

## **F. University 301**

Chapter 301: Early bird catches the worm

On the Book Ship Library Square.

With everyone counting down in unison, the moment "zero" arrived,

It felt like a resounding "clink".

The massive structure behind everyone that resembled a ship suddenly lit up with white lights, illuminating the entire library in a bright glow, like a large white boat adrift in the dark sea.

For now, it was just the library lights that had come on.

When the lights illuminated the grand and majestic building, it gave a more stunning and beautiful impression at night.

The greatness of its size was because the library was indeed vast, at least equivalent to several ordinary academic buildings.

After all, it was a library built at a cost of 150 million yuan.

The beauty arose from its design, not so much an aesthetic appeal but rather the sense of beauty achieved through architectural design.

Perfect harmony.

The Tianfu Construction Group, using the architectural plans drawn out by the design team of Mist City Arts and Science University's architecture department, brought to life this magnificent Book Ship Library.

"It's on! It's on! It finally turned its lights on!"

"From this view, the Book Ship Library is even magnificent at night."

"What a beautiful library!"

"Our school is impressive, this is the result of an investment of 150 million yuan!"

"The students who designed this library are quite amazing."

"The thought of being able to study in this library in the future makes me super excited."

"I'm wondering, now that we have this new library, what about the old library in our school?"

"Hahaha, anyhow, I prefer the new one over the old, and I will certainly come and secure a seat in the Book Ship Library."

Students of Mist City Arts and Science University on the Book Ship Library Square were feeling excited as they marveled at the new library.

"I heard that our Book Ship Library can provide more than 10,000 library seats!"

"10,000!"

"What do you think, it has three floors, each floor is so big, I guess each floor can hold 3,000 library seats quite comfortably?"

"I've also heard that the collection of books in the school's new library will exceed one million!"

"Holy Cow! One million books? That's so many!"

The students started discussing the configuration of the Book Ship Library.

The basic configuration was obviously the number of library seats and the book collection.

Indeed!

According to preliminary plans, Mist City Arts and Science University's Book Ship Library will provide more than 10,000 reading seats and over a thousand leisure reading seats.

At the same time, the book collection will easily exceed one million!

This includes comprehensive books almost in every major discipline at the university, as well as novels, entertainment, magazines, periodicals, etc.

However, at this moment, the books were not in place yet, and the shelves, chairs, and stools had not been purchased for installation.

However, none of these was an issue.

One month was enough time for Mist City Arts and Science University to purchase all the books and library equipment and get everything installed and arranged by August.

Tonight.

Inside the Book Ship, it was completely empty.

"Students, let me briefly introduce some facts and figures about the Mist City Arts and Science University's Book Ship Library while we walk towards it."

Ding Yue explained as he walked towards the main entrance of the Book Ship Library.

Generally speaking, since the library was not officially open, they were not allowed to enter.

However, after Ding Yue's arrival, the security personnel at the library gave way to Principal Ding immediately.

After all, Principal Ding was going there with the purpose of live broadcasting, promoting the college's enormous library.

This was also an opportunity to give a little showcase of the learning environment in Mist City Arts and Science University to high school graduates preparing for the College Entrance Examination.

"As you can see, the interior of the library is completely empty right now. We can look at the space here on the first floor, the area with the highest ceiling height."

After Ding Yue introduced to the viewing audience of the live broadcast the information about the library's area, he went on to elaborate on the interior.

The first floor of the library was extremely spacious. Under the white lights, smooth floors and white walls made the interior seem quite futuristic.

"When will it officially open?"

"Why are there no books?"

"Are you a fool? Didn't Principal Ding say it was the first lighting ceremony today, and the books haven't been put in yet."

"What's the rush? Isn't there a month before school starts?"

"Principal Ding, how many books can our library store?"

"Wow, the inside is so spacious!"

"Even though I'm not a student of your school, I really want to visit your library."

"Oh man, such a handsome library, I'm totally in love."

After looking at the bullet-screen comments, Ding Yue saw someone asking about the book collection and continued to elaborate: "Let's talk about the questions you are most interested in, that is, the number of reading seats the library provides and the quantity of books."

