

## **F. University 1271**

Chapter 1271: 200 Billion in Presales, Creating a Miracle

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New Year's Day.

Today, the campus of Mist City Arts and Science University was free from the usual sounds of students reciting their lessons because it was a holiday.

The students of Mist City Arts and Science University, when it was time to study, would study very seriously. But when it came time to play, these youth brimming with vitality certainly knew how to enjoy themselves and were far from being mere bookworms.

Of course.

There were also a portion of students who may not have wanted to play but wanted to continue improving themselves, so early in the morning, they came to the university library.

Before they knew it, the seats of the Book Ship Library were filled.

However, fortunately for Mist City Arts and Science University, the Book Ship Library was not the only one they had—there was another library in the old campus area and the Archive Library as well. Together, the three libraries were generally enough for the students of Mist City Arts and Science University to use.

In the early morning campus, couples were coming and going at the entrance.

The greening area of Mist City Arts and Science University was substantial, complete with a park where birds tweeted without cease, and to the north of the school, there was a giant panda base housing two pandas, which attracted many students, even early in the morning.

Over at the apartment buildings.

Ding Yue had slept in until he woke up naturally today.

On this new day of the new year, all Ding Yue wanted was to relax a bit, given that it was a holiday. Sleeping in until naturally waking up was pretty much the norm for Ding Yue whenever he had a day off.

"Principal, good morning."

After waking up, Ding Yue heard Big White greeting him.

Big White had become more and more humanlike now; it had learned so much that it could communicate with its owner, Ding Yue, with an ease that couldn't be more natural.

For instance, as soon as his owner woke up, Big White would immediately report the weather for the day.

"Principal, today is the first day of 2023, January 1st, the weather is clear, the temperature is 15 degrees Celsius, slightly cool. Please dress warmly, Principal, to avoid catching a cold," Big White warmly reminded.

"Got it, Big White."

Ding Yue smiled with a warming heart upon hearing Big White's cozy reminder as soon as he got up.

"Without realizing it, it's a new year again."

After getting out of bed, Ding Yue brushed his teeth while ruefully contemplating how fast time flew by.

"Time is money, and money can't buy time."

Big White approached Ding Yue and recited this line of poetry.

Ding Yue knew that Big White had recited this line because he had just been lamenting the swift passage of time.

"Big White, do you know what 'Time is money, and money can't buy time' means?"

While brushing his teeth, Ding Yue looked at Big White with a wry smile and asked.

"Principal, the meaning of this poem is that a moment of time is as precious as an inch of gold, and yet an inch of gold cannot buy back an inch of time, suggesting that time is exceedingly valuable," Big White answered.

Ding Yue just smiled after hearing this.

For an artificial intelligence robot like Big White, understanding the meaning of such a poem was child's play.

Because Big White could obtain data and information from the internet, it was naturally not a problem to find the meaning of such a poem.

"Big White, help me call Miss An Yujia."

After brushing his teeth and washing his face, Ding Yue was getting ready to go to the Fifth Canteen for breakfast.

To be precise, it should be brunch, since the morning had already passed. He hoped there was still food available at the canteen; otherwise, he would have to wait for lunchtime.

"Right away, Principal."

Big White immediately called Miss An Yujia's phone.

At this time, An Yujia was in her office, and as soon as she saw the call from Principal Ding, she answered without hesitation, "Hello, Principal Ding."

On Ding Yue's end, while getting dressed, he asked over the phone, "Miss An, how did it go last night with the increase in traffic and users on the Feiyue Home streaming media platform?"

Upon waking up, Ding Yue had two questions he wanted to ask.

The first question concerned the increase in user traffic on the Feiyue Home Streaming Media platform from midnight to now.

The second question was about the sales of Feiyue · Future New Energy vehicles.

Ding Yue wasn't in a rush and asked his questions one by one.

"Principal Ding, our Feiyue Home Streaming Media platform's traffic was very good last night, and we gained over five hundred thousand new users. I think the key contributories included a new song 'Big Fish' by student Lin Zhirou and the pre-sale of Feiyue · Future New Energy vehicles on the Feiyue Home Platform," An Yujia responded.

"An increase of five hundred thousand users, that's good, very good."

Ding Yue was quite satisfied with this figure.

After all, the Feiyue Home Streaming Media platform was just starting out, and considering the platform's still limited resource library, this increase in new users was already quite impressive.

"Principal Ding, don't you want to know how much the total pre-sales are for our Feiyue · Future New Energy vehicles?" An Yujia suddenly asked proactively.

An Yujia had already guessed what Principal Ding might want to inquire about when he called. Since he had already asked about the user increase on the Feiyue Home Streaming Media platform, he was sure to ask about the pre-sales of the Feiyue · Future New Energy vehicles.

## Chapter 1272: 200 Billion in Presales, Creating a Miracle

A week ago, after the release of Feiyue Future New Energy Vehicle, it quickly became a hot new energy vehicle both domestically and globally, even forcing Dami Technology Group and Huawei Technology Group to urgently announce their withdrawal from the new energy vehicle field.

And today, a week later, at midnight, Feiyue Group began the pre-sales channel for Feiyue Future on the Feiyue Home streaming media platform.

"Hahaha, Miss An, how did you know that's what I wanted to ask?"

Ding Yue replied with a light smile.

"It was a guess,"

An Yujia responded.

"Tell me, up to now, how many pre-sales have we had for the Feiyue Future New Energy Vehicle?"  
Ding Yue asked.

"Alright, Principal Ding, as of this morning at ten o'clock, our Feiyue Future New Energy Vehicle pre-sales have already exceeded 500,000 units, with pre-sales revenue surpassing 200 billion yuan!"

An Yujia reported seriously.

"How much?"

Ding Yue thought he had heard wrong.

Because Ding Yue originally estimated that the 200,000 chips for the Feiyue Future New Energy Vehicle, which he had prepared with Guoxing Technology Group, would be almost enough for the pre-sales. However, he hadn't imagined that this would be far from sufficient.

Because the pre-sales exceeded 500,000 units, and with an official price tag of 460,000 yuan per Feiyue Future New Energy Vehicle, the total pre-sales revenue naturally exceeded 200 billion yuan.

"That's not right, isn't our Feiyue Future New Energy Vehicle subsidized by 100,000 yuan by the state? By that count, the pre-sales wouldn't reach 200 billion yuan, right?"

Ding Yue suddenly thought of this and asked.

As the state strongly promoted new energy vehicles, all major manufacturers' new energy vehicles were given different levels of subsidies based on their energy consumption standards and the like.

They were generally in the tens of thousands of yuan.

But the Feiyue Future, as a new energy vehicle, with its strong endurance and battery characteristics, has high energy use efficiency, perfectly interpreting the concept of new energy!

Therefore, the state subsidy for the Feiyue Future New Energy Vehicle was set at 100,000 yuan!

"Principal Ding, the subsidy of 100,000 yuan is also attributed to Feiyue Group by the country. Consumers only need to pay 360,000 yuan to purchase a Feiyue Future, but we still sell each car for 460,000 yuan. The 100,000 yuan difference is subsidized by the state, so it's also included in the pre-sale revenue. With this, our pre-sale revenue exceeded 230 billion yuan,"

An Yujia continued to answer seriously.

"Understood."

Ding Yue hadn't initially taken into account the 100,000 yuan subsidy from the state.

"A pre-sale revenue of over 200 billion yuan has already created a miracle in our automotive industry, hasn't it?" Ding Yue said, feeling very happy.

