that Principal Ding had invited Professor Qian Jianlin and his team from the National Space Administration for an inspection. If all went well, perhaps these top scientists could become distinguished professors at the Aerospace Institute of Mist City Arts and Science University!

That would boost the prestige of the Aerospace Institute at Mist City Arts and Science University dramatically, which was a very crucial and important matter for every member of the Institute.

So, not putting on a good performance was definitely not an option, for their own sake and for the school's!

Meanwhile, at Ding Yue's end.

Driving his Audi, he slowly followed behind the school's midibus and arrived at the entrance of his school.

If nothing unexpected happened, the teachers and students from the Aerospace Institute would greet Professor Qian Jianlin and his team from the National Space Administration here today.

As it was a rather significant event, naturally, it was necessary to arrange for teachers and students from relevant specialties to welcome them.

"Professor Qian, we've arrived," said Ding Yue as he drove, addressing Professor Qian Jianlin in the back seat.

During the drive, Professor Qian Jianlin and Ding Yue had a very engaging and enjoyable conversation, discussing everything from graphene materials to the aerospace industry, personal aspirations, and the vast universe—covering a lot of topics.

From his conversation with Professor Qian Jianlin, Ding Yue learned that Professor Qian had, like himself, harbored dreams of the stars from a very young age.

Ultimately, through his relentless efforts, Professor Qian Jianlin had become a scientist in Xia Country's aerospace industry.

Professor Qian Jianlin had been involved in various aerospace projects to the Moon and Mars, including Xia Country's space station.

Professor Qian Jianlin said something that deeply moved Ding Yue.

It was that during their conversation, Professor Qian had expressed his concern that due to his age, he might not see the aerospace industry of Xia Country or humanity progress to exploring the depths of space.

This made Ding Yue feel very sentimental.

Ding Yue, half-jokingly told Professor Qian, that he might still see that day come. After all, with a new generation entering the aerospace field, perhaps a new era of space exploration and technological advancement was on the horizon.

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Ding Yue dared to make such a statement because he had the university system and, through his continuous efforts, the aerospace faculties and his specialties would definitely be able to cultivate many talents and develop numerous technologies.

Even technologies in other fields related to the aerospace industry, such as energy, mechanics, materials, and so on, had the chance to achieve significant breakthroughs and development in the future.

By then, the dream of the aerospace industry and the exploration of space might not be something that couldn't be realized.

Ding Yue pondered that, within his lifetime, he must journey through space at least once!

Of course, to achieve this premise, his own Mist City Arts and Science University and the Feiyue Group needed to continue their construction and development, moreover, they had to reach a significant height.

After all, journeying through space, or even achieving regular space flights, travel, planetary construction, and so on, required black technology that, at this stage, seemed very difficult to realize.

But Ding Yue believed that as long as he continuously upgraded the level of his prestigious school, he would unlock more and higher-level black technologies in time, even realizing controlled nuclear fusion, and then the future would truly arrive.

In summary, the road ahead was long, and Ding Yue needed to continue to work hard.

"I have finally seen this much-anticipated private university."

Professor Qian Jianlin said, feeling emotional.

In Xia Country's scientific community, Mist City Arts and Science University had made a name for itself over the past two years, because the achievements of Mist City Arts and Science University had indeed been quite remarkable.

Otherwise, Professor Qian Jianlin and other scientists from the National Space Administration wouldn't have come to visit this private university today.

"Professor Qian, our Mist City Arts and Science University is but an ordinary private school; having Professor Qian and a group of scientists from the National Space Administration visit is truly an honor that makes our university shine," said Ding Yue with a low-key and humble smile to Professor Qian Jianlin.

Despite it being highly regarded in the eyes of the public, Ding Yue, as the principal of Mist City Arts and Science University and especially in front of outsiders, naturally had to remain low-key and humble.

Moreover, compared to the scientists from the National Space Administration, their arrival indeed added luster to his own Mist City Arts and Science University.

Soon enough,

the motorcade stopped at the gate of Mist City Arts and Science University.

The students coming in and out stopped and turned their heads to look at the grand entourage.

Once the car stopped, Ding Yue immediately got out, went to the back seat to open the door, and invited Professor Qian Jianlin to alight: "Professor Qian, we've arrived."

"Thank you,"

said Professor Qian Jianlin, smiling in thanks for the courteous act of Ding Yue opening the car door.

It was indeed unnecessary. Although Professor Qian Jianlin was of age, opening a car door for himself was certainly not a problem, and he usually did so himself. He wasn't accustomed to such special treatment.

But since Principal Ding had already opened the door for him, Professor Qian Jianlin still said a word of thanks.

In fact, Ding Yue seemed to realize that Professor Qian wasn't quite comfortable with someone else opening the car door for him.