"Book Ship Library will provide more than 10,000 reading seats and over a thousand leisure seats. There will be a surprise about the surroundings of the leisure seats."

Ding Yue said with a smile, leaving a mysterious surprise for the students.

In fact, the leisure seats in the Book Ship Library were Principal Ding's previous suggestion to utilize the open-air platforms on both sides as outdoor leisure seats. Students could enjoy the sunshine and flora and fauna there. Perhaps have a cup of coffee and slowly relish the joy of reading. It would be nothing short of a perfect joy.

As for the outdoor café near the leisure seats, it was already reserved by Ding Yue's younger sister, Ding Xiaoyou.

Ding Xiaoyou had a small dream of opening her own coffee shop, selling coffee and milk tea. Principal Ding didn't think twice before agreeing.

After all, if he doesn't spoil his sister, who will?

Later, they would choose a place on the outdoor terrace of the second floor of the Book Ship Library to open a café.

"Wow, over 10,000 seats!"

"Hahaha, considering the academic atmosphere of our school, I feel even more than 10,000 seats won't be enough."

"Absolutely true."

"But isn't there also the old library?"

"Then I guess there will be a library seat-snatching war. The early arrivals will get the Book Ship Library seats, the latecomers must go to the old library to study."

"Sounds thrilling!"

When Ding Yue saw students mentioning the old library in the bullet screen comments, he informed them: "Though Mist City Arts and Science University has a new library, considering the study enthusiasm of the students, the old library will remain open. However, I believe everyone would love to go to the new library, right? So you all should get up early then."

"We must get up early!"

"I've decided, from now on, on days when I don't have lectures, I'll get up at 7 am and then rush to the Book Ship Library for a seat."

"Get up at 7? Rubbish, I'll get up at 6 to grab a seat!"

"Hahaha, is it the early bird that catches the worm?"

"No! Looking at their crazy responses, it's the worm that rises early is eaten by the bird!"

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#9 on Twitter's trending list: #FirstLightingoftheBookShipLibrary - Number of views:1,947,382

Tonight, Mist City Arts and Science University's Book Ship Library lights up for the first time, generating quite a buzz on the internet.

Besides students of Mist City Arts and Science University, college students from all around the country have come online to join the live broadcast.

The most important thing is that Mist City Arts and Science University's live broadcast room has both ground and aerial viewpoints.

The ground viewpoint brings you a close-up view of the grand and extravagant Book Ship Library, while the aerial viewpoint lets you overlook the Bookship setting sail.

At present, the lights of the Book Ship Library have already been turned on.

However, the main attraction isn't ready yet. The blue lights on the Book Ship Library Square haven't been turned on yet, the control room is waiting for Principal Ding's instructions.

Ding Yue isn't in a hurry.

After the lights in the Book Ship Library are switched on, they will first attract the attention of netizens.

Later, we will turn on the blue lights of the Library Square to present everyone with a blue ocean, and the combination of the Book Ship Library and the Blue Ocean Square will form a truly magnificent beautiful scene of "sailing against the wind and waves".

"As you can see, there's an elevator here. Our library has three floors, with an elevator on both the left and right side, enabling students to reach their desired floor easily and quickly."

Ding Yue reached the elevator and introduced it to the online viewers.

"You can see that in the middle of the first floor, there's a giant Y-shaped staircase. Students who like climbing stairs can choose the stairs, those who don't prefer climbing stairs can choose the elevator."

After Ding Yue's introduction, the online viewers praised him in unison.

The main thing is that the library is truly lavish, no matter how one looks it is always pleasing to the eye.

"I've made my decision; I want to go to Mist City Arts and Science University!"

"I've been hesitating whether to repeat the year or go to Mist City Arts and Science University. Now I've made up my mind, I'll go to Mist City Arts and Science University."

"Principal Ding, I have a question. I scored 183 on the College Entrance Examination, can I study at Mist City Arts and Science University?"

"I heard that Mist City Arts and Science University has many newly established majors?"

Looking at the live comments, Ding Yue then responded, "Yes, Mist City Arts and Science University established new faculties last year like the E-sports Game College, Culinary Arts Department, and the Institute of Traditional Chinese Studies. You could study Culinary Arts, E-sports games, National Arts, traditional skills and many more. There must be a major that you like. If not, but there is a major that many people like, we can apply to the education officials to set up the related major. Choosing to come to Mist City Arts and Science University definitely wouldn't be a mistake."