Looking at the global car industry, for a new car to achieve over 200 billion yuan in pre-sales revenue in less than half a day, perhaps only Feiyue Automobile has achieved this feat.

This pre-sales revenue of over 200 billion yuan, after deducting costs such as production upon delivery, would generate a profit of over 100 billion yuan.

Yes, the development costs and technology costs for Feiyue Group's Feiyue Future New Energy Vehicle were virtually negligible.

Unlike other car companies that have invested huge amounts of money in design and technology development, resulting in not so high profit margins.

The majority of the costs for Ding Yue's Feiyue Future New Energy Vehicle were actually associated with building car factories, and the expenses related to the production process, material parts processing, and assembly technique.

"These new energy vehicles really do make money,"

Ding Yue couldn't help feeling excited internally.

In just half a day, the pre-sales exceeded 200 billion yuan, with profits able to surpass 100 billion yuan. Looking at Mist City Arts and Science University and Feiyue Group's involved industries, the most profitable would probably be the Feiyue Future New Energy Vehicle!

Before this, within the industries operated by Ding Yue's Mist City Arts and Science University and Feiyue Group, they could barely reach a profit in the ten billion range.

But now, that has changed; they are directly aiming for 100 billion.

Moreover, with the subsequent deliveries of the Feiyue Future New Energy Vehicles, as the reputation among consumers continues to rise, no doubt the sales of the Feiyue Future New Energy Vehicles will continue to soar.

Not only that.

This was just the domestic market, and in the future, they would definitely aim at the international market to launch their Feiyue Future New Energy Vehicles. With such high-performance new energy vehicles, not a single domestic model could compete, and even those abroad would struggle to match up, not even Tesla with their ace technology could beat Ding Yue's Feiyue Future New Energy Vehicles.

With more profit funds available, Ding Yue could continue to invest money into the development and construction of Mist City Arts and Science University, and even embark on many more major projects.

"Principal Ding, our Feiyue Future New Energy Vehicles are really popular. Even many high-profile figures have ordered this car."

An Yujia said excitedly to Principal Ding.

A market worth over 100 billion and potentially exceeding one trillion yuan in the future was the largest project An Yujia had ever managed, so how could she not be excited?

"Oh? Which high-profile figures have ordered our Feiyue Future?"

Ding Yue asked with a smile.

"For instance, Mr. Wang Sicheng of Wang Group, several well-known actors, Mr. Lei Ren of Dami Technology Group, President Xiong Tianqi of Huawei Technology Group, and others have all ordered our Feiyue Future New Energy Vehicles."

An Yujia replied.

These people were indeed well-known figures, such as the son of the wealthiest man, Mr. Wang, and Mr. Lei Ren from Dami Technology Group, a renowned entrepreneur, as well as those famous actors, all had ordered their Feiyue Future New Energy Vehicles from Feiyue Group.

It seemed that the Feiyue Future New Energy Vehicle had essentially established a dominant position in the domestic market that no one could shake.

At this time, Ding Yue wanted to see what expression Mr. Kuang Xuejin, the formerly unassailable president of Penguin Car, had now.

"Miss An, has the news about our Feiyue Future New Energy Vehicles pre-selling over 500,000 units and garnering over three hundred billion yuan been leaked yet?"

Ding Yue asked An Yujia again.

"Not yet. I have just finished compiling the data when you called, Principal Ding, so I reported it to you first. Shall I go and arrange it now?"



An Yujia clearly understood Principal Ding's intentions.

With over three hundred billion in pre-sale, a new miracle had been created, one that others could never break. Such an achievement would be a pity not to publicize.

When Principal Ding asked whether the pre-sale achievement had been leaked, the intention was quite clear; it was time to ride this wave and let the entire automotive market witness the miracle created by Feiyue Future, to show the vast number of consumers how popular the Feiyue Future New Energy Vehicle was.

"Alright."

Ding Yue agreed.

Sure enough, An Yujia knew his thoughts well, and even without Ding Yue having to say it explicitly, An understood what she had to do.

Thus,

After hanging up with Principal Ding, An Yujia immediately arranged for Feiyue Media's PR department and utilized the resources of Mist City Arts and Science University's publicity department to release the news of Feiyue Future New Energy Vehicles' two hundred billion yuan pre-sale.

Once the news came out, there was hardly any need for further promotion by Mist City Arts and Science University and Feiyue Group. It was instantly widely shared by various self-media accounts, content creators, vloggers, video channels, and so forth. In no time, almost every netizen online could see this top-tier headline news.

"Holy shit! Sold over two hundred and thirty billion yuan overnight?"

"Pre-sold 500,000 units!"

"That awesome?"

"Isn't that more than the best-selling car in China can sell in a month?"

"Feiyue Future, eternally godlike!"

"I contributed 360,000 yuan out of these billions in big projects; getting a 100,000 yuan subsidy feels so good!"

"Wasn't it 460,000 yuan?"

"The state subsidy for the Feiyue Future New Energy Vehicles is 100,000 yuan, so you only need to spend 360,000 yuan to get one."

On the first day of the new year, the online world was dominated by this overnight sensation of a multi-billion yuan project.

#### Chapter 1273: It's Time to Show the Power of Semiconductors

At the beginning of the New Year, Ding Yue's Mist City Arts and Science University and Feiyue Group had a great start.

The New Year's Eve Gala at Mist City Arts and Science University received high praise and showcased strengths that attracted more prospective students to want to apply to the university this year.

For a private university, being able to recruit more students is naturally the best possible outcome.

Moreover, Ding Yue was not at all worried about Mist City Arts and Science University admitting batches of academically poor students because, in this world, the vast majority of people are not fools; as long as they study diligently, they are bound to achieve something.

Many of those who are academically poor are seen as stupid children in the eyes of others because they either do not love learning or are biased against certain subjects.

Once at Mist City Arts and Science University, Ding Yue could use various buffs from his system's store to make students fall in love with learning.

Apart from the positive impact of the New Year's Eve Gala, what pleased Ding Yue even more was the presale situation of Feiyue Group's first new energy vehicle, Feiyue · Future, which exploded on New Year's Day.

The presales had exceeded two hundred billion yuan and were still growing. Ding Yue initially estimated that they could exceed three hundred billion yuan in presales on the first day of New Year's Day.

Every day in January, Ding Yue would check the presale situation of the Feiyue Future New Energy vehicles, and the numbers increased daily.

Faced with such a sales success, Ding Yue needed to prepare well.

After all, nearly one million Feiyue · Future New Energy vehicles had been presold, and these vehicles would eventually need to be delivered to the owners who had paid for them.

This is the nature of new energy vehicles; they can be presold.

And it was precisely this presale that gave Feiyue Group ample transition time because the new energy vehicle factories under Feiyue Group were being constructed vigorously. The production, manufacturing, and assembly could only begin in large scale after the Spring Festival.

The most crucial point was that the presale of Feiyue · Future New Energy vehicles had already exceeded eight hundred thousand units, nearly reaching one million units.

However, Ding Yue had initially prepared only 200,000 units of the vehicle-mounted intelligent control system chips for Feiyue · Future New Energy vehicles.

Currently, the photolithography machine experiment project at Mist City Arts and Science University was still in full swing, and until a technological breakthrough was achieved, Feiyue Group had no capability to produce the chips.

Therefore, the chips had to be produced by Guoxing Technology Group.

But there was a problem.

Due to the chip crisis, the production capacity of Guoxing Technology Group had reached its limit. The last time they managed to allocate 200,000 chips was after reneging on a contract with Penguin Auto Group.

Hence, solving this problem was really challenging.

