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Chapter 1461: The Fully Loaded Mist City Arts and Science University _2

It seems like it's only been a year or two since the last expansion was completed.

Unexpectedly, it's already time for my Mist City Arts and Science University to undergo a second round of expansion.

To be precise, it's more like building a new campus. If we talk about expansion, Ding Yue has a rough understanding that it might be difficult to expand the current campus by double using the surrounding land.

It might be better to establish a new campus elsewhere. Forming a large Mist City Arts and Science University with two campuses seems to be a good choice.

However, as to how exactly to make this decision, Ding Yue still wants to hear the opinions of other department leaders of Mist City Arts and Science University, as well as the deans of various colleges.

About half an hour later, leaders from various departments and deans from different colleges of Mist City Arts and Science University had gradually gathered in the conference room of the Administration Building.

Conference Room No. 1 is generally the place where Mist City Arts and Science University holds important meetings. It's quite spacious and can accommodate many people. The university's leadership and deans of the various colleges are all waiting here for Principal Ding's arrival.

"Director Chen, do you know why Principal Ding called us over here?"

"No idea, maybe it's about this year's new students."

"Since all the deans are here, it must be something about new students."

"Right, right, right, in the past years, after enrolling new students, Principal Ding always holds a meeting, right?"

"But why do I feel like today's meeting isn't about that?"

"Is Director Qi here? We could ask Director Qi."

"Director Qi seems not to be around here."

Everyone was guessing why Principal Ding suddenly called them in for a meeting today, as there was no prior notification. However, this was not unusual for them, as it was common to have sudden meetings like this.

Over in the principal's office.

Ding Yue was discussing the main topic of this meeting with Huang Youjie and Xu Bin who had just arrived.

"Yue, what's the urgent matter for calling this meeting all of a sudden?"

"Yeah, Yue, I saw that the deans of all the colleges seem to be here, and the heads of other departments too."

Xu Bin and Huang Youjie both looked rather puzzled.

"It's a long story,"

Ding Yue shrugged and said with a smile, "To sum it up in one sentence, it is about 'building the campus'."

"Huh?"

Huang Youjie was taken aback, then immediately asked, "Another campus expansion? Didn't we just recently expand this campus?"

"Yes."

Ding Yue nodded and said, "But old Huang, haven't you noticed that ever since this year's batch of students joined, our Mist City Arts and Science University seems to have almost reached full capacity?"

"Oh, that's true. Every shop, every place... there are really a lot of people. I didn't expect to see so many. How many new students did our Mist City Arts and Science University recruit this year? Fifty or sixty thousand? Or seventy to eighty thousand?"

Upon hearing this, Huang Youjie suddenly realized and asked again.

"I think it's more than that."

Xu Bin analyzed and said, "During the freshman registration the other day, looking at the crowd, I think it was almost a hundred thousand, wasn't it?"

"No, no, no."

Ding Yue shook his head and told the two, "You both guessed wrong, it's not fifty or sixty thousand, not seventy or eighty thousand, and not nearly a hundred thousand, but it has already exceeded a hundred thousand. This year, our Mist City Arts and Science University has a total of one hundred and ten thousand new students enrolled."

"Holy shit, a hundred and ten thousand people!"

Huang Youjie exclaimed.

"A hundred and ten thousand, so together with the previous eighty thousand or so, isn't that almost two hundred thousand people?" Xu Bin also exclaimed, "No wonder the school felt much more crowded compared to last semester, but it's indeed more lively and filled with the spirit of youth, especially those beautiful university girls..."

"Shut your mouth!"

Huang Youjie and Ding Yue instantly glared at Xu Bin.

Xu Bin was taken aback for a moment, then muttered, "Well, aren't you shameless, just saying whatever you like!"

The three of them immediately burst into laughter.

"Alright, let's get down to business. Although our Mist City Arts and Science University campus can currently accommodate nearly 200,000 students, we've only been at full capacity for four cohorts, and the number is surely going to increase in the future, not to mention graduate students. Therefore, it's urgent that we establish another campus."

Ding Yue said seriously to Huang Youjie and Xu Bin beside him.

"Yue, did you just say to build another campus? Not to expand the existing one?"

Huang Youjie asked in surprise.

"Expansion is not out of the question, but we still need to have a meeting to discuss and then make a decision. That's why I called you here."

As Ding Yue walked toward the meeting room, he asked.

Very quickly.

Ding Yue, accompanied by Huang Youjie, Xu Bin, and Director Qi Chunsheng, arrived at the meeting room.

"Hello, Principal Ding."

The heads of various departments and chiefs of the faculties greeted Principal Ding as soon as they saw him.

"Please have a seat. The reason I've called everyone in today is to have a meeting and discuss a matter." Ding Yue appeared very approachable; these were his capable subordinates, so there was no need for a domineering attitude.

The heads of Mist City Arts and Science University's various departments and the chiefs of the faculties had been selected through several years of experience and had stayed on. Those department heads and faculty chiefs who were not up to scratch had been dismissed by Ding Yue. Now, every person here was a valuable asset to Ding Yue and Mist City Arts and Science University.

Indeed, it was because of their presence that Mist City Arts and Science University was able to operate normally day by day.

The smooth operation of Mist City Arts and Science University was undoubtedly the foundation of all of Ding Yue's industries.

As with previous meetings, everyone listened attentively and seriously to Principal Ding's speech.

"Ladies and gentlemen, this year our Mist City Arts and Science University enrolled 110,000 new students. Including the existing students, our numbers are close to reaching 200,000. That's not a small figure. Everyone here has played a crucial role in providing a conducive learning environment for these 200,000 students. Thank you all for your hard work," said Ding Yue, first acknowledging the number of students at Mist City Arts and Science University and then expressing gratitude for everyone's efforts.

He then continued, "However, our campus is almost at full capacity, meaning that although it's sufficient for now, it will no longer be able to accommodate the load of the new intake next year. It will either be at full capacity or overburdened by then, which is obviously unacceptable."

"Principal Ding, does this mean we have to expand the campus again?" asked Chen Ping, the head of the Architecture Faculty.

Expanding the campus was something the Architecture Faculty was undoubtedly in charge of, just as they were for the last expansion. Now, Mist City Arts and Science University's Architecture Faculty and Feiyue Group's Feiyue Construction Company were closely linked. If there were to be an expansion, Principal Ding would certainly use Feiyue Construction Company to carry it out, as there's an old saying: "Keep the benefits in-house."

"Yes."

Ding Yue nodded and replied.

"But Principal Ding, the current situation of the land around Mist City Arts and Science University doesn't seem favorable for expansion," Director Chen Ping reminded.

"Oh?"

Ding Yue frowned and asked, "What do you mean?"

"Principal Ding, when we last expanded, we basically used up the land on both the east and west sides. Now, as everyone knows, there are mountains to the west and University Town to the east; it's definitely impossible to expand into University Town," reported Director Chen Ping immediately.

"If we can't expand to the east and west, then it's either the north or south. The north side is also difficult to expand to at the moment, and on the south side, a residential area has already been developed, making expansion there quite improbable," Director Chen Ping continued.

A couple of years ago, the surroundings of Mist City Arts and Science University were quite barren.

But over the past two years, University Town has also expanded significantly. Aside from the mountains, the land to the south, which could be used for expansion, had already been taken by real estate developers for residential development.

"Then..."

After thinking for a moment, Ding Yue said, "If expansion is not feasible, what about finding a new location to establish another campus?"

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During the meeting.