Ding Yue took the opportunity to advertise his university.

After all, with a target freshman enrollment of 15,000 students, Ding Yue needs to up the ante, otherwise, he'd miss out on the [3rd Level University Treasure Chest] reward.

Being reasonable,

Ding Yue has opened [1st Level University Treasure Chest] and [2nd Level University Treasure Chest] and got good items from both.

However!

This time it's the [3rd Level University Treasure Chest], a level higher than before, the items inside will probably give Ding Yue a huge surprise.



"Principal Ding, how can we enroll in your university?"

"I'm moved. Just for this library, it's a hundred times better than most other universities!"

"Bro, saying it's a hundred times better is too much, isn't it?"

"I'd also like to ask Principal Ding, how can we study at your university?"

"Wuu, I didn't pass the College Entrance Examination this year. My parents won't let me repeat the year. They want me to go back home and inherit their property but I don't want to go back. Luckily, I found Mist City Arts and Science University."

"The national recruitment has passed, and Mist City Arts and Science University is a privately-run undergraduate university. You need to reach the undergraduate score on the national recruitment."

"Haha, I think few of us here can reach the undergraduate score."

"Nonsense, who would come to Mist City Arts and Science University if they could reach the undergraduate score?"

"Isn't there independent recruitment? Private universities all have independent recruitment, Mist City Arts and Science University must have it too."

Seeing that the netizens in the live broadcast room are asking how to enroll in Mist City Arts and Science University,

Ding Yue quickly took the opportunity to respond: "For those who just took the College Entrance Examination, it's okay if you didn't achieve your desired score or didn't receive an admission notice. Mist City Arts and Science University is also a good place for you to realize your university dream. Those who want to come to Mist City Arts and Science University can apply for our independent recruitment program on our official website. After August 23rd, you can report to Mist City Arts and Science University in succession."

Normally, universities across the country welcome freshmen to report around late August. After several days of reporting, the universities allow the new students to familiarize themselves with the campus and take a break. Then, military training begins in September.

Upon seeing Principal Ding actively propagating for new enrollments, some students of Mist City Arts and Science University also voluntarily advertised for the university.

In a certain College Entrance Examination forum, one could see the presence of Mist City Arts and Science University students.

[Post] - Seeking advice for schools suitable for a score of 207.

[Post] - Wu, I blew the test. Seeing my peers getting into undergraduate studies, my heart aches so much!

[Post] - What's Mist City Arts and Science University like? Does anyone know?

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[Forum Post] - Is university life any good at Mist City Arts and Science University?

In many posts, you can see students of Mist City Arts and Science University answering below.

Noticing people ask if life at Mist City Arts and Science University is any good?

As a sophomore-to-be at Mist City Arts and Science University, let me give you an answer. The university is incredible, first of all, its environment is way better than typical private colleges. I was unluckily unsuccessful in the College Entrance Examination last year, but luckily, I entered the newly established Mist City Arts and Science University, and over the past year, I learned quite a lot in the major I love.

This is about studying, you can really learn what you're interested in, and even enhance your practical abilities. After attending Mist City Arts and Science University, I feel that my academic abilities have increased significantly, maybe it's due to its study atmosphere, after all, everyone here isn't lacking in intelligence, right?

Now, let's talk about life, what you must be most interested in are the dormitories. Honestly speaking, you freshmen are way more fortunate than us seniors.

Because we seniors live in the old dormitory, although it's old, the environment is quite decent. Here are a few selfies of our dormitory for you to see - [dorm picture.jpg] x12.

The dormitory is fully equipped and there are six-people rooms, four-people rooms, two-people rooms, and even single rooms, with different prices, you guys surely understand this because this is a private university after all.

The key point is, those with money can truly enjoy their college life at our school because we have apartment buildings too!

Yes, apartment buildings. Check out these pictures, they are genuine - [apartment picture.jpg].

See that, they are 32 or 33 stories high buildings, having suites in them, living with your girlfriend would be absolutely amazing, right? A world of just a senior and a junior, hehehe!