But Ding Yue must find a way to resolve this issue as it wouldn't do to sell one million Feiyue · Future New Energy vehicles and end up only being able to deliver two hundred thousand, would it?

"Principal Ding, our Feiyue · Future New Energy vehicles are nearly reaching one million units in presales, and we can make a lot of money, but why do you look so burdened?"

That day, after noticing that Principal Ding seemed preoccupied, his secretary, Wen Ruohan, could not help but ask out of curiosity.

"We're selling a lot, but whether we can produce them in the future is an issue."

Ding Yue murmured quietly.

"Ah?"

Wen Ruohan, not very knowledgeable about these matters, looked confused.

"Right now, we only have orders for 200,000 chips at Guoxing Technology Group." Ding Yue shrugged as he spoke.

Upon hearing this, Wen Ruohan instantly understood what was going on.

200,000 chips could only produce 200,000 Feiyue · Future New Energy vehicles; the rest of the vehicles could also be built, but surely they couldn't go without installing the vehicle-mounted intelligent control system, Big White.

Thus, solving the chip shortage problem was urgently needed!

"As we are nearing the end of another academic term."

Ding Yue sighed again, for after the term's end, he would have more tasks to take care of at Mist City Arts and Science University.

"Yes, Principal Ding, another term is almost over." Wen Ruohan echoed.

Since early February was the Spring Festival, from January 20 onward, they would need to start arranging for the holidays in stages.

In this way, after January 10, each department and major at Mist City Arts and Science University would need to start preparing for the final exams.

After the term's end, Ding Yue would focus on school matters, just like at the beginning of every term, which he, as a principal, had to do.

But for now, Ding Yue also had to consider the chip shortage issue.

"How is Director Qi's health now?" Ding Yue turned his head and asked Wen Ruohan about the health status of Director Qi Chunsheng from the academic affairs office.

"Principal Ding, Director Qi has basically recovered his health after being discharged from the hospital. Now, with several assistants in the academic affairs office, Director Qi won't be overworked."

Wen Ruohan responded.

Ever since Director Qi Chunsheng underwent organ transplant surgery the last time, underwent convalescence for a while, and then returned to Mist City Arts and Science University and continued his duty as the director of the academic affairs office.

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Since Director Qi Chunsheng was indeed dedicated and exceptionally capable in his role as the Director of Academic Affairs, Ding Yue, under the condition that Director Qi Chunsheng's health was guaranteed, still agreed to let him, who was already close to retirement age, continue to serve as the Director of Academic Affairs at Mist City Arts and Science University.

To ensure Director Qi Chunsheng's health, Ding Yue even went the extra mile to hire a personal health assistant for him, and several assistant directors were added to the Academic Affairs office to handle various teaching matters of the school, which also helped reduce some of Director Qi Chunsheng's workload.

"Let Director Qi keep an eye on it, and make sure everything in the Academic Affairs office is solid for this semester's final exams and vacation planning, as I might get busier soon," Ding Yue said to his secretary, Wen Ruohan.

"Ah?"

Wen Ruohan was momentarily stunned, then asked, "Do I need to notify the Academic Affairs office right now?"

"That would be fine."

Ding Yue nodded and then said, "Xiao Wen, please call Miss An Yujia over."

As Ding Yue spoke, he took out his phone and called his buddy, Xu Bin.

To solve the chip shortage issue, Mist City Arts and Science University's lithography machine research project was key. Previously, Xu Bin, Luo Peng, and Tong Yihang had informed him that progress on the lithography machine research project was smooth, making significant breakthroughs on lithography machines for 32 nanometer, 28 nanometer, and 14 nanometer process technologies.

This meant that.

Mist City Arts and Science University's lithography machine research project was mature enough to manufacture lithography machines for 28 or 14 nanometer process technologies.

And with the lithography machines, they could manufacture chips!

It was akin to how they were able to produce potent graphene batteries only after mass production of graphene was achieved!

"Hello, Bin,"

Once he got through to Xu Bin, Ding Yue asked, "Where are you?"

"Where else could I be? Didn't you say last time that we should focus on the lithography machine research project? So, I've been soaking at the lithography machine research project base with Luo Peng, Tong Yihang, and Liu Tiefei this whole time," Xu Bin replied.

"Oh right, your sister Xiao You is here too," Xu Bin added.

The lithography machine research project at Mist City Arts and Science University nearly gathered the university's topmost group of genius teachers and students.

This included people like Xu Bin from the Computer Science department, Ding Yue's sister Ding Xiaoyou, as well as teachers like Luo Peng, Su Beilin from the Mechanical Engineering department, and students like Tong Yihang, Liu Tiefei.

They were the aces of aces at Mist City Arts and Science University, having a reputation in developing many of the university's projects.

Now, gathering them all for the lithography machine research project was to tackle Xia Country's longstanding issues with chips and lithography machines.

After all, the lithography machine research project involved a very wide range of technical fields.

"Really? Okay, I'll come over right away," Ding Yue immediately said.

"Is something the matter?" Xu Bin seemed to sense something and asked.

"Indeed, there's something. Your lithography machine research project is the longest and most capital-intensive project since the establishment of Mist City Arts and Science University. Now it's time for you all to shine," Ding Yue remarked with sentiment.

Since its establishment, Mist City Arts and Science University had developed many projects, including numerous ones in technology.

In fields like battery technology, artificial intelligence, mechanical robotics, and more, they had achieved the most advanced levels nationally and even globally.

And now, it was time for the semiconductor field to radiate some heat and light.

Therefore, Ding Yue prepared to encourage the lithography machine research team to work hard in successfully manufacturing lithography machines and mass-producing 14 nanometer chips, striving to achieve the delivery of Feiyue Future New Energy Vehicles smoothly, fulfilling Ding Yue's goal.

"Really?"

Upon hearing this, Xu Bin immediately became excited, feeling even his blood beginning to burn.

After all, who among the citizens wouldn't be impassioned at the thought of making a mark in the semiconductor chip field?

"Hahaha, I'll tell you the specifics when I get there."

"Okay."

After hanging up the phone, just as Secretary Wen Ruohan notified, Miss An Yujia arrived at Principal Ding Yue's office.

Ding Yue put down his phone, smiled at Miss An, and said, "Miss An, let's go. Follow me to the Scientific Research Base Center."

"Okay."



Although An Yujia did not know why Principal Ding had called her over, she just had to follow Principal Ding's orders.

In fact, by mentioning a visit to the Scientific Research Base Center, An Yujia could somewhat guess what it was about.

So, on the way downstairs, An Yujia took the initiative to ask, "Principal Ding, what are we going to do at the Scientific Research Base Center?"

At the Mist City Arts and Science University's Scientific Research Base Center, there were many laboratories—all engaged in technological research. Anyone working there was among the top faculty and students of Mist City Arts and Science University in various specialties.

"Our Feiyue Future New Energy Vehicle currently only has an order for 200,000 chips from Guoxing Technology Group. How will we fulfill the rest?"

Ding Yue directly said to An Yujia, "If we want to solve this problem, we need to solve the issue of producing and manufacturing chips."

"Right."

An Yujia had also thought about this problem. Originally, her idea was that with the 200,000 chips, the 200,000 produced Feiyue Future New Energy Vehicles could be delivered in batches. Then for the rest, delivery times would simply have to be delayed.

There really was no other solution, and domestic consumers would surely understand. After all, everyone now knew about the severity of the chip shortage. Without enough chips, it was genuinely impossible to produce the Feiyue Future New Energy Vehicles.