Chen Ping, the head of the Architecture department, put forward some suggestions.

For instance, on the matter of the campus expansion, after Chen Ping reported to Principal Ding the impossibility of expanding the campus, Ding Yue understood that it seemed expanding the current campus was quite unrealistic.

Looking at the situation, it appears that establishing a new campus is necessary.

But then comes the problem: where to build this new campus? This is a very important issue.

"Ladies and gentlemen, regarding the matter of expanding the current campus or building a new one, we have come to a unanimous decision to opt for a new campus. The next item on the agenda will be the location of the new campus. Does anyone have any good suggestions?"

Ding Yue continued to preside over the meeting.

"Principal Ding, my suggestion is to still choose a location near University Town."

One department head suggested.

"Why not choose a location in the county? Many of Mist City's institutions of higher learning established their branch campuses in counties when the time came."

Another department head suggested.

"Won't the county areas be too far?"

"If it's in a county, land is cheaper."

"Does Mist City Arts and Science University look like it's short on funds?"

"That doesn't mean we can waste money recklessly."

"If a new campus is established in a county, then which departments are willing to move there?"

"That indeed is a problem."

"It would be very difficult to find a location for a new campus in the Mist City urban area."

"Yes, the new campus is supposed to be about the same size as the current one. Where are we going to find such space?"

For a moment, heads of various departments and leaders of each section discussed fervently whether to build a new campus in a county or within Mist City's urban area.

Being able to express their own opinions and put forward suggestions for the establishment of Mist City Arts and Science University's new campus was a good thing.

Ding Yue watched everyone heatedly debate without intervening, instead taking all of their opinions to heart.

"It seems that the current debate is whether to choose a county or an urban area for the new campus. Director Chen, do you have anything to say?"

Ding Yue turned to Chen Ping, the head of Architecture department, and asked.

On this matter, Ding Yue felt that Director Chen Ping surely had more and better suggestions.

"Principal Ding, as it appears now, whether we choose the county or the urban area, each choice has its own advantages and disadvantages."

Director Chen Ping replied: "If we choose a county, the issue of land can be resolved easily, and land costs are cheaper, which is a benefit. However, the disadvantage is also clear – if the new campus is established in a county, some students going there undoubtedly will have some grievances or objections. Not just the students, but since we would be moving certain departments to the county campus, which departments should go? That's another issue."

What Director Chen Ping said was exactly what Ding Yue had in mind.

Indeed, these were issues that needed resolution, and they were problems that were hard to balance.

The county is further away from the main campus, and it would indeed be difficult to decide which departments should move there. Moreover, if students also had to move there, it would likely lead to dissatisfaction and grievances.

All these factors had to be considered.

After all, the current campus of Mist City Arts and Science University is so excellent, who would be willing to leave it for a new campus in a different county?

I assume many students would be reluctant to leave the Book Ship Library, the Fifth Canteen, the Panda Garden, the campus shopping mall...

Who could easily give up all of that?

Therefore, the best solution would be to establish a new campus not far from the current main campus of Mist City Arts and Science University, thereby directly resolving all these issues faced when choosing a location in the county.

But the problem is, where can we find an available plot of land close to the main campus of Mist City Arts and Science University to build a new campus?

It would require demolishing a large area.

"Hmm, what if we choose to build the new campus in the urban area?"

Ding Yue nodded and then asked Director Chen Ping.

"If we establish a campus in the urban area, it's difficult to acquire land, and considering the scale of the new campus we intend to build should be similar to the current one, in order to meet Mist City Arts and Science University's student intake in the coming years, it's really hard to secure such a big parcel of land. Looking at Mist City, its rapid development over these years has made the demand for land exceptionally high," said Director Chen Ping with a sigh.

After hearing Director Chen Ping's comments, everyone nodded in agreement, believing he was correct; finding a plot of land to build a new campus as large as the current one within Mist City's urban area was virtually impossible.

"Well, that complicates things."

Huang Youjie spoke up, saying, "Choosing the county creates a challenge in balancing interests as the distance is too far, and nobody is willing to go there, and if we choose the urban area, we simply can't find the land."

"Principal Ding."

At this moment, Director Chen Ping took out his phone, then projected a screenshot of a map onto the screen: "Principal Ding, this is the land situation of our University Town area. Over here, is the University Town region, which is basically fully developed. Mist City Arts and Science University is located here, to the west are mountains, the east is other universities, the south used to have available land but it has now been incorporated into residential planning areas; further south are our factories, the automobile factory, graphene battery factory, etc., and further south are other industrial areas. If these southern industrial areas could be relocated, then we could establish a new campus at this location. It would be less than ten kilometers from our current campus, thus forming a situation with North and South Campuses."

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Upon hearing Director Chen Ping's words, Ding Yue felt a surge of excitement in his heart.

The current campus is located in the north, Feiyue Group's Feiyue Technology factory area is in the middle, and if a new campus were to be built to the south, then his Mist City Arts and Science University would truly become a behemoth.

It seems quite thrilling to think about it.

But the difficulty of integrating this entire area is the challenge of relocating the factories to the south.

Back then, in order to establish the graphene factory and the Feiyue Future New Energy Automobile factory, Mist City Arts and Science University and Feiyue Group had to put in a great deal of effort

to acquire the land, and with the help of Mist City Government building in mediating and coordinating all parties, they finally managed to establish the automobile and graphene factories.

"This is quite good, it's just a pity that it'll be difficult for us to acquire the land occupied by the factories to the south."

Xu Bin shook his head and said.

"Director Xu is right."

Ding Yue glanced at Xu Bin, then sighed, "It seems that the plan to build a new campus this time is fraught with difficulties."

"Hey, Principal Ding, if it really doesn't work out, why don't we turn to Mist City Government building for help? Let them negotiate and relocate those factories in the south for us?"

Huang Youjie suddenly suggested.

"Hmm, that's actually a good suggestion."

"Indeed, if we could really acquire the land from those factories in the south to build a new campus, that would be the best option."

"The district and county are not bad either."

"Anyway, I think it's not quite appropriate to build a new campus in the district and county."

"Yes, yes, it's better to have it closer."

Once again, the meeting room buzzed with discussion.

Ding Yue thought that Huang's suggestion seemed quite good.

If one wants the best of both worlds, by establishing a new campus to the south, why not consult Governor Li of the Mist City Government building? But...

Ding Yue pondered for a bit and felt it might be improper to approach Governor Li so rashly. Perhaps it would be better to speak with Director Xiao Wenxing from the Education Bureau first, share his thoughts with Director Xiao, and then convey them to Governor Li. This way, it wouldn't seem so abrupt.

"Huang's suggestion is good."

Ding Yue nodded and said, "I'll see if we can get some help from the Mist City Government building. Director Chen, the construction of the new campus is essential. You can handle the construction team, right?"

"Principal Ding, rest assured, our Feiyue Construction Company is growing bigger and bigger. Building a new campus is no issue, and the planning and design of the new campus can also be fully entrusted to our School of Architecture,"

Director Chen Ping said with confidence.

Over the past two years, Feiyue Construction Company, based on the School of Architecture of Mist City Arts and Science University, has been growing larger and larger, with not only an increasing number of architects and planners being trained, but also a growing number of construction teams.

Now, Feiyue Construction Company is able to deploy several professional engineering teams to take on large construction projects.

"That's great."

Ding Yue said with satisfaction, "Then, Director Chen, you go and prepare. The academic affairs office here will draft a North-South Campus Plan in due time. We'll use the existing campus for traditional and core faculty subjects, such as the National Academy, the eSports faculty, etc. After the new teaching buildings are built, they can be moved there. Director Jian, what do you think?"