This is just the old dormitory for us sophomores. If you are a freshman, you're extremely lucky. Because the university has built new dormitories exclusively for freshmen. Here are some pictures I took when I visited there a few days ago - [new dormitory.jpg]. I feel so jealous, but it's fine! We seniors understand that new students need to be taken care of and accommodated in the new dorms.

These are living conditions, compared to other colleges, I don't have to explain more, right?

There is something else too, at Mist City Arts and Science University, you can freely choose who you want to share the dorm with. Meaning once you start school, you can live with students you know or get along with well.

Yes, the school supports swapping dorm rooms, you can even swap across different majors, of course, swapping across genders isn't allowed, hahaha!

Surprised or not?

Ever since this policy was implemented, there have hardly been any disputes or conflicts in the dorms at Mist City Arts and Science University. Mostly because everyone is living with friends they get along with.

Now moving on to food, which I'm sure you're curious about.

Our Mist City Arts and Science University is located in the University Town of Mist City, although it's on the edge of the town, it might not be ideally located, but because of this, its environment is quite good. Ordering food deliveries is also not a problem, the school supports students who want to order food deliveries.

But here is the thing!

I assure you, once you're at Mist City Arts and Science University, you wouldn't think of ordering food deliveries anymore, instead, you'd definitely go to the cafeteria. Because the food there is delicious and very affordable. Have you ever seen a full bowl of spicy crayfish for just 9.9 yuan?

You'd know once you see how busy our cafeteria is, the following are pictures I took on September 12th during our military training in 2020, October 9th 2020, December 24th 2020, March 6th 2021, May 17th 2020 - [cafeteria picture.jpg]

Did you get surprised? Thus, if you are not proactive with going to the cafeteria, it's very likely that you'd end up having no choice but to order from outside - which is not as tasty, and is more expensive.

Even our school district principal of the Mist City Educational Bureau, Mr. Xiao Wenxing, is a big fan of the food in our cafeteria!

Besides the two cafeterias, there are also many small restaurants, the food in these little places tastes really good too, their price is slightly higher than the cafeterias though.

Okay!

Here comes the best part about the food. I assume many of you guys coming to Mist City Arts and Science University are from all around the country.

So, once you're in Mist City, you would have no choice but to try the Mist City hot pot! Come on! Shout it out loud! Where is the most popular hot pot in Mist City?

Yes! It's on the third floor of our second cafeteria at Mist City Arts and Science University, in a restaurant called University Theme Hot Pot Shop. Which is so popular, it's almost visited every day by tourists. This shop is truly a glorious attraction!

I've eaten at the University Theme Hot Pot Shop on the third floor of our second cafeteria three times. The flavors are incredibly delicious. I've also tried hot pot at other places in town but, in comparison, the best one is definitely ours.

I've pretty much covered the living and learning environment. Now let's talk about the strength of our school.

In terms of teaching strength, it can't quite compare to top national universities, after all, our Mist City Arts and Science University is still very young.

But!

Among private universities, Mist City Arts and Science University is one of the best. The school has earned quite a few honors and accomplishments within its departments over the past year. I'm from the mechanical engineering department, does the robot Big White ring a bell? Everyone ought to know it, right?

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Furthermore, I've heard that our school is backed by Feiyue Group, which means that everyone in our department, mechanical engineering students, who manages to graduate successfully will have a chance to work directly at Principal Ding's Feiyue Group. The salary and benefits are incredibly good, and it's even said that next year, when we are sophomores, the school is planning to set up a production line for the robot Big White. By then, there could be job opportunities given as a priority to us regular students in the mechanical engineering department, meaning you can start working and earning money even before you graduate! How cool is that?

The school consistently enhances its teaching strength year by year.

Just to give you an idea, last year, during our first semester, Mist City Arts and Sciences University didn't even have a single professor.

Now, the Medical School has several professors from the Mist City Central Hospital, and the Physics Department has got professors from Jiangnan University of Science and Technology.

Not too long ago, even Professor Luo Xiang from Xia Country Political and Law University joined us as an honorary professor at the Mist City Arts and Science University's Law school.