"Miss An, I presume you know that Mist City Arts and Science University has been researching the photolithography machine experimental project for several years now, investing several billion yuan into it, right?" Ding Yue asked An Yujia with a smile.

"Yes, I know that." An Yujia nodded and replied, "Principal Ding, are you saying that our university has the capability needed for the photolithography machine experimental project now?"

"I think we should, but let's see the specific situation after we get there," Ding Yue responded. He couldn't guarantee it one hundred percent.

After all, building photolithography machines was a highly difficult task. Moreover, this time it wasn't about building just one or two machines; it was about achieving mass production. Doing so could significantly alleviate the great pressure of photolithography machines and semiconductor chips domestically.

"Okay."

An Yujia couldn't help but admire the research strength of Mist City Arts and Science University; they even managed to develop and master the process technology of photolithography machines.

The future potential growth of Mist City Arts and Science University was indeed immeasurable!

Ding Yue, with An Yujia, Secretary Wen Ruohan, and his artificial intelligence robot Big White, arrived at the Scientific Research Base Center.

Currently, at the center, there were already over a hundred faculty and students engaged in various experimental projects for long periods.

In the future, the scale here would expand further, and the number of faculty and students involved in research projects would continue to grow.

"Hello, Principal Ding!"

Students at the Scientific Research Base Center greeted Principal Ding as they saw him.

"Hello, students."

Ding Yue responded to each of them.

Soon, the party of three people, along with the artificial intelligence robot Big White, reached the research center where the photolithography machine experimental project was located.

"Brother Yue, you have arrived."

At the entrance, Xu Bin was already waiting to greet them.

"Have all the people been called?"

Ding Yue inquired.

"Yes, all members of our photolithography machine experimental project team have arrived," Xu Bin replied with a nod and a smile. "Brother Yue, these are the top talents from Mist City Arts and Science University."

"Isn't that the truth."

Ding Yue felt a sense of pride and satisfaction in his heart.

The group of excellent talents gathered by the photolithography machine experimental project, hailing from his own Mist City Arts and Science University, was not only his pride but also the pride of the entire university.

"Let's go directly to the conference room." Ding Yue, arm in arm with Xu Bin, entered the building, ready to meet the most outstanding faculty and students from Mist City Arts and Science University in the Scientific Research Base Center's conference room.

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Mist City Arts and Science University, Research Base Center.

Inside the conference room.

Ding Yue had convened a meeting with some of the most outstanding teachers and students of Mist City Arts and Science University to discuss and decide on demonstrating the university's capabilities in semiconductor research.

At the same time, it was also meant to address the chip shortage issue plaguing Feiyue Future New Energy vehicles.

"Principal Ding, Mr. Wang from Guoxing Technology Group is on the line."

Just as Ding Yue was about to start the meeting, his secretary Wen Ruohan came up to him, holding a mobile phone, and spoke in a low voice.

"Oh?"

Upon hearing this, Ding Yue nodded slightly and then said to everyone in the conference room, "Please wait a moment, everyone, I need to take a call."

After all, it was a call from Wang Liwu, Mr. Wang of Guoxing Technology Group—it could be about something important. Therefore, Ding Yue decided to take the call first before proceeding with the meeting.

He took the mobile phone from the hands of secretary Wen Ruohan and then turned to step out of the conference room, choosing to answer the call in the hallway.

"Hello, Mr. Wang, this is Ding Yue."

"Principal Ding, congratulations, the wave made by your Feiyue Future New Energy vehicles can be said to have created a miracle in automotive history," Wang Liwu said with a laugh over the phone.

"Thank you, Mr. Wang, but I'm not in the mood to celebrate right now. You know what I mean, don't you?" Ding Yue spoke calmly.

"The chip issue?"

Wang Liwu didn't really need to guess; he had called specifically to discuss this matter.

"Currently, we only have an order for 200,000 chips with Guoxing Technology Group, and that is far from enough," Ding Yue remarked.

"Principal Ding, I really can't do anything about this matter. It wasn't easy for our board to agree to those 200,000 chips during our last meeting, and afterwards, we even had to pay a considerable amount in damages to Penguin Auto Group," Wang Liwu expressed his powerlessness.

After all, there were countless enterprises in need of chips, and orders had been scheduled into the following year.

"No, for this matter, we still need the help of Guoxing Technology Group," Ding Yue suddenly said earnestly.

"Ah? Principal Ding, what can we at Guoxing Technology Group do to help you?"

Upon hearing this, Wang Liwu was somewhat befuddled.

What Guoxing Technology Group could do was manufacture chips, but now their production capacity had reached its limit—in other words, all their equipment was already running at full power. There was simply no way they could provide Ding Yue with more chips.

Should they breach the contract with Penguin Auto Group as they had done last time?

That clearly wasn't possible, as Guoxing Technology Group couldn't afford to offend or lose the business of other large manufacturers just for the sake of Feiyue Group.

"What if we could provide you with equipment like photolithography machines; would Guoxing Technology Group then be able to produce chips for us?" Ding Yue asked with a smile.

"What?"

Upon hearing this, Wang Liwu was completely astounded.

Yet he wasn't entirely confounded, but rather, he was shocked, incredibly so.

"Didn't I mention last time that Mist City Arts and Science University has a photolithography machine research project? Currently, this project has achieved certain results, and perhaps we have

the potential to independently develop and manufacture photolithography machines," Ding Yue said confidently.

If the machines weren't for processes like 7 nanometers or 5 nanometers but for 28 nanometers or 14 nanometers, then Ding Yue was very confident.

"Principal Ding, are you serious?"

Wang Liwu was incredulous.

This Mist City Arts and Science University was indeed extraordinary; could they actually independently develop and manufacture photolithography machines?

"Of course," Ding Yue responded.

"Then Principal Ding, what is the process size? 32 nanometers? But the competitiveness of 32 nanometers in the market is no longer very strong," Wang Liwu immediately asked again.

The process size of the photolithography machine is closely related to the chip level; for example, a 32-nanometer chip requires a 32-nanometer process photolithography machine to produce.

The lower the nanometer level, the higher the difficulty of chip production technology and the photolithography machine.

Currently, advanced chip technologies abroad have reached widespread commercial application at 7 nanometers, and chips at the 5-nanometer level can be manufactured, with technology relatively mature.

Whereas domestically, as exemplified by Guoxing Technology Group, the main chip levels and orders are still at 14 nanometers. Although 7 nanometers can also be produced, the quantity of orders is obviously less than that of 14 nanometers.

Because 14 nanometers can be used in a wide range of fields, such as computer and smartphone CPUs, as well as other smart electronic devices.

"Ha-ha, Mr. Wang, it's not a 32-nanometer process," Ding Yue answered with a laugh.

"Then? Could it be 28 nanometers?"

"Nor is it that!"

Ding Yue didn't keep Mr. Wang in suspense any longer and went straight to the point, "To speak frankly, Mr. Wang, our Mist City Arts and Science University's photolithography machine project should be capable of developing and manufacturing machines for the 14-nanometer process."

"What! 14 nanometers?"

Upon these words, Wang Liwu was instantly shocked!

Chip technology was arduous enough, and several domestic technology companies and scientific research institutions had spent years of effort and a considerable amount of money to develop their own domestic chips—such as 14-nanometer chips, 7-nanometer chips, and even research into 5-nanometer chips was underway.

## Chapter 1276: 14nm Process Lithography Machine \_2

But photolithography machines were not so easy to deal with.

Because developing chip technology is different from photolithography machines, a photolithography machine is a very tight and complex piece of machinery, and the lower the nanometer level of the chip, the higher the precision required from the photolithography machine. Such highly precise mechanical technology had not yet been mastered by any domestic tech companies to date.