"Our eSports Academy will definitely be fine,"

Jian Zihao nodded his head in agreement.

The National Arts Academy and the eSports Academy are both non-traditional faculties and can be considered emerging faculties over the past few years. And for something like the National Arts Academy, Mist City Arts and Science University is currently the only university nationwide that offers this faculty.

Therefore, Ding Yue's plan is that the current campus will remain with the traditional and core elite faculties after the new campus is completed because the research base, infrastructure, etc., are all located here. Building a new set over there would seem wasteful.

Faculties such as the eSports Academy and the National Arts Academy could completely move to the new campus once it's up and running.

"Alright, let's call it a day and conclude this meeting,"

Ding Yue promptly declared the meeting adjourned.

The purpose of this meeting was mainly to gather everyone and listen to their suggestions. Now that it was essentially decided whether to expand or build a new campus, and whether to choose a district or stay within Mist City's urban area, the rest depended on Ding Yue to take care of.

After the meeting, Ding Yue let everyone return to their posts.

He picked the right time, during the lunch break, to call Director Xiao Wenxing from the Education Bureau.

"Hello, Principal Ding, what's up?"

The voice on the phone was Director Xiao asking.

"Director Xiao, sorry to disturb your lunch break."

"No problem at all, I haven't begun my break yet. You must have something you need from me, Principal Ding?" Director Xiao said with a laugh.

Now the relationship between Director Xiao Wenxing and Ding Yue was more than just a superior-subordinate one, it also included a certain friendship.

"Director Xiao, here's the situation: this year Mist City Arts and Science University welcomed another large batch of freshmen," Ding Yue began methodically explaining the problem to Director Xiao: "The number of new students surpassed one hundred thousand. Although our campus can accommodate that many students for now, but... as you know, we've only been operating for four years, we've just completed our fourth intake, and this fourth batch is over one hundred thousand students. Therefore, in three years, I fear that our current campus will no longer be able to hold them all."

"Do you mean to say that Mist City Arts and Science University is planning another expansion?" Director Xiao naturally understood Principal Ding's implication.

"That's one idea, but there isn't any space to expand near our campus," Ding Yue replied.

"Right, right, some of that area is now in use for residential and commercial purposes."

Director Xiao recalled this and spoke promptly: "So expansion is definitely not an option. What do you intend to do, Principal Ding?"

"Then the only option left is to build another campus."

Ding Yue sighed and said, "Otherwise, we will have to reduce the annual enrollment in the coming years. But as you know, Director Xiao, the educational mission of Mist City Arts and Science University is for every student to be able to come here and realize their dreams. It's precisely due to the large number of students that our university has achieved its current success."

"I understand. As long as your university has sufficient funds, even a higher enrollment figure is not a problem. I'm actually in favor of you recruiting more students, hahaha." Director Xiao laughed heartily as he spoke.

The achievements of Mist City Arts and Science University over the past few years can indeed be attributed to the large student base, which naturally increases the chance of cultivating talented individuals.

If Mist City Arts and Science University can continue to admit one hundred thousand new students each year, then it will inevitably become the main talent incubator for the entire Mist City. This is obviously a significant benefit for Mist City. As the head of Mist City's Education Bureau, why wouldn't Director Xiao support this?

Moreover, from his own perspective, Xiao Wenxing had every reason to support Mist City Arts and Science University's construction of a new campus and the recruitment of more new students.

After all, due to the university's achievements in recent years, Director Xiao Wenxing's own prospects are looking very bright and, perhaps in the next couple of years, he may even advance further...

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Director Xiao Wenxing has indeed achieved many accomplishments during his years at the Mist City Education Department.

The development quality of the universities in Mist City is quite good, with science and technology research, talent cultivation, and other aspects improving by the day. Especially since Mist City Arts and Science University was established in recent years, Director Xiao Wenxing has treasured it like a precious gem, entrusting it with great expectations.

The facts have proved that these past few years Mist City Arts and Science University has not disappointed Director Xiao Wenxing.

They have won many science and technology awards and have cultivated a great number of outstanding talents. They have even won the National Science and Technology Award and have been promoted to a national key university by the state.

All these achievements, although they are the results of the tireless efforts of Mist City Arts and Science University, as the person in charge of managing education in Mist City, Director Xiao Wenxing naturally also has a "share of the credit."

Having such credit, coupled with Director Xiao Wenxing's successful management of the Mist City Education Department, means there's a good chance he will be promoted one rank in the next two years. Then, his position will no longer be with the Mist City Education Department, but with a department within the National Education Administration.

"Thank you for your support, Director Xiao. Our current plan at Mist City Arts and Science University is to establish a new campus. However, choosing a location for this new campus is indeed quite difficult. I heard that there is no much land available in our Mist City these past two years, right?"

Ding Yue expressed his gratitude.

"Yes, there is indeed very little land available for educational use."

Director Xiao Wenxing immediately nodded and seriously said, "However, if Principal Ding and your team are planning to establish a new campus, then the Mist City Education Department and Mist City Government building will surely provide strong support. Where are you planning to build the new campus?"

"Having the support from the Education Department and the City Government building would indeed be wonderful. It's like this: after holding meetings at Mist City Arts and Science University, we decided to plan the establishment of a new campus about ten kilometers to the south of our current campus. The only problem is that there are many factories in that area, which I'm afraid will be quite difficult to deal with."

After saying this, Ding Yue sighed.

"The area south of your school does have many factories. I remember your graphene factory, as well as the new energy vehicle factory, is located in that direction, right?"

Director Xiao Wenxing asked.

"Yes, exactly, that direction,"

Ding Yue immediately responded.

"Hmm... That area is under the development of our Mist City High-tech zone. The factories there are actually on the list to be relocated by the Mist City Government building. Principal Ding, it seems you are quite lucky, haha."

Over the phone, Director Xiao Wenxing laughed heartily.

"Really?"

Upon hearing this, Ding Yue was extremely excited and overjoyed.

He had originally thought that negotiating with the many factories there would be very difficult, and even if he requested help from the Mist City Government building, the hope of success seemed slim.

After all, those factories have been established there for a long time, and relocating them would surely not be easy.

Yet now, to his pleasant surprise, they are actually planning to move? And it's a relocation planned by the Mist City Government building, no less. Since it's an official project, the progress will surely be smooth.

"Of course, I received this news in July, and I think the implementation will start soon. After all, the development of the High-tech zone is very important to Mist City. Those factories are not high-tech industrial complexes and are quite outdated compared to your graphene factory and new energy vehicle factory, so relocation is inevitable."

Director Xiao Wenxing spoke with great certainty.

"That's absolutely fantastic," Ding Yue said, overjoyed. "So, does this mean we might have an opportunity to acquire that piece of land?"

"Well, I can't say for certain."

Director Xiao Wenxing suddenly spoke less definitively.

"Ah?"

Ding Yue was momentarily stunned.

He had just thought they received unexpected good news, but now it seemed not to be so straightforward.

"Principal Ding, after the land is vacated, the original plan was to use it for the development of the High-tech zone. I am only the head of the Education Department and certainly cannot finalize this decision by myself. So, for this matter, we will still need to consult with the Mist City Government building,"

Director Xiao Wenxing explained, "Governor Li will definitely be able to make the final decision."

"Oh, I understand what you mean, Director Xiao,"

Upon hearing this, Ding Yue naturally understood.