This just goes to show how diligently Principal Ding is striving to improve our school's teaching quality and standards. You might argue that other universities have many more professors and superior education standards, but, consider this, Mist City Arts and Science University has only been in operation for one year, and the achievements we've garnered in this year are truly remarkable, and I'm sure many students have seen it too.

Allow me to cite a few examples:

Lin Zhirou, the student from the Faculty of Arts, known as our campus beauty, her song "Confession Balloon" has become a nationwide sensation. Don't tell me you haven't heard of it!

Big White, the robot jointly developed by the Mechanical and Computer Science departments, along with the School of Law and Medical School, with functionalities spanning across fields of medical health and law. More functions would be added in the future, and it would collaborate with other faculties as well.

The Architecture Department is making strides too. The Book Ship Library, which is currently being streamed live tonight, was designed by students from this department, and it even won the Hop Cup's Best Creative Award. They're likely bound for top global architecture firms after graduation.

Having said all this, as a member of Mist City Arts and Science University, even though we're a private institution, I am proud to be a part of it, and here, I possess a strong sense of honor, a sense of home.

I, at Mist City Arts and Science University, warmly welcome all of you!"

This response from a Mist City Arts and Science University student is being noticed and appreciated by an increasing number of netizens who are liking and commenting on it.

A majority of netizens expressed their agreement with the candid views of the student from Mist City Arts and Science University.

They've talked about both the advantages and disadvantages of Mist City Arts and Science University, with the pros significantly outweighing the cons.

The only drawback might be that it's a private university, and their current teaching standards might not be on par with public universities.

However, compared to most private universities whose sole purpose is profit, we're already doing much better.

Consequently, this reply from a Mist City Arts and Science University student first went viral on the forum, then copied and posted to the End of the World Forum and the Mopu Pedestrian Street Forum, accumulating numerous likes and comments.

Finally, this long post even reached Twitter and other self-media platforms where it was seen by many high school graduates who still couldn't decide whether to go to Mist City Arts and Science University or not.

I must say.

Even before the official admission promo from Mist City Arts and Science University come out, this extensive post had already caught the attention of many unsuccessful college entrance examinees.

After reading this post, quite a few students who didn't perform well in the examination became determined to realize their dream of university education at Mist City Arts and Science University.

They then opened their phone's browser or their computer's internet page, entered the official website of Mist City Arts and Science University.

Found the Independent Admission Plan System of Mist City Arts and Science University, and applied for the independent admissions of Mist City Arts and Science University!

In just one night.

The number of applicants on the Independent Admission Plan System of Mist City Arts and Science University surged instantly!

Meanwhile.

Ding Yue was still live-streaming from inside the Book Ship Library.

"Alright, we have finished touring the Book Ship Library. Let's head outside and switch to an aerial view."

Ding Yue said and began to walk towards the Book Ship Library.

Upon hearing Ding Yue's words, Xu Bin switched the live-streaming background to the drone's aerial footage.

At this moment, the drone was flying high, and the Book Ship Library was still eye-catching.

However, soon, the professional drone operators started to lower the altitude, and the image began to zoom in.

Just as everyone was admiring the beautiful Book Ship Library

Ding Yue stepped out of the library and said to the library control room via the walkie-talkie, "You can turn on the plaza lighting effects now."



"Roger that!"

Boom~

Accompanied by the sound of the lights turning on

In a split second, the entire Book Ship Library plaza was lit up with soft blue fluorescent light.

The glow didn't spread far but was incredibly conspicuous, especially at night, transforming the entire library plaza into a blue ocean.

"What the heck! What's going on?"

"What happened?"

"There are lights under the plaza."

"Awesome, the plaza has lighting effects too?"

"Oh my, this effect of blue light, it's like an ocean."

"Is the whole plaza glowing with this soft blue light?"

Upon seeing the soft blue glow illuminating the plaza, students who were waiting on the plaza to watch the library's first light show were taken aback. However, they quickly felt as if they were in a blue ocean.

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When you're right in the middle of it, it's impossible to take in the whole scene.

But!

At this very moment, the drone-captured live images from the official live broadcast room of Mist City Arts and Science University are being viewed by tens of thousands of spectators.