Even national-level research institutions were unable to achieve it.

Yet, Principal Ding claimed that their photolithography machine experiment project at Mist City Arts and Science University could do it.

"Principal Ding, we've been friends for years, you can't be joking with me about this!" Wang Liwu said, somewhat incredulously.

"Mr. Wang, I consider you a friend as well, so of course, I wouldn't be kidding. The specifics, however, will need to be confirmed in a meeting later. How about I get back to you afterward?"

Ding Yue said, smiling calmly.

"Alright, alright, Principal Ding, please go and confirm as soon as possible. If... if it really is possible, that would be a great moment for our domestic photolithography machines!"

Wang Liwu said, very excitedly.

It's important to understand that many of Guoxing Technology Group's photolithography machines, etching machine equipment, and the like used for manufacturing chips were originally purchased from abroad. But with the increasingly intense suppression from the foreigners toward Xia Country, it has become difficult now to even want to acquire a photolithography machine.

Without the machinery, what could they use to produce chips?

It was exactly for this reason that Xia Country was facing a severe chip manufacturing crisis today!

"Okay, you wait for my news."

After saying this, Ding Yue hung up the phone.

Then, Ding Yue returned to the meeting room.

Looking around the meeting room, you could see Tong Yihang, Liu Tiefei, Luo Peng, Su Beilin, Xu Bin, Yang Jie, Ding Xiaoyou, and a group of the most badass personnel from several of Mist City Arts and Science University's top specialties all gathered here.

"Everyone, please take a seat, we are about to start the meeting."

After sitting down in his seat in the conference room, Ding Yue said to everyone, "Each of you here is an elite among elites, a trump card among trump cards of Mist City Arts and Science University.



Everyone gathered here is working hard on the photolithography machine experiment project, and I have seen your efforts and hardships over these years."

Everyone was very quiet.

"Alright, let me get straight to the point."

Ding Yue became serious and continued, "As everyone knows, our Feiyue Future New Energy Vehicle's presale was very successful. Now the car factory is nearly completed, and mass production plans are about to be formally implemented. However, we only have an order for 200,000 chips from Guoxing Technology Group, but we have nearly reached presales of one million Feiyue Future New Energy Vehicles."

"That means we still have a huge gap in our chip supply needs."

Luo Peng, the teacher, said.

"Principal Ding, do you mean..." Tong Yihang seemed to understand Principal Ding's point.

Short on chips, meant they needed to make chips, and to make chips, naturally required the critically important machine, the photolithography machine.

"Exactly."

Ding Yue immediately nodded, his face serious as he said, "The photolithography machine experiment project has been researched by our university for many years, and we have invested a lot of funds. I think you are all very clear about what step you can achieve, right?"

"Principal Ding, let me give a summary."

Teacher Luo Peng, as the main person in charge of the photolithography machine experiment project, and also the most authoritative person, stood up to speak.

"Please, have a seat. Tell us while sitting."

Ding Yue immediately gestured for Teacher Luo Peng to sit and speak.

With a slight nod, Luo Peng sat down and then said, "Principal Ding, we are currently going all out researching a 5 nanometer level process technology for photolithography machines and exploring a 3 nanometer level process. For 7 nanometer level process technology, we also have a grasp, but I think it's not yet very mature. As for the photolithography machine of 14 nanometer level process technology, we are already able to master its application technology maturely. Manufacturing a photolithography machine of 14 nanometer process technology, I don't think it's a problem."

"Good, then you are saying, we can manufacture a 14 nanometer process technology photolithography machine?"

Ding Yue asked with great satisfaction upon hearing this.

"Yes!"

Luo Peng's response was very definite.

"Photolithography machines for the 14-nanometer process technology present no challenge anymore. It's the 5-nanometer and 3-nanometer ones that are more challenging, hahaha."

At this moment, Ding Xiaoyou said with a laugh.

Although Ding Xiaoyou was only one of the participants in the photolithography machine research project, she was very aware that her team was very strong. Everyone was a genius, and it was only a matter of time before they conquered the 5-nanometer, even the 3-nanometer process technology photolithography machines and chips.

"That's good because our Feiyue Future New Energy Vehicles would be sufficiently equipped with 14-nanometer chips, but we don't have much time left, so we need to collaborate closely with Guoxing Technology Group."

Ding Yue nodded.

At this time, if he were to build a factory to manufacture photolithography machines and then produce chips, that would take a significant amount of time.

Too late.

Furthermore, although 14-nanometer chips are the mainstream for many electronic devices, in a few years, the 7-nanometer and even the newly released 5-nanometer chips will become the new norm. Some countries have already begun to use the 7-nanometer chips on a large scale.

Like the smartphones from Fruit!

Therefore, Ding Yue had no plans to set up his own 14-nanometer chip factory for the time being. He had the support of Guoxing Technology Group.

To lay out the semiconductor industry, Ding Yue was ready to take the high-end route. This way, there would be the strength to compete with foreign enterprises.

Like the Almes Group, which was excellent at making photolithography machines, and the Island Accumulation Electricity Group, which was strong in chip manufacturing!

Moreover, since starting now would be late for supplying Feiyue Future New Energy Vehicles, Ding Yue was prepared to work with Guoxing Technology Group for the 14-nanometer process technology photolithography machines.

"I agree with this point."

In the meeting room, An Yujia was the first to support Principal Ding's idea.

"Hmm, that is a solution."

Xu Bin also nodded and said, "We provide the technology for the 14-nanometer process photolithography machines, while Guoxing Technology Group provides manpower, material resources, and even financial support. That way, we can quickly start the production of domestic 14-nanometer photolithography machines."

The group realized it was indeed wise to collaborate with Guoxing Technology Group first.

Because when it comes to photolithography machines, Mist City Arts and Science University and Feiyue Group were still in the research phase. Expansion wasn't so simple.

Think back to the establishment of the graphene industry; it took almost a year and now the new energy vehicle industry. The car factories had just been completed. If they were to establish a 14-nanometer process photolithography machine industry now, it would take at least another year or more.

But the Feiyue Future New Energy Vehicles couldn't wait that long.

"Alright, then it's decided. We will collaborate closely with Guoxing Technology Group on our 14-nanometer process photolithography machine technology. In the future, we will layout in the high-end chip domain. Miss An, you need to start preparing for this part."

Ding Yue saw everyone agreed and turned to instruct Miss An.

"Okay, Principal Ding."

On hearing this, An Yujia immediately nodded.

"As for the specifics, Teacher Luo Peng, based on the situation, divide our team into two groups; one will be responsible for manufacturing and producing 14-nanometer process photolithography machines with Guoxing Technology Group. The other can continue researching our 5-nanometer level to strive for producing our domestic high-end chips sooner. Do you think splitting into two groups will be too much pressure?"

Ding Yue made the arrangements, then asked Luo Peng.

"I don't think it will be too much pressure. We have mature mastery over the manufacturing of 14-nanometer process photolithography machines. I will go back and make the necessary arrangements as you've instructed, Principal Ding."

Luo Peng thought for a moment and replied earnestly.

Because Luo Peng also felt that this bifurcation strategy suggested by Principal Ding would indeed be more efficient.

## Chapter 1277: The New Batch of Outstanding Students in the Mechanical Department

Before the month was out, January had nearly come to a close.

The weather grew cold, and even Mist City saw a rare snowfall that delighted the students of Mist City Arts and Science University.