If the relocation of the factory area is already planned, then it's not likely that it was prepared specifically for Mist City Arts and Science University, and there must be other plans involved. Therefore, if Mist City Arts and Science University needs this piece of land to establish the South Campus, they will have to approach the Mist City Government building.

Only after the Mist City Government building weighs the options and decides what's more beneficial for Mist City can they determine whether the land to the south can be acquired.

"I'll find time to visit Governor Li then,"

Ding Yue thought for a moment and said.

This matter needed to be brought to Governor Li, as such a major issue could only be decided with his direct approval.

"Principal Ding, I have to visit the Mist City Government building this afternoon to meet Governor Li. Why don't you come with me? I'll shorten my work report, so you can use the time to discuss this matter with Governor Li?"

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Director Xiao Wenxing suggested.

"Ah, is that possible?"

Ding Yue was somewhat surprised.

What a coincidence indeed.

Since Director Xiao Wenxing is willing to give him a time and opportunity to meet Governor Li, Ding Yue must seize it. Otherwise, with Governor Li being so busy, who knows how long it would take to schedule a meeting.

Meeting Governor Li sooner and discussing the matter would be beneficial for the construction planning of Mist City Arts and Science University.

"Of course."

Director Xiao Wenxing said with a smile: "It's no problem to make some time for you. As for whether you can convince the Mist City Government building to let go of that land, it's up to you, Principal Ding."

"Okay, that's really very kind of you, Director Xiao, thank you so much."

Naturally, Ding Yue took the opportunity and expressed his thanks.

If he didn't take up Director Xiao Wenxing's offer after all this, wouldn't it be disrespectful to Director Xiao Wenxing's goodwill?

"Hahaha, Principal Ding, you are too polite. To be precise, I should be thanking you. With Mist City Arts and Science University establishing a new campus and enrolling more students, it's also about promoting the development of our higher education in Mist City."

Director Xiao Wenxing said with a smile: "Moreover, to be honest with you, Principal Ding, the achievements of Mist City Arts and Science University over the years have also made my path to promotion much smoother and greatly supportive."

Ding Yue did not expect Director Xiao Wenxing to be so forthright in his words, and he figured that Director Xiao really had quite an open attitude towards him.

"Do you mean, Director Xiao, you're going to be promoted?"

Upon hearing this, Ding Yue immediately understood what Director Xiao Wenxing meant. Thanking Mist City Arts and Science University at this point must be because the educational sector in Mist City had achieved very good results during his tenure, leading to a promotion opportunity.

"If all goes well, it will be in one or two years."

Director Xiao Wenxing said with a smile.

"Hahaha, then I really must congratulate Director Xiao in advance, congratulations!"

Ding Yue said, laughing heartily.

"No no no, it isn't set in stone yet. Let's keep it low-key, low-key. So, Principal Ding, shall I wait for you at the Education Department?"

Director Xiao Wenxing said with his voice lowered.

"Yes, yes, yes, I'll come right over, Director Xiao."

After hanging up the phone, Ding Yue quickly called his secretary Wen Ruohan. This time, he didn't even have time to bring Big White, and immediately after leaving the building, he drove his Feiyue Future New Energy car out of Mist City Arts and Science University and headed straight for the Mist City Education Department.

After arriving at the Mist City Education Department, Ding Yue met with Director Xiao Wenxing, and after a sincere exchange of greetings, they headed towards the Mist City Government building.

The exchange between Ding Yue and Director Xiao Wenxing was indeed sincere. Ding Yue genuinely hoped that Director Xiao Wenxing could be promoted, and Director Xiao Wenxing highly anticipated the continued development of Mist City Arts and Science University.

About twenty minutes later, the car carrying Ding Yue and Director Xiao Wenxing arrived at the Mist City Government building.

The traffic in Mist City seemed to be quite good today.

Since this afternoon was the time for Director Xiao Wenxing to report to Governor Li, Director Xiao Wenxing went straight to Governor Li's office in the Mist City Government building.

Upon seeing Director Xiao Wenxing, Secretary Zhang immediately invited him in and also noticed Principal Ding from Mist City Arts and Science University, but did not ask any further questions.

Since it was time for Director Xiao Wenxing to report to Governor Li on educational work, it was normal to bring Principal Ding along, for Principal Ding was the head of Mist City Arts and Science University, which was under the jurisdiction of the Mist City Education Department.

"Director Xiao, Principal Ding, please come this way."

After Secretary Zhang led Director Xiao Wenxing and Principal Ding into the office, they proceeded to the reception room.

Here, Secretary Zhang made tea for the two and then said, "Director Xiao, Principal Ding, please wait a moment. I think the meeting with Governor Li should be ending soon. After the meeting, Governor Li will be here."

"Alright."

Director Xiao Wenxing and Ding Yue both nodded in agreement.

About five minutes later, Governor Li, holding a thermos cup, walked in from outside the office.

"Director Xiao is here, and Principal Ding too?"

After arriving at the reception room, Governor Li sat on the sofa and placed the thermos cup to the side: "Director Xiao, you didn't mention that Principal Ding was also coming, did you?"

"Governor Li, I specifically asked Principal Ding to come this time, but he's not here to report on work-related matters, but rather for something else."

Director Xiao Wenxing replied.

"Alright."

Governor Li nodded and looked at Director Xiao Wenxing and said, "Then start with your report."

"Okay."

Director Xiao Wenxing immediately began to report on the educational affairs of Mist City for this year, a major part of which concerned university enrollment. Naturally, he mentioned Mist City Arts and Science University.

Since the Registrar's Office of Mist City Arts and Science University submitted the data for the new students they recruited, Director Xiao Wenxing used Mist City Arts and Science University as an example to report on this year's new student enrollment situation in Mist City.

In fact, this year's university enrollment situation in Mist City was just as "hot" as at Mist City Arts and Science University, not only there but also at several other key universities in Mist City, such as Mist City University and Mist City University of Science and Technology, which all had good enrollment numbers this year.

"Hmm, seeing the thriving higher education business in Mist City makes me really happy for you all."

After listening to Director Xiao Wenxing's work report, Governor Li was very pleased and nodded. He then turned to Ding Yue and asked, "Principal Ding, Director Xiao mentioned you have other matters? Let's hear it?"

Now that there was some time, as Director Xiao Wenxing's work report had gone smoothly and there was some extra time, it would be good to hear what matter Principal Ding had come for.

"Governor Li, as Director Xiao mentioned, our Mist City Arts and Science University has enrolled many students, and our campuses are practically at full capacity now. But as you know, this is only the fourth cohort for our Mist City Arts and Science University, and there are bound to be even more students in the future. In hindsight, we didn't plan comprehensively enough. Initially, we estimated for 200,000 students, but the enrollment situation this year really caught us by surprise."

Ding Yue reflected.

"Hahaha, this shows that Mist City Arts and Science University's teaching work is excellent." Governor Li laughed: "That being said, you must need to expand the campus, right?"

"Governor Li."

At this moment, Director Xiao Wenxing spoke: "After the previous expansion of Mist City Arts and Science University, it has become very difficult to further expand the surrounding area."

"Yes, so we plan to establish a new campus."

Ding Yue immediately followed up on Director Xiao Wenxing's words as if they were perfectly coordinated.

"Hmm..."

After thinking for a while, Governor Li nodded: "Then indeed, it is time to build a new campus. What's the matter, Principal Ding, is there a gap in funding? Do you need a loan?"

"Ah, not at all."

Ding Yue immediately shook his head.