He could tell from a person's eyes, facial expression, and body language, but since the deed was already done, there was nothing Ding Yue could do except to try not to be so polite next time.

After all, Professor Qian Jianlin came from an earlier century and was a scientist from a time when they were all very simple and unadorned.

Not like current celebrities who can hardly step out of the house without a host of bodyguards!

"Professor Qian, please."

With Professor Qian Jianlin alighting from the car, Ding Yue then invited him to walk towards the school entrance.

At this time, other passengers from the shuttle bus, including Professor Zuo Tinghui, Professor Wang Shi, and others, also got out.

Huang Youjie and Xu Bin, as well as the Director of the Education Bureau, Xiao Wenxing, and An Yujia, had also gathered beside Ding Yue.

The head of the Aeronautics and Astronautics College of Mist City Arts and Science University, Song Wankong, at this moment, gave a signal to the distant faculty and students from his college.

And so.

Right at this moment, the teachers and students at the school gate shouted, "Welcome, scientists from the National Space Administration, to Mist City Arts and Science University!" as their slogan.

At the same time, they also raised their banners.

This sincere and simple welcome showed the enthusiasm of the teachers and students of the Aeronautics and Astronautics College at Mist City Arts and Science University. The scientists from the National Space Administration also felt quite good about it.

It wasn't the kind of extravagant and wasteful welcome that included setting off fireworks, which as scientists, they actually despised the most because it was a waste of resources.

"Professor Qian, these are all faculty and students from our Aeronautics and Astronautics College at Mist City Arts and Science University. They were so excited when they learned that you were going to visit, they spontaneously organized this welcome for your arrival,"

Ding Yue explained to Professor Qian Jianlin with a smile.

"A group of young people brimming with youthful vitality."

Professor Qian Jianlin looked at the crowd of young university students in front of him and thought of the students at Yancheng Aerospace University.

Yancheng Aerospace University is one of the top aerospace universities in Xia Country, and it is the cradle of Xia Country's aerospace industry, training people for the field. The future of these university students there is, for the most part, spent working in the aerospace sector.

Some will become frontline engineers for the aerospace industry, others will become top scientists, and some will be involved in various other jobs in the aerospace field.

They're all a group of young university students chasing their aerospace dreams.

But when Professor Qian Jianlin saw this group of students from the Aeronautics and Astronautics College at Mist City Arts and Science University, he felt a similar sentiment.

This group also comprised university students who loved aerospace, and Professor Qian Jianlin couldn't put his finger on why, but he felt that these young people would likely achieve something significant in the future.

Perhaps it was because their Principal Ding was a very capable person.

But still!

The university students from the Aeronautics and Astronautics College at Mist City Arts and Science University certainly had a clear gap compared to those from Yancheng Aerospace University.

After all, the students at Yancheng Aerospace University are mostly top-level students; getting into Yancheng Aerospace University requires high scores on the College Entrance Examination.

On the other hand, the Aeronautics and Astronautics College at Mist City Arts and Science University admitted many students who faced difficulties or even failed the College Entrance Examination.

Even so, Professor Qian Jianlin would not look down on these young people with a biased perspective.

No matter what the scores on the College Entrance Examination were, as long as you put in the effort in the field you love, even if you were once a poor student, it is still possible to turn things around.

Professor Qian Jianlin was a living example of this himself.

Although he was very interested in space and the universe, Professor Qian Jianlin had very poor grades in other subjects back when he was a student. However, by continuously exerting himself, he achieved success in many non-specialty subjects.

That's why Professor Qian Jianlin could lead many major projects at the National Space Administration; he was highly capable in many knowledge areas relevant to aerospace.

He could be considered a versatile talent in the field of aerospace.

It's because most aerospace professionals specialize in a particular technical or knowledge area within this vast field.

For instance, someone specializing in aerospace materials would certainly not be as familiar with aerospace energy or other aspects; aerospace is a very broad field that covers many areas of engineering.

Ding Yue, seeing the expectant look in Professor Qian Jianlin's eyes toward the students, smiled and said, "Professor Qian, say a few words to the students, to inspire them a bit."

Since he was already there, Ding Yue mused that Professor Qian Jianlin surely wouldn't be stingy about saying a few words to energize these young people and give them a boost of encouragement and motivation.

Indeed, Professor Qian Jianlin nodded slightly before stepping forward and addressing the crowd, "Hello, everyone, this is our first meeting. I can see your enthusiasm. I am Qian Jianlin who works in aerospace..."

Chapter 1090: In-depth Cooperation with the National Space Administration

The teachers and students of the Aeronautics and Astronautics College of Mist City Arts and Science University were intently watching Professor Qian Jianlin, a scientist of Mount Taishan's level in the aerospace field.