The Book Ship Library, brightly lit against the dark night, looks like a ship sailing in the night.

When the soft blue glow illuminated the square, the viewers in the live broadcast room were instantly thrilled!

"Wow! This lighting effect is simply stunning!"

"An ocean?"

"Epic stuff, what an incredibly beautiful light design!"

"I'm blown away. The entire library square has turned into a blue ocean?"

"Such vibes! It's just like a dreamy ship sailing on the ocean."

"This is a total surprise!"

"So creative! Who came up with this lighting effect?"

"They really put thought into this. It looks so good. Imagine reading on a library ship sailing on a blue ocean. What a treat."

"I want to stay up all night reading in this library. So stunning!"

"What kind of magical light effect is this?"

"Such a dreamy feeling, so beautiful, why doesn't our university have such a nice library?"

As expected by Ding Yue.

When the blue ocean lighting effect appearing on the library square merged with the vast Book Ship Library, creating a unified view of a "library ship sailing on a blue ocean", the visual effect set off an explosion of excitement.

To be honest.

Even Ding Yue was impressed with this design. He wouldn't have imagined the architects from the School of Architecture coming up with a design concept integrating architecture with light so seamlessly.

Remarkable indeed!

The inaugural lighting of Mist City Arts and Science University's Book Ship Library tonight has been a resounding success.

Not only were the students treated to a spectacular view through the live broadcast, even those high school exam losers who were still unsure about choosing Mist City Arts and Science University got a feel of how 'awesome' it is.

Given the popularity of tonight's live broadcast, Ding Yue speculated, would the light show trend on Twitter soon?

In fact.

It's already trending.

"Principal Ding, a long post that one of our students replied on a student forum about our school is pretty hot on various forums," Wen Ruohan suddenly showed her mobile phone to Principal Ding.

"Oh?"

Principal Ding was paying attention to the lighting show of the library tonight and hadn't noticed what Wen Ruohan was talking about.

At that moment.

Director Qi Chunsheng from the Academic Affairs Department phoned Ding Yue.

"I need to answer a call first."

Ding Yue was about to pay attention to the article Wen Ruohan mentioned.

But Qi called, so he picked up the phone first.

"Hello, Director Qi."

"Principal Ding, we've blown up! Blown up! Blown up!"

"What? What exactly blew up? Was there an accident? Is anyone hurt?" asked Ding Yue, his pupils contracted.

"Uh... Principal Ding, no, not that. I meant that the number of people signing up for the Independent Admission Plan System has blown up, it has spiked a lot tonight, directly reaching 13.4 thousand people, almost double the previous number!" explained Qi Chunsheng over the phone.

"That many?"

Last time Qi Chunsheng told him that Mist City Arts and Science University's Autonomous Admissions system only had a little over seven thousand sign-ups.

And now it has soared to over 13 thousand?

"Principal Ding, could it be that our school's first lighting live broadcast of the Book Ship Library tonight has attracted a lot of students to sign up?" asked Qi Chunsheng curiously.

Ding Yue pondered for a moment, then shook his head: "It's probably not that simple..."

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The surge in enrollment registration is certainly not just as simple as the recent live lighting broadcast of the Book Ship Library tonight.

After all, the lights have only just been turned on.

"Wen Ruohan, did you just say that a long post written by one of our students has become very popular online?"

Ding Yue suddenly remembered what his secretary Wen Ruohan had told him and turned his head towards her.

"Mmm, Principal Ding, have a look."

Wen Ruohan handed her phone to Principal Ding.

Ding Yue took a look. It was indeed a comprehensive post by a student of Mist City Arts and Science University, giving an overview of the living environment, study environment, and teaching standard, etc. in the university.

The post was quite accurate; it clearly explained the advantages of Mist City Arts and Science University. Aspects such as dormitories and dining halls, which were indeed solid strengths of the university, were covered without a doubt.

This post has garnered tens of thousands of likes and comments on forums and even on Twitter.

It's very hot.

And in the comment section, many students who did not score satisfactorily in their college entrance exams have mentioned their desire to attend Mist City Arts and Science University.

"No wonder, this student's post seems to have a significant effect."

After reading the post and some of the comments, Ding Yue murmured to himself.