"Here's the thing, Governor Li, it would be difficult for Mist City Arts and Science University to find new land for its campus. When Principal Ding first brought this up with me, it made me think of the relocation of the factory area to the south of the High-tech zone that was planned by Mist City Government's building here before, remember?"

Director Xiao Wenxing once again gave Principal Ding phenomenally timed support.

After hearing this, Governor Li recalled the matter: "Right, right, there indeed is a relocation plan for a factory, and it's about to commence soon, isn't it?"

"It should be."

Director Xiao Wenxing nodded.

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Urban planning is the responsibility of the Urban Planning Department.

But as the mayor of Mist City, Governor Li naturally presided over this matter at the meeting. However, it has been quite some time since then, and it is impossible for Governor Li to monitor the specific progress one hundred percent, so for now Governor Li does not know the exact time when that factory area will be relocated.

"Secretary Zhang."

Turning his head, Governor Li asked his secretary, "When is the Urban Planning Department planning to relocate those factories in the south of the High-tech zone?"

"Governor, we haven't received any specific updates from the Urban Planning Department at the moment, I'll go and inquire about it now," Secretary Zhang replied.

"Mhm, good."

Governor Li nodded.

Thereupon, Secretary Zhang left the Mayor's Office and went directly to the Director of the Urban Planning Bureau.

"Principal Ding, while the area has already been planned by the Urban Planning Bureau and the factory zones are being prepared for relocation, if Mist City Arts and Science University is

interested in that land, this will require detailed discussions with the Urban Planning Bureau," said Governor Li to Ding Yue.

Hearing what Governor Li said, Ding Yue roughly understood the governor's intentions.

It surely wouldn't be possible to simply hand it over with a single word. The plot is definitely crucial for the High-tech zone; whether it is used for other purposes or for establishing a southern campus for Mist City Arts and Science University, negotiations with the Urban Planning Department are necessary. After all, the land can't just be given away simply because one wishes for it, right?

"Well, that is also true," agreed Ding Yue, nodding his head immediately, concurring with Governor Li's point.

"Governor, in my opinion, as an important cradle for cultivating high-tech talents, Mist City Arts and Science University fits perfectly with the positioning of the High-tech zone. I think instead of planning something else there, it would be more appropriate to establish a new campus for Mist City Arts and Science University," Director Xiao Wenxing directly voiced his opinion at this moment.

"Hahaha, Director Xiao, you always speak frankly and indeed show great concern for Mist City Arts and Science University, but what you've said is indeed true, I also value Mist City Arts and Science University highly," Governor Li said to Director Xiao Wenxing with laughter, "But we still have to follow the necessary procedures, I can't just make a decision on the spot, right? That would turn it into a one-man show, wouldn't it?"

"Yes, Governor Li is absolutely right," said Director Xiao Wenxing, promptly nodding with a smile.

Seeing this, Ding Yue realized how experienced Director Xiao Wenxing, an "old hand" in government positions, was; he had quickly managed to "draw out" Governor Li's stance with just one sentence.

Initially, Ding Yue suspected that Governor Li's previous remarks suggested a lack of support, albeit slight, for having Mist City Arts and Science University establish a new campus on that piece of land.

However, Director Xiao Wenxing's recent comment had prompted Governor Li to also reveal his stance.

Governor Li was also highly supportive of Mist City Arts and Science University.

With this information, Ding Yue felt much more confident.

Just like Governor Li had just mentioned, the due process must be followed, indeed it is improper to just have Governor Li facilitate everything and make an immediate unilateral decision, as that would be against certain principles.

Knock, knock, knock!

Knocking sounds came from the door.

It was Secretary Zhang, who had gone out, returning.

"Governor, Director Liu has said he would come to report to you personally." After entering, Secretary Zhang spoke softly to Governor Li.

"Alright, let Director Liu come in. If there's anything scheduled for later, if it's not urgent, let's postpone it, shall we?" Governor Li nodded and then asked about his schedule.

"Yes, Governor," responded Secretary Zhang, understanding what Governor Li meant. It seems he will be discussing matters here with Director Xiao Wenxing, Director Liu of the Urban Planning Bureau, and Principal Ding of Mist City Arts and Science University. In that case, the subsequent plans of Governor Li could be put on hold, especially since they're not particularly urgent.

"Governor, Director Xiao is also here, and this must be Principal Ding?"

Upon entering, Director Liu greeted the three individuals.

This was Ding Yue's first encounter with Director Liu of the Urban Planning Bureau; he seemed to recall having seen leaders from the Urban Planning Department before, was it someone else?

Had there been a change in personnel perhaps?

"Director Liu, about those factories in the south section of the High-tech zone; what's the status on the specific timing for relocation and how are the preparations coming along?" Governor Li directly inquired.

"Well, the plan has been laid out; the relocation of the factories in the southern area will start in October, and most of the factories have already settled on relocation sites in the Western Industrial Park," Liu, the Director, answered.

"By the way, Director Liu, how is that piece of land in the south planned by the Urban Planning Department? What will it be used for?" Director Xiao Wenxing asked.

Seeing Director Xiao Wenxing asking this, Director Liu had a sense of why Governor Li had invited him today, especially with the presence of Director Xiao Wenxing from the Education Department and Principal Ding from Mist City Arts and Science University.

It appears that the City Government building had the intention to designate that plot of land for educational purposes, doesn't it?

"For this plot of land, our current plan is to use it for commercial development in the High-tech zone. Many property developers are actively preparing to secure this parcel," explained Director Liu.

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Director Liu explained.

Upon hearing this, Ding Yue couldn't help but frown.

This was not good.

If that piece of land was really taken by the real estate developers, it wouldn't be so easy for him to have any designs on it anyway.

"Commercial development?"

After hearing this, Director Xiao Wenxing also seemed slightly disappointed.

After all, there's a huge difference between commercial development and educational land development.

"Actually, it doesn't have to be used exclusively for commercial purposes; commercial planning is just the last resort. If there can be a better plan, that would naturally be best."

Suddenly, Director Liu directly "changed his tune" and said.

"Hmm?"

Governor Li pondered for a moment, then asked Director Liu: "What do you mean? Director Liu, do you think there's a better plan aside from commercial planning?"

"Governor, with both Director Xiao and Principal Ding here, I wonder if the City Government building is considering using it as educational land?"

Director Liu was indeed straightforward, asking directly.

Ding Yue could immediately see the "wisdom" of Director Liu in front of leadership and colleagues; he really knew how to "speak".

"Indeed, today, since both Director Xiao and Principal Ding are here, we indeed need to discuss the feasibility of using that land for educational purposes, hence you were called over, Director Liu. Speak freely; let us have an open discussion."

Governor Li directly increased the "scale" of "Pattern".

Whether it was the previous planning, the commercial planning of the developers, or whatever, whichever was the best for Mist City, that's what Mist City would choose.

"Governor, let me be straightforward then,"

Director Liu seemed to have something more to say.

Ding Yue quietly listened from the side, after all, it seemed he didn't have much say in the matter.

"Yes, go ahead,"

Governor Li nodded.

"Firstly, the site was indeed being considered for a commercial plan catering to the residential area south of University Town, so a commercial layout is essential. Many major real estate developers are also eyeing the development prospects here, so there's a lot of attention on this spot."

Director Liu analyzed for everyone: "Secondly, the plot of land here is large, and if used for university construction as educational land, it definitely cannot be fully used up. Therefore, this will directly disrupt the previous commercial planning, ultimately leading to a sort of half-baked situation."