Especially those college students from the south, for some it might have been their first time seeing snow up close, while for the students from the north, it was nothing out of the ordinary.

By late January, universities across the country started to begin their winter vacations one after another.

People began to look forward to this year's Spring Festival, and then onwards to new beginnings in the coming year.

After January 10th, the various departments and majors at Mist City Arts and Science University also began their end-of-semester exams in succession, and around January 20th, they began to go on vacation one after another.

Some departments finished their exams early and could take a few days off in advance, while others finished later and had to wait a bit longer to start their break, a common pattern in universities nationwide.

For Mist City Arts and Science University, this was actually a good thing.

With more than 80,000 college students, it would have been chaotic if everyone had to leave for vacation at the same time.

Students from elite departments such as Mechanical Engineering and Computer Science, including Tong Yihang, Liu Tiefei, Luo Peng, and Su Beilin had all completed their exams. Since Ding Yue convened the photolithography experiment project team meeting, they had been busy at work.

Regarding the 14-nanometer process photolithography technology, the decision from the last meeting was to collaborate with Guoxing Technology Group to quickly address the chip shortage crisis, thereby easing the delivery situation for Feiyue Future New Energy vehicles.

Ultimately, Su Beilin was tasked with leading a group from the photolithography experiment project team to coordinate with Guoxing Technology Group, with An Yujia providing full support on the company's end.

Wang Liwu of Guoxing Technology Group naturally did his utmost to cooperate, as it was a beneficial move for the group.

Due to foreign restrictions, Guoxing Technology Group had struggled with production limitations before this breakthrough; without machinery, they couldn't develop things in-house, which meant their chip production capacity was limited.

Even for 14-nanometer chips, the production capacity couldn't meet domestic demand.

So, for this collaboration, Guoxing Technology Group invested money, effort, and resources. The manufacturing of the photolithography machines was entirely up to Guoxing Technology Group, with Mist City Arts and Science University providing patents and technical support.

With this partnership, Xia Country's tech companies could finally begin to break through foreign patent and technology barriers in the field of chips and photolithography technology.

Su Beilin was responsible for the 14-nanometer process photolithography technology, while Tong Yihang, Liu Tiefei, Yang Jie, Teacher Luo Peng, and other participants including Xu Bin and Ding Xiaoyou focused their efforts on mastering the 7-nanometer process photolithography technology and advancing to break through the core technology barrier of the 5-nanometer, and even the 3-nanometer process.

This was a dual-pronged strategy!

Starting from mid-January, Guoxing Technology Group undertook a massive expansion.

This expansion, investing over five hundred billion, aimed to increase the production capacity of the 14-nanometer chips, further meeting the demand for chips from major domestic manufacturers.

For a while, semiconductor stocks and funds in Xia Country surged, with Guoxing Technology Group's shares even hitting the daily limit three times, dominating the buzz in the market.

The directors of Guoxing Technology Group were overjoyed.

With the stock price soaring, their shares were now worth even more, and what publicly listed company wouldn't want to see its market value climbing steadily.

"Mr. Wang, the young people truly have unique insights. If it hadn't been for your advice in the past, suggesting that we supply Feiyue Group with 200,000 chips, we might not have had the opportunity to collaborate with Mist City Arts and Science University and Feiyue Group on the photolithography technology,"

a director happily praised Wang Liwu.

Although the remarks were a bit like locking the stable after the horse had bolted, everyone at the board meeting had approved Wang Liwu's proposal at the time.

Following the announcement by Guoxing Technology Group to scale up their 14-nanometer chip production, people across the internet cheered and applauded.

It was a significant achievement to be able to increase the production scale of domestic chips under the current conditions.

Soon enough, netizens learned why Guoxing Technology Group was able to scale up chip production once again.

Initially, many thought that the foreign powers had relaxed their restrictions on Xia Country a little.

But it turned out that wasn't the case.

Foreign powers continued to tightly restrict Xia Country in terms of photolithography machines and chips, with technological patents being tough to overcome.

And surprisingly, this time around, the photolithography machine was built by a domestic university and tech company.

The institution was none other than Mist City Arts and Science University, which had repeatedly amazed the public with surprises and miracles, and the tech company was naturally Feiyue Technology, a subsidiary of Feiyue Group backed by the university!

"Mist City Arts and Science University is amazing, mastering the technology of the 14-nanometer process photolithography machine."

Chapter 1278: The New Batch of Excellent Students in the Mechanical Department \_2

"Does this mean we can make our own lithography machines now?"

"Holy shit! Did we finally break through the technological barrier?"

"Haven't we always been able to produce 14nm chips?"

"They're talking about the lithography machine, the device needed to produce chips, something we couldn't build before. I can't believe Mist City Arts and Science University accomplished this breakthrough in lithography technology!"

"Is Mist City Arts and Science University really that awesome?"

"Absolutely, Mist City Arts and Science University really goes all out in terms of scientific research!"

"Foreign countries are already phasing out 14nm chips, and they've started mass production of 7nm chips, like the Fruit Phone. We're still an era behind."

"So what if we're behind? As long as we have more universities and tech companies like Mist City Arts and Science University and Feiyue Technology, we'll catch up eventually!"

"I wonder if I'll ever see us overtake in the semiconductor field within my lifetime!"

"Recently, the semiconductor and technology stock and fund markets have been going absolutely crazy."

"My Noran fund skyrocketed by nine percent yesterday—it felt like I was playing with stocks!"



"Indeed, because of this huge positive news, the Noran jerk soared incredibly; it's been amazing. But it's been rising for several days now, so I plan to sell off some temporarily and buy back after a pullback."

"I'm going all in! Chasing the rise!"

In the first month of the new year, Xia Country's technology and semiconductor sector gave the citizens a massive boost, putting Mist City Arts and Science University at the center of attention once again.

It's hard for netizens to imagine what other amazing things Mist City Arts and Science University, a private university, has that everyone doesn't know about?

From the healthcare robot Big White to 3D bioprinting technology, gallium nitride semiconductor materials, graphene, artificial intelligence, new energy vehicles, and now lithography machines, the university has brought too many surprises to the nation.

Not only are netizens highly focused on Mist City Arts and Science University, but even the Xia Country government pays close attention to this private institution.

It's genuinely remarkable that this self-financed university, supported by Ding Yue's Feiyue Group, has cultivated so many outstanding talents.

In Yancheng, the national education authorities have held several meetings on the subject of enhancing the educational status of Mist City Arts and Science University.

Mist City Arts and Science University's work in teaching, experimenting, and research has exceeded many of the country's key universities.

Thus, this university definitely deserves recognition, even as a private institution.

Consequently,

Xia Country's educational officials are deliberating whether to integrate Mist City Arts and Science University into the national key educational projects.

Once included, Mist City Arts and Science University will be recognized as a national key university!

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After Mist City Arts and Science University's winter vacation began, the number of students on campus gradually decreased.

By January 25th, less than 20,000 students were left on campus; the others had already left school and returned to their homes scattered across the country.

After all, who doesn't want to go home and spend the Spring Festival with their family?

Believe it or not,

Some students might choose to stay at school and not go home for the Spring Festival due to various reasons at home—it's a situation that has always existed at Mist City Arts and Science University.

Only this year, the number has increased significantly.

What can you expect with the large number of students enrolled today?

Besides these students who prefer not to go home, some, due to personal reasons, also choose not to return for the New Year but to stay at the university instead.

Some students, already employed at Feiyue Group, are required to stay due to work during the official Spring Festival holiday, and many, due to the importance of their positions, opted not to return home this festival.