Professor Qian was making a speech to inspire the students of the Aeronautics and Astronautics College of Mist City Arts and Science University to forge ahead.

"Students, the path of aerospace is long, I will seek it up and down; the vast sea of stars is the grand dream we all in aerospace hope to achieve through our collective efforts."

Professor Qian Jianlin spoke earnestly.

One must say, Ding Yue felt that Professor Qian Jianlin, in his element during speeches, truly lived up to his reputation as an all-rounded scientist of the National Space Administration.

"Building the aerospace industry is our goal, our responsibility, our future—I hope you all will learn and apply your knowledge well, and then energetically support our nation's aerospace industry. Go for it!"

Following Professor Qian Jianlin's inspiring speech, the students of the Aeronautics and Astronautics College of Mist City Arts and Science University were truly fired up.

Not just the students of the Aeronautics and Astronautics College, but even students from other faculties who were watching, felt stirred after hearing Professor Qian Jianlin's words and almost wished they had chosen to study aeronautics and astronautics themselves.

"Professor Qian spoke so well."

Behind Ding Yue, his friend Xu Bin whispered.

"Yes, he did."

Ding Yue nodded, and then started clapping enthusiastically as soon as Professor Qian Jianlin finished speaking.

Clap clap clap~

Everyone present applauded Professor Qian Jianlin's speech, creating a thunderous applause.

"So inspiring, I want to study aerospace now."

"Don't be impulsive, brother. If you're not interested in aerospace, even if you study it, you won't be able to keep up."

"Exactly, have we forgotten the original intention of Mist City Arts and Science University?"

"Yes, every student at Mist City Arts and Science University chooses a major they are interested in, one they like."

"The aerospace major really isn't something just anyone can handle."

"Professor Qian's speech was so stirring."

"Isn't that the truth! Aren't a man's dreams all about mechs and the vast ocean of stars?"

"Who knows if in our lifetime, we will be able to pilot mechs and traverse that ocean of stars?"

The students from other faculties, who were not part of the Aeronautics and Astronautics College, discussed Professor Qian Jianlin's words animatedly among themselves.

Meanwhile, the students of the Aeronautics and Astronautics College were so inspired by Professor Qian Jianlin's speech that they could hardly wait to learn about aeronautics and astronautics all day, every day, eager to master more and more aerospace knowledge and skills, and even tackle difficult challenges in aerospace.

One must say, the students felt the inspiring effect of Professor Qian Jianlin's words was incredibly strong, as if a powerful BUFF had been applied.

In fact,

it truly was as if a BUFF had been added!

For while Professor Qian Jianlin had been inspiring the students with his speech, Ding Yue had quietly redeemed an inspirational prop card from his system store.

It was precisely for this reason that Professor Qian Jianlin's already inspiring speech had an even more bolstering effect on the students of the Aeronautics and Astronautics College.

The effect was maxed out!

Ding Yue pondered that from now on, the students' attitude and learning effectiveness at the Aeronautics and Astronautics College of Mist City Arts and Science University would likely reach a new level.

After all, various BUFFs had been stacked.

Next would be to see if among these students there would emerge a few or a group of geniuses who could make significant contributions in the field of aeronautics and astronautics, perhaps even leading a project or breaking through a certain technology.

Thus, within a year or two, it was possible that their Aeronautics and Astronautics College would rise as rapidly as the Mechanical and Computer Science Departments, becoming a top-tier major.

After Professor Qian Jianlin had finished his speech, Ding Yue led them through the gates of Mist City Arts and Science University.

Entering the campus, Professor Qian Jianlin felt that the intangible aura of this private university was nothing like a typical one.

It gave him a similar vibe to his previous visit to Yancheng Aerospace University.

Every student seemed to be spirited as if they were navigating through the sacred sea of knowledge within this campus.

Ambiance is an intangible thing,

but some, like Professor Qian Jianlin, can indeed feel it.

Moreover,

the frequent full-seat news about the library of Mist City Arts and Science University was something Professor Qian Jianlin had seen as well.

This time Professor Qian Jianlin and his colleagues came to Mist City Arts and Science University not only for larger and deeper collaborations regarding graphene materials with the national aerospace industry but also to assess the overall potential of the Aeronautics and Astronautics College of Mist City Arts and Science University.

If the potential was promising, then Professor Qian Jianlin might consider Principal Ding's proposal, to become a distinguished professor at the Aeronautics and Astronautics College of Mist City Arts and Science University.

His colleagues, Professor Zuo Tinghui, Professor Wang Shi, and Professor Ji Min among others, would also agree to become distinguished professors at the Aeronautics and Astronautics College of Mist City Arts and Science University.

Of course, all of this was predicated on whether the Aeronautics and Astronautics College could satisfy Professor Qian Jianlin and his colleagues during their visit in the coming days.