Ding Yue, listening to Director Liu's analysis, felt it was indeed sensible.

The large plot of land to the south, if used only for commercial planning alongside a large residential area, would indeed be good.

But if a vast university that could not fully integrate with the commercial sector was inserted amongst the residents of the southern High-tech zone, it would become quite ineffective.

However,

At this moment, Ding Yue thought that perhaps Director Liu was not very familiar with Mist City Arts and Science University.

Whether it's academic education or collegiate commerce, Mist City Arts and Science University can do well, such as the commercial pedestrian street inside the university that has been very successful, with major brands already settled in, and the students of Mist City Arts and Science University have strong spending power.

This is partly because a large portion of the students at Mist City Arts and Science University actually come from very economically well-off families, this is also an important driving force behind the potential of Mist City Arts and Science University's commercial pedestrian street.

"Director Xiao, what do you think?"

Governor Li looked at Director Xiao Wenxing, then asked.

"I think Director Liu is right; we indeed shouldn't destroy the overall planning because of this."

Director Xiao Wenxing also understood the big picture, as one cannot simply support Mist City Arts and Science University establishing a new campus there and disrupt the well-planned commercial layout of the High-tech zone, right?

This responsibility would be too much for him to bear.

Moreover, Director Liu had already made clear the pros and cons, and it would be inappropriate for him to keep speaking up for Mist City Arts and Science University.

"Since that's the case, Principal Ding, I think... "

Governor Li was about to discuss the "difficulty" of this matter with Ding Yue.

Suddenly Ding Yue said: "Governor Li, Director Liu, the issue with this matter is that commercial planning and educational land use do not coexist well, right?"

Ding Yue pinpointed the "difficulty" of the situation with one remark.

"Indeed."

Director Liu nodded.

"Then our Mist City Arts and Science University will invest 100 billion in the first round for the residential areas around and for the commercial development of the High-tech zone!"

Ding Yue stated directly.

Now, Ding Yue wanted to secure the land to the south of the High-tech zone to build the Mist City Arts and Science University's South Campus, thereby creating a north-south campus situation.

Not only that.

Ding Yue also planned to turn the entire area of the High-tech zone, the region connected between the north and south campuses, into a zone influenced by his Mist City Arts and Science University!

If commercial planning and university land are hard to coexist, then our university shall directly invest in commerce!

Upon hearing Ding Yue's words, Director Xiao Wenxing and Director Liu in the room were stunned.

Governor Li also looked at Ding Yue with a very surprised expression.

"What does Principal Ding mean?"

Director Liu asked slightly excitedly.

Wouldn't this perfectly solve the issue?

It seems Governor Li definitely supports Mist City Arts and Science University, and if I couldn't offer a significant solution today, it would look bad in front of Governor Li.

But according to the previous commercial planning, it was definitely impossible to disrupt all plans just to establish a new campus for a university.

But now it's different.

If Principal Ding can really invest 100 billion directly into the High-tech zone for various commercial plans for the residents, then both the commercial planning and university land could be handled by Mist City Arts and Science University, wouldn't that be the best of both worlds?

"So, it's a win-win situation, isn't it?"

Ding Yue said with a smile, "As long as the Mist City Government agrees, our Feiyue Group will immediately put forth 100 billion!"

"100 billion!"

Even Director Xiao Wenxing and Secretary Zhang were very surprised.

Since it's not the end of the year yet, and the tax data isn't specific, people at the Mist City Government naturally do not know how much money Feiyue Group has made this year.

But with Principal Ding throwing out 100 billion so boldly, it showed how wealthy Feiyue Group was.

Indeed.

The graphene battery and Feiyue Future New Energy vehicles, these two industries together, have no problem whatsoever in generating hundreds of billions in revenue for Feiyue Group.

"Principal Ding, you really are bold."

Governor Li said with a smile to Ding Yue.

"You flatter me, Governor. Our Mist City Arts and Science University and Feiyue Group have been thriving, all thanks to the support of Mist City. Therefore, giving back to our Mist City is something we ought to do. The development of the High-tech zone is an obligation of Feiyue Group,"

Ding Yue modestly said, "From now on, every year, our Feiyue Group will invest a large sum of money to develop the High-tech zone, what do you think, Governor?"

Actually, Ding Yue had his own ambitious strategies.

The development of the High-tech zone is naturally something to look forward to, besides, if his Mist City Arts and Science University was established here, whether it be high-tech factories, laboratories, or other industries, managing and facilitating exchanges would be much easier.

Ding Yue's plan was to transform Mist City's High-tech zone mainly around Mist City Arts and Science University as the focus, with Feiyue Group acting as the core, and having various industries spread throughout, to drive the economic development of Mist City and even the whole country, making his own contribution!

"That would be excellent."

Governor Li nodded immediately, expressing his affirmation of Principal Ding's idea.

If Feiyue Group's 100 billion investment could support the construction and development of the High-tech zone, it would naturally be excellent, certainly better than giving those lands to real estate developers, right?

Governor Li is an ambitious man, not just thinking about creating GDP through the real estate industry.

If it's about creating GDP, then it should be through industrial means, through science and technology, that's the true thought of Governor Li, and Feiyue Group along with Principal Ding in front of him fit very well with Governor Li's ambition.

It probably complements each other just like that.

"What about it, Governor?"

Seeing this, Director Liu immediately turned his gaze towards Governor Li.

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The Director of the Urban Planning Bureau, Director Liu, rarely encounters such a perfect opportunity and naturally wouldn't miss it.

Therefore.

Director Liu turned his gaze to Governor Li, implying that as soon as Governor Li nodded in agreement, he would proceed accordingly, especially since Principal Ding was willing to invest 100 billion to break through the predicament.

"Principal Ding, if that's the case, then it couldn't be better."

With a smile, Governor Li said to Ding Yue, "Director Liu, what do you think?"

Director Liu was utterly surprised that Governor Li would turn the question back to him; he was momentarily stunned before quickly nodding and saying, "Yes, yes, yes, that would be good."

"Well then, Governor, Director Liu, our Mist City Arts and Science University has invested 100 billion in the construction of the High-tech zone a year ago. Can that plot of land to the south, once relocated, be approved for us to build our South Campus?"

Ding Yue asked with a smile.

Although it is 100 billion, this sum is invested by Feiyue Group in the development and construction of the High-tech zone; it involves acquiring land, building commerce, technology factories, etc., and not just handing over 100 billion to the Mist City Government for free. Once invested, as long as the High-tech zone's prospects are good, the business is guaranteed to be profitable.

The reason why the Mist City Government building is willing to let Ding Yue's Mist City Arts and Science University invest this 100 billion and also conveniently allocate the land is because the building is more than familiar with the strength of Feiyue Group.

Most real estate companies have crossed numerous red lines. After acquiring the land, they might not be able to start construction on time, and some might even risk turning into unfinished projects.

Faced with such risks, why wouldn't the Mist City Government building assign the main commercial development of the High-tech zone to the more reliable Feiyue Group and Mist City Arts and Science University?

"Principal Ding, Feiyue Group is currently facing a tight situation in the overseas market, yet you still take out 100 billion to invest in the High-tech zone's commerce; aren't you under a lot of pressure?"

Although Governor Li had basically agreed to let Mist City Arts and Science University invest 100 billion and acquire land to establish a new campus, he was still slightly concerned.

After all, if Feiyue Group, a rapidly rising enterprise, were to truly collapse due to unfavorable overseas market operations, it would be a tremendous loss for Mist City.