Others are involved in significant research projects at the university, making it impossible to take time off, particularly in the photolithography machine experiment.

Among all the students, Lin Zhirou is certainly unique.

This year, Lin Zhirou received an invitation to perform at the NTS Spring Festival Gala again. Recently, she has been traveling back and forth between Mist City and Yancheng, preparing to enchant the audience as a rising star in the Pop Music Arena with her singing performance.

January 26.

Early in the morning, Ding Yue received a call from Luo Peng, a professor in the mechanical department, informing that another group of outstanding students had been selected. These students' expertise and technical skills had improved significantly, with some even meeting the qualifications for involvement in the delicate mechanical field of the photolithography machine experiment. Therefore, Luo Peng planned to incorporate these exceptional mechanical students into the project.

After all, the photolithography machine experiment is a massive project that originally had few participants but gradually grew. Now, another set of brilliant students from the mechanical department could join.

Having finished breakfast, Ding Yue, accompanied by his artificial intelligence robot Big White, headed to the research base center.

It always felt different without secretary Wen Ruohan during the summer or winter vacation.

Now, fortunately, with Big White, he could have some assistant work done. Previously, Ding Yue would have been on his own.

Secretary Wen Ruohan had left for her hometown to spend the New Year with her parents two days ago.

At the research base center.

Luo Peng, accompanied by Tong Yihang, Liu Tiefei, and other students, gathered a group of elite mechanical department students.

This group consisted of approximately twenty to thirty students.

The most outstanding among them already reflected the early days of Tong Yihang and Liu Tiefei. The others were also excellent, and while they might not have matched Tong Yihang and Liu Tiefei, they would have no problem participating in the photolithography machine experiment and contributing to the precision mechanic field.

"Principal Ding will be here shortly," said Luo Peng to the students. "The project you're about to join holds immense significance not just for Mist City Arts and Science University but for Xia Country as well. Everyone needs to be fully focused, understand?"

"Understood!"

Students answered unanimously, fully aware that they were about to join the school's essential photolithography machine experiment. Precision mechanical engineering plays a crucial role in this field, and each student felt honored to participate.

After arriving at the research base center, Ding Yue saw Luo Peng and the group of mechanical students from afar.

"Hello, Principal Ding!"

Students greeted Principal Ding as they saw him.

"Hello, everyone!"

Ding Yue looked at the twenty to thirty new faces with joy, saying with a smile, "We've got quite a group this time."

He remembered when the mechanical department rose to prominence, spearheaded by pioneers like Tong Yihang and Liu Tiefei, who greatly advanced the projects.

Now, this new batch of outstanding mechanical students numbered around twenty or thirty.

Being able to enter the photolithography machine experiment indicated that their professional knowledge and technical skills were top-notch.

"Principal Ding, this time we have twenty-eight students in total, with a majority from the sophomore year, followed by the first batch of students from our school who have achieved something, and among the newly joined students this semester, there are a few geniuses who truly have remarkable talents that remind me of when I first saw Tong Yihang and Liu Tiefei," Luo Peng explained to Ding Yue with a smile.

"Our Mist City Arts and Science University is truly brimming with talent!" Ding Yue proudly said.

#### Chapter 1279: Employees Who Want to Work Overtime During Spring Festival

These twenty-eight outstanding students from the mechanical department could certainly be considered the "cream of the crop" selected by the Mist City Arts and Science University's mechanical department this time.

"Students,"

Ding Yue stepped forward and stood in front of the twenty-eight students.

Next, Ding Yue was prepared to give them a speech to motivate them to strive diligently in the future on the lithography machine experiment project and to work hard with the team to achieve a significant breakthrough in the lithography machine.

The twenty-eight students stood straight, listening intently to Principal Ding's teachings.

"You are the elite among the mechanical department, your professional knowledge and technical skills have already reached research standards. Some of you are preparing for graduate studies, while others could graduate early. No matter what plans or intentions you have for the future, today, the university invites you to participate in our largest scientific project, that is, the lithography machine experiment project. Are you willing to join?"

Ding Yue asked seriously and earnestly.

"Willing!"

The twenty-eight students answered in unison.

Being able to participate in the lithography machine experiment project at the university was a great honor and fortune for each of them.

"Very well, during the research period of the lithography machine experiment project, each person will receive a generous stipend, and if anyone wishes, they can also sign an employment agreement with the university's company, that is Feiyue Technology, and become our technical researchers at Feiyue Technology."

Ding Yue still followed the old rule of attracting the outstanding students cultivated by Mist City Arts and Science University into his company as much as possible.

This is called keeping the benefits within one's own group!

At Mist City Arts and Science University, unless there are special circumstances, most students, especially those outstanding ones who have achieved something at Mist City Arts and Science University, invariably want to join the company behind the school.

"Principal Ding, does joining the company mean that we will have formal jobs?"

"I want to come to the company, Principal Ding!"

"Principal Ding, when can we sign the employment contract?"

The students raised various questions.

Seeing this, Ding Yue couldn't help but smile, feeling quite relieved to see the students so eager to join the company.

In the past, Ding Yue had to persuade the excellent students from Mist City Arts and Science University to stay and work in his company.

Not anymore.

The company was already very powerful. The students had their own discernment, and with the company's attractive conditions, everyone wanted to stay at the company behind the school after graduation.

"Alright, then I announce that from now on, you are officially joining the school's lithography machine experiment project team. I hope everyone will work tirelessly, overcome various technical challenges, and contribute to the success of our Mist City Arts and Science University's lithography machine experiment project, as well as make a contribution to Xia Country's semiconductor industry!"

After Ding Yue finished speaking, he raised his hand and vigorously applauded the students.

The twenty-eight students also applauded, and nearby teachers like Luo Peng and Yihang also applauded enthusiastically to welcome the new members of the research team.

By now, the number of researchers in the lithography machine experiment project had exceeded three digits.

Ding Yue firmly believed that under his own buff's influence and with the relentless efforts of all team members, the lithography machine experiment project would soon break through 5-nanometer and even 3-nanometer process technologies, achieving an overtaking on the bend against the foreigners!

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At the end of January, beginning of February.

As the Spring Festival approached, the weather grew colder.

During this period, Ding Yue was always busy, as there were indeed many matters to handle.

After the school's final exams ended and the holidays began, the results were out.

Heads of more than twenty departments and Director Qi Chunsheng from the Academic Affairs Office all came to report to Ding Yue about the teaching and examination situations.

In previous years, the failure rate of students at Mist City Arts and Science University had been kept very low; Ding Yue remembered that in the first academic year, among more than nine thousand students, only a few failed.

Now, Mist City Arts and Science University had over eighty thousand students, and Ding Yue was delighted to find that not a single student had failed!

What did this mean?

This meant that Mist City Arts and Science University's efficient teaching had reached a new height, even creating a miracle.

Even top domestic universities like Yancheng University and Qinghua University found it challenging to achieve a zero-failure rate among their students!

Apart from the teaching work and final exam reports of this semester.

Ding Yue still had quite a few other matters that needed his attention.

For instance, the new energy vehicle factory had been successfully constructed and would officially start production today.

There was also good progress with the 14-nanometer process technology lithography machine cooperation with Guoxing Technology Group.

All these matters, one by one, were very important for both his Mist City Arts and Science University and Feiyue Group.

With the Spring Festival nearly upon them, the science fiction film "Wandering Earth," produced by Mist City Arts and Science University's Film and Television Academy and Feiyue Media, directed by Director Su Yangfan, was also set to officially premiere on the first day of the Spring Festival Period.