"Governor Li, please rest assured."

Confidently, Ding Yue said, "Even if we completely lose the overseas market, it won't harm Feiyue Group's foundation."

The assets of Ding Yue's Feiyue Group mainly come from within the country at the moment, with graphene materials, graphene batteries, medical healthcare robots, and Feiyue · Future New Energy vehicles all generating a substantial profit for Feiyue Group.

If the overseas market opens up, with the sales speed of Feiyue · Future New Energy vehicles, Ding Yue even has the chance to become the youngest richest individual in the country because earning foreign currency from the overseas market is overly satisfying.

"That's good to hear, that's good to hear."

Governor Li nodded slightly and then directed his gaze to Principal Ding, advising, "Principal Ding, your Mist City Arts and Science University and Feiyue Group are like a towering ship on the waves of the era. I hope you can sail steadily towards the ocean ahead and explore the vast Blue Ocean Market."

Unexpectedly.

Governor Li's speech was quite poetic.

This analogy is indeed very apt.

The technological research experiments conducted by Mist City Arts and Science University and the technological products used by Feiyue Group are almost at the forefront of the era, even considered black technology. Using these things to explore the market is like a towering ship in the ocean, exploring the Blue Ocean Market!

"Of course, our Mist City Arts and Science University will continually strive and aim to become a world-renowned school, and our Feiyue Group will also move forward steadily."

Ding Yue confidently said to Governor Li.

"Alright, Director Liu, the Urban Planning Bureau should next focus on coordinating directly with Principal Ding's side, making sure that the factory relocation and follow-up arrangements are properly conducted, satisfying our citizens, got it?"

Governor Li then turned his head and specifically reminded Director Liu again.

Now that it's virtually settled that the land south of the High-tech zone is designated for Mist City Arts and Science University, Director Liu naturally had to follow Governor Li's directions.

As for those real estate companies itching to make a fortune with grand plans in the High-tech zone, Director Liu didn't really want to deal with them — after all, these companies are like vampires, sucking the blood from the development dividends of the High-tech zone and the citizens of Mist City.

"Yes, Governor, I will definitely handle this matter well."

Director Liu quickly nodded in response.

"Thank you, Governor Li, thank you, Director Liu."

Ding Yue immediately expressed his gratitude to both Governor Li and Director Liu.

As for Director Xiao Wenxing, there's no rush. Once he leaves the Mist City Government building and is on his way back, there will be plenty of opportunities to express his gratitude to Director Xiao Wenxing.

It is, of course, essential to thank Director Xiao Wenxing, who brought him to meet Governor Li today and even vigorously supported acquiring the plot of land for his Mist City Arts and Science University to establish a new campus, also speaking on his behalf in front of Governor Li.

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Since Governor Li had other matters to attend to, Ding Yue and Director Xiao Wenxing did not keep him any longer.

After Governor Li left for his work, Ding Yue, Director Xiao Wenxing, and Director Liu of the Urban Planning Bureau also left the Mayor's Office together. During this opportunity, Ding Yue had a chat with Director Liu of the Urban Planning Bureau.

Director Liu was different from Director Xiao Wenxing. Director Xiao Wenxing was the kind of person who wanted to accomplish great things and tried to push the educational sector of Mist City to a new peak.

However, Director Liu was the type who had the ability to work but harbored comparatively modest personal ambitions, he was what's commonly referred to as the more steady and risk-averse type.

Nevertheless, now that Governor Li had already instructed Director Liu, he expressed that he would definitely do his utmost to support the establishment of a new campus of Mist City Arts and Science University in the southern part of the High-tech zone, as well as assist Feiyue Group in investing 100 billion in the commercial development of the High-tech zone.

With Director Liu involved, whether it's land allocation or construction, it would certainly go very smoothly; at least in terms of procedures. From now on, Mist City Arts and Science University under Ding Yue would only need to prepare the materials to smoothly obtain approval.

"Then I must thank Director Liu."

"No need to thank me, it's all part of the job. Goodbye, Principal Ding."

"Goodbye, Director Liu."

After bidding farewell to Director Liu, Ding Yue left the Mist City Government building together with Director Xiao Wenxing.

On the way back, Director Xiao Wenxing even specifically shared a car with Ding Yue, which was the Feiyue Future New Energy car owned by Ding Yue.

"Principal Ding, I didn't expect our trip to go so smoothly."

Director Xiao Wenxing couldn't help but express his thoughts.

"It's thanks to your great support, Director Xiao, and the trust that Mist City Government has in our Mist City Arts and Science University and Feiyue Group," said Ding Yue with a smile.

Although there was no need for such politeness with Director Xiao Wenxing, Ding Yue sincerely expressed his gratitude to him.

Over the years, Director Xiao Wenxing had given a lot of support to the significant matters of his Mist City Arts and Science University, making a substantial contribution to the development of his university.

If the contributions made by himself as the principal, other leaders, department heads, professors, lecturers, and other staff members are considered internal contributions, then without a doubt, Director Xiao Wenxing is the greatest external contributor.

Midway, Director Xiao Wenxing had to return to the Education Bureau building, so he parted ways with Ding Yue.

Ding Yue returned to his Mist City Arts and Science University.

When he was almost back at Mist City Arts and Science University, Ding Yue noticed that Wen Ruohan, the secretary in the car, seemed to have been quite "depressed" all along.

Out of curiosity, Ding Yue asked, "What's wrong, Xiao Wen, you seem a bit gloomy?"

"Principal Ding..."

Wen Ruohan thought for a moment and finally said, "I just feel, Principal Ding, that spending 100 billion to exchange for a piece of land to establish a new campus is too much of a loss."

"Hahaha."

Ding Yue immediately laughed and said, "Come on, let's hear it, Xiao Wen, why do you think it's not worth it?"

"One hundred billion just to get a piece of land for a campus, no matter how you look at it, it doesn't seem worth it," Wen Ruohan mumbled.

"That 100 billion is not just given to the Mist City Government for nothing; it is an investment we make into the commercial development of the High-tech zone. How can it be considered a loss?" Ding Yue said, spreading his hands.

"But it's still a question whether the High-tech zone can develop as expected, and the returns on investment in the High-tech zone will definitely take a long time."

Wen Ruohan analyzed.

"Whether the High-tech zone can develop or not depends on our Mist City Arts and Science University and Feiyue Group, doesn't it? What, Xiao Wen, do you lack confidence in our university and Feiyue Group?"

Ding Yue said with a smile to his secretary Wen Ruohan.

"Ah, no, I have a lot of confidence in our Mist City Arts and Science University and the Feiyue Group. Now that I think about it, it doesn't seem like such a loss after all."

Touching her chin, Wen Ruohan seemed to have grasped the implication.

Having understood this point, she realized that Principal Ding's vision was indeed very far-sighted and unique.

After returning to the Mist City Arts and Science University, the first ones to inquire about the progress were Huang Youjie and Xu Bin.

"How did it go, Yue? You've just come back from the Mist City Government building, right? What did they say over there?"

Huang Youjie asked impatiently.

About the new campus establishment, and specifically the North-South Campus Plan, Huang Youjie and Xu Bin were very concerned.

"Guess what."

Ding Yue shrugged his shoulders and said to the two buddies.

"Hmm..."

Huang Youjie stroked his chin, a guessing expression on his face.

At this moment, Xu Bin said with a smile: "Old Huang, looking at Yue's expression, his mood, do we even need to guess?"

"Hahaha."

Ding Yue immediately burst into laughter: "Bin is the smart one."

"So, Yue, what did the Mist City Government building say?" Huang hurriedly asked.

"Well, it's basically settled. The Urban Planning Bureau will replan that plot of land to build the Southern Campus for Mist City Arts and Science University. However, our Feiyue Group will also be responsible for the investment in the commercial development around that land."

Ding Yue briefed his two buddies, Xu Bin and Huang Youjie, on the matter.

"That's really great! In that case, the North-South Campus plan we discussed in the meeting can be implemented smoothly, right? Hahaha!"

Huang Youjie burst into laughter, feeling thrilled for Mist City Arts and Science University.

"That's good to hear, but Yue, what was that you said earlier? That we still need to take on the investment of the commercial development around that land?"

Suddenly, Xu Bin was conscious of another key point Ding Yue had mentioned.

There were actually two key points in what Yue said earlier: the first core point was undoubtedly securing the land, and the second point was taking on the investment for the commercial development around it.

"Right."

Ding Yue nodded seriously and said: "I promised the Mist City Government building a 100 billion investment within one year."

"Holy shit!"

Huang Youjie exclaimed in shock: "100 billion!"

This figure of 100 billion is astronomical even for "rich people" like Huang Youjie and Xu Bin.

Over the years, Huang Youjie and Xu Bin have worked hard at Mist City Arts and Science University along with Ding Yue, who has also given them a fair "return," but it certainly wouldn't amount to tens or hundreds of billions. A few billion, perhaps, but 100 billion is still a massive amount for them.

In fact, 100 billion is a very large figure for all the wealthy; even the richest of the rich can't casually spend 100 billion.

But Ding Yue, that's just how "willful" he is, directly investing 100 billion.

"It is indeed a lot." Xu Bin analyzed and said: "Although I don't know how much our Feiyue Group makes, I think this 100 billion is probably all out effort from our Feiyue Group, right?"

"Isn't this a huge loss?" Huang Youjie frowned: "Just for a new campus that's a bit closer to this campus, we're spending 100 billion, my God!"

"Hahaha, it's not quite like that."

Ding Yue immediately shook his head: "Feiyue Group's various industries have been very profitable these past two years, and besides, Old Huang, Bin, think about it, after we invest this 100 billion, the region connecting the current campus to the new Southern Campus we're going to build, as well as the areas it will influence, will become the radiating area of Mist City Arts and Science University, right?"

"Hmm, and what next?"

Xu Bin understood the implications of Yue's words but wondered what could be achieved after forming a radiating area.

"After the establishment of the Mist City Arts and Science University's radiating area, the influence of our university in the High-tech zone, and in the entirety of Mist City, even the whole country, will increase substantially. Moreover, it will be more convenient for other developments nearby in the future. Once we have the radiating area of Mist City Arts and Science University, as long as our university continues to develop and thrive, the gains will definitely be beyond imagination."

Ding Yue seriously explained to his two buddies.

Chapter 1470: Encountered a Nail House?

"Yue, your vision and scope are quite impressive,"

Xu Bin gave a thumbs up and praised Ding Yue after hearing about the Mist City Arts and Science University's radiation zone.

Huang Youjie also nodded repeatedly, expressing his admiration, "Yue, if the Mist City Arts and Science University's radiation zone is indeed built, then at that time, this whole area will be our world, hahaha."

"It's just to promote the development of Mist City, of course. In doing so, it will also enable both Mist City Arts and Science University and Feiyue Group to construct and develop more effectively,"

Ding Yue said with a smile.

Afterward, Ding Yue had his secretary Wen Ruohan call over Director Chen Ping from the School of Architecture.

Now that the land in the southern part of the high-tech zone was secured for Mist City Arts and Science University, it was time to start preparations for the engineering design and construction.

Back in the Principal's office in the Administration Building, Director Chen Ping from the School of Architecture also arrived.

"Principal Ding."

After entering the office, Director Chen Ping quickly inquired, "How did it go with your visit to the Mist City Government building, Principal Ding?"

Every individual at Mist City Arts and Science University was deeply concerned about the university's future development, and the establishment of a new campus was pertinent to this crucial task of development, with the South Campus obviously being the best choice.

"Director Chen, take a seat,"

Ding Yue wasn't in a rush and asked Director Chen Ping to sit down for a talk, then said to Big White, "Big White, make a cup of tea for Director Chen."

"Yes, Principal."

Upon hearing his master's instruction, Big White immediately went to prepare tea for Director Chen Ping.

Based on the big data from Director Chen Ping's past visits to the office for tea, Big White didn't need to ask what kind of tea to make anymore and went straight to preparing it.

"This trip to the Mist City Government building was quite fruitful,"

Ding Yue said to Director Chen Ping with a smile.

"Did we get the land?"

Director Chen Ping asked eagerly.

If the land was indeed secured, it meant that the North-South Campus Plan for Mist City Arts and Science University could be initiated, and as the head of the School of Architecture, as well as the person in charge of Feiyue Construction Company, it was natural for him to shoulder the construction task for Mist City Arts and Science University's South Campus.

"Almost there. After negotiating with the City Government building, that piece of land is basically confirmed for us to plan a new campus for Mist City Arts and Science University,"

Ding Yue nodded, then continued, "So, Director Chen, your Feiyue Construction Company needs to start preparing right away, including the design and planning. For the new campus, I want to see something novel, you understand what I mean?"

"Yes, Principal Ding, I will definitely not disappoint you,"

Director Chen Ping immediately responded.

Principal Ding's intention was clear: since a new South Campus for Mist City Arts and Science University was going to be built, the South and North Campuses should not have repeated elements and would each have unique features.

The North Campus, the current campus, has distinctive characteristics whether it be the library, the sports stadium, or even the cafeteria.

If a new South Campus were to be built, it naturally should not replicate the North Campus but should highlight its own unique traits. This would be a test for the architects at Mist City Arts and Science University's School of Architecture.

"When do you anticipate having the planning and design ready?"

Ding Yue inquired.

After all, the use of the new campus was urgent. Although it would certainly be difficult to complete all construction within a year, some parts of the project definitely had to be finished and put into operation by next year.

By this time next year, Mist City Arts and Science University is expected to welcome over a hundred thousand new students, and although it might be possible to squeeze these new students into the current campus for classes, moving some over would naturally be preferable.

"Principal Ding, I understand the urgency and significance of the construction task for our South Campus, so we will definitely have the planning and design ready before the end of the year. However, I'm unsure if the Urban Planning Bureau will be able to vacate and clear the land for construction by the end of the year,"

Director Chen Ping said with confidence.

It's now September, nearly three months from the end of the year in December. In this time frame, Feiyue Construction Company can undoubtedly complete the planning and design of the South Campus. Moreover, they can be ready with all the construction, including machinery, construction vehicles, and workers.

"You don't have to worry about that, Director Chen. I'll keep an eye on it and will also urge the Urban Planning Bureau to clear the land promptly,"

Ding Yue thought for a moment and replied.

Today, Director Liu of the Urban Planning Bureau has already assured him that they would make every effort to vacate the land for the new campus of Mist City Arts and Science University, so Ding Yue believed it wouldn't be long before there were results.

"Well then, Principal Ding, since that is the case, may I go back and start preparing?"

Director Chen Ping was action-oriented and took a sip of the freshly brewed tea.

Since Principal Ding has already negotiated the deal, it was only natural for him to take swift action. Getting the design and planning done sooner would mean construction could start earlier, and that the South Campus of Mist City Arts and Science University could be built more quickly.