Since the new energy vehicle factory would officially start production today, after listening to the final exam reports from Director Qi Chunsheng and the heads of various departments, Ding Yue was about to set off to visit the new energy vehicle factory.

## Chapter 1280: Employees Who Want to Work Overtime During Spring Festival \_2

"Big White, let's go."

Two hours later, the teaching work report by Director Qi Chunsheng's team had finally concluded.

Principal Ding Yue was very satisfied with this semester's teaching work at Mist City Arts and Science University, so he called Big White and left the Principal's Office.

When he arrived downstairs, Ding Yue ran into Huang Youjie, who was approaching.

"Old Huang, why the rush?"

Ding Yue asked after seeing Huang Youjie.

"Isn't this because I came to find you? Bin has been elusive these days, and with Chinese New Year around the corner, let's go, shall we grab a meal together, just the two of us?"

Huang Youjie came forward, put his arm around Ding Yue's shoulder, and said with a laugh.

"It's not out of the question, but before that, I've been thinking of making a trip to the new energy vehicle factory." Ding Yue shrugged and said.

"Oh right, today is the day the new energy vehicle factory officially starts production, isn't it?"

Huang Youjie came to a realization and quickly said, "Then let's go, I'll join you."

As Huang Youjie and Ding Yue were talking, someone came down from the upstairs; it was CEO An Yujia of Feiyue Group, whom Ding Yue had hired.

"Principal Ding, shall we go?"

An Yujia also planned to visit the new energy vehicle factory with Principal Ding today.

After all, the new energy vehicle factory belonged to Feiyue Automobile under the Feiyue Group banner, and the whole Feiyue Group was managed and operated by An Yujia.

"Alright."

Ding Yue nodded, then took An Yujia and Huang Youjie, and they drove together to the new energy vehicle factory.

At this moment, the new energy vehicle factory was bustling with production. Most of the workers in Feiyue Group's new energy vehicle factory were actually former employees of Chang'an Group's automobile factory.

After all, Chang'an Group had been taken over by Ding Yue's Feiyue Group, so it was only natural that the former employees of Chang'an Group needed to be "settled."

Rather than paying severance, it made more sense to offer these former Chang'an employees new jobs. After all, they were still manufacturing cars, and these workers were experienced and skilled, saving quite a lot of trouble.

These workers from Chang'an Group could never have imagined that their own company had gone bankrupt, and everyone was at risk of unemployment.

But now, not only were they not unemployed, they had actually gained a whole new job, and the salary and benefits of this job were even higher than what they had received at Chang'an Group.

When they learned that sales for the Feiyue Future new energy vehicle had broken through a million, all the workers were thrilled, ready to join the frontline workshops to participate in the production of this national-level new energy vehicle.

Some old employees who had worked at Chang'an Group for over a decade had never seen a car that could break the one million sales mark within a month. It was nothing short of a miracle, and many employees of Chang'an Group even ordered a Feiyue Future New Energy Vehicle for themselves.

And it was for this reason that everyone had to do their utmost in quality control for the Feiyue Future New Energy Vehicle!

This was also Principal Ding Yue's requirement for quality control of Feiyue Future New Energy Vehicles!

After arriving at the production workshop of the new energy vehicle factory, Ding Yue looked around and found that these workers from Chang'an Group were very proficient.

It was a shame that Chang'an Group, with such a team of automobile workers, hadn't managed their business well.

Now, this team of automobile workers had become the main force in the production of Feiyue New Energy Vehicles.

"Thank you all for your hard work."

Ding Yue said to the automobile workers while inspecting the workshop.

"Not at all, Principal Ding. You've provided us with high wages, so of course, we're going to work hard," replied a workshop manager.

"Principal Ding, should we continue production during the Chinese New Year holiday?"

At that time, a car factory worker asked,

"Old Wei, what's everyone's opinion?"

Ding Yue turned around, looked at the deputy factory manager Old Wei, and asked.

After all, production of the Feiyue Future New Energy Vehicles had just started today, and in one more week, the Spring Festival holiday would be upon them.

Ding Yue didn't know whether these car factory workers wanted to go back for the Spring Festival holiday or stay at the car factory to continue producing the Feiyue Future New Energy Vehicles.

Naturally, Ding Yue wanted to respect the wishes of the car factory workers, despite the urgent need for the production of Feiyue Future New Energy Vehicles since they had already started presales on January first, and by March at the latest, after the Spring Festival, they would have to start delivering them to car owners sequentially.

"Principal Ding, I've already conducted an internal survey beforehand, and currently, the majority of our staff want to work overtime during the Spring Festival to produce more Feiyue Future New Energy Vehicles. Another reason is that all of us came from Chang'an Group, which has been closed for a while now, and we've just started work here. During this period, everyone has had no income, so they want to take the opportunity of the Spring Festival to earn a bit of triple wages."

Old Wei reported the general situation of the employees at the car factory to Principal Ding.

"So that's how it is. Well then, Old Wei, we should still respect all the workers' wishes. Those who want to go back for the holiday, we definitely can't force them to stay, and those who wish to stay and continue working, let them get to it. The factory will certainly give triple wages, plus a Spring Festival overtime subsidy!"

Ding Yue said to Old Wei with a smile.

Ding Yue never shortchanged any of his company's employees, even the school cleaning staff, in terms of welfare and benefits.

"Alright, alright, we'll follow Principal Ding's arrangements."

Old Wei nodded vigorously.

At that moment, Ding Yue shook his head and said, "No, no, no, it's not about following my arrangements, but about making flexible decisions regarding whether to work overtime during the Spring Festival, based on the employees' personal situations."

"Got it, I understand."

Old Wei continued to nod and said, "We will execute according to this principle resolutely."

And so, that afternoon, an internal email regarding overtime work during the Spring Festival was distributed at the Feiyue New Energy Vehicles factory.

When the employees saw that the company would respect the principle of voluntariness, allowing those who wanted to go home for the New Year to do so, and those who wanted to stay and work overtime to do so, with wages guaranteed not to be short by a penny and even additional Spring Festival subsidies,

The employees were overjoyed.

In fact, the employees were not worried about the factory asking them to work overtime, but concerned about not working overtime.

After all, they hadn't earned money for a long time since Chang'an Group went out of business last year. Now that the Feiyue New Energy Vehicles factory had officially started, and they finally had jobs with very good salary benefits, what were they waiting for if not to earn more during the Spring Festival overtime?

Hence, in the Feiyue New Energy Vehicles factory, almost all employees had a tacit agreement to volunteer to work overtime during the Spring Festival in order to produce more Feiyue Future New Energy Vehicles.

Ding Yue truly hadn't expected to encounter almost every employee willing to think about working overtime during the Spring Festival!

"Miss An, the folks at the car factory haven't had it easy and want to work overtime during the Spring Festival to earn triple wages because they haven't made money for several months. So, let's increase the welfare benefits for everyone's Spring Festival overtime, and ensure all kinds of protections are in place."

Before leaving, Ding Yue made a special point to remind An Yujia.

"Of course, Principal Ding, we will ensure everything is in place." An Yujia answered with certainty.

After Ding Yue finished his inspection of the car factory on the first day and returned to Mist City Arts and Science University, he received a phone call.

This call was from the Mayor's Office at the Mist City Government building.

Ding Yue wouldn't dare to neglect the mayor's call and answered it immediately,

"Hello, this is Ding Yue."

"Principal Ding, congratulations on the official start of the Feiyue New Energy Vehicles factory," the voice of Governor Li came through on the phone. "I was planning to come over in person, but I've been really busy lately, so I can only give you this call..."