"Ah? Principal Ding, what do you mean?"

Wen Ruohan was very curious; she knew only that this post was trending online and was unaware about the surge in self-enrollment numbers.

"Director Qi from the Academic Affairs Office just called me to say that our applications for self-enrollment at Mist City Arts and Science University have nearly doubled. It seems that this year we will be able to admit more students." Ding Yue was quite pleased.

"That's wonderful. The more students we have, the higher the tuition fees, wow, that's a lot of money!"

Wen Ruohan could hardly imagine how much money they would collect.

Hearing Wen Ruohan's comment, Ding Yue silently calculated that they had collected nearly three billion in tuition fees just last year.

And that was only from the more than nine thousand freshers.

Now they are about to enter their second year and will have to pay another year's tuition and accommodation fees, meaning the university will collect about another three billion.

Then there are the new enrollees.

Assuming Mist City Arts and Science University admits 15000 freshmen, fulfilling the university's 2021 enrollment target.

That would be nearly five billion in revenue.

Combined, these two figures amount to eight billion.

And that's only two years' worth of tuition and accommodations. When Mist City Arts and Science University finally has students in all four classes,

it could probably collect over twenty billion a year in tuition fees. Because Ding Yue believes that the student intake at Mist City Arts and Science University will only continue to increase as the university grows.

With the excellence of Mist City Arts and Science University improving year by year, there will undeniably be almost a million students annually who do not get into their college of choice,

including many who aspire to college.

Mist City Arts and Science University is then undoubtedly the best choice for them.

Ding Yue did a quick estimate.

In combination with the extensive reach of the post and today's Book Ship Library light show — which effectively flaunted Mist City Arts and Science University's strength — both have gained substantial popularity.

Together, they will likely result in an explosive growth in self-enrollment numbers at Mist City Arts and Science University in the next few days.

The first live broadcast of the Book Ship Library's light display began at eight o'clock in the evening and ended at ten o'clock.

Unsurprisingly, as Ding Yue predicted, the library's first display made it to the top of the Twitter trending list.

Countless netizens praised the event, exclaiming that the light effects melded almost perfectly with the building, creating an exquisite, iconic image!

The drone's aerial view was particularly captivating, and "breathtaking" is the most fitting word to describe it.

Ever since the soft blue glow appeared on the square, the online audience has demanded an aerial view.

Ding Yue then instructed the drone control team and the live broadcast team to maintain the aerial perspective on the livestream.

The aerial view offered different angles to choose from.

For example, the vertical aerial view allowed viewers on the ground to see the Book Ship Library sailing in a blue ocean.

And from a low altitude at a forty-five-degree angle, the spectacle of the gigantic ship navigating the blue ocean was perfectly captured.

Moreover, the drone also provided different aerial views of the Book Ship Library and the plaza so that the audience could appreciate the perfect fusion of light and architecture.

Indeed.

This scene was most astounding from an aerial perspective; the view from the ground wouldn't have done it justice.

After the event ended.

The excitement continued to ferment the next day.

With footage from the Book Ship Library's first light display, Ding Yue commissioned the video post-production team of Mist City Arts and Science University's Film



Academy to create an impressive enrollment advertisement and broadcast it on platforms such as Twitter, TikTok, and Bilibili.

In no time, coupled with previously generated buzz and the university's enrollment advertisement, countless prospective students who didn't pass their college entrance examinations were drawn to Mist City Arts and Science University, strengthening the resolve of prospective students who were contemplating whether to enroll at the university.

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As a result, in the following days, the number of self-sponsored applicants at Mist City Arts and Science University indeed saw a substantial increase.

Early August.

In the Principal's office inside the Administration Building.

Ding Yue was looking at a document and a list. The document was titled "About the Opening Ceremony of the 2021 National College Students' Games", and the list bore the title "List of Mist City Arts and Science University Students Participating in the 2021 Games".

Within the list, Ding Yue spotted Yang Chen.

That Yang Chen, the athlete desperately struggling with his family's poor economic conditions to the point of taking up work at a construction site to earn some money.

Ding Yue had a vivid memory of him.

Because Ding Yue had attributed his personal sports attribute Buff earned from his last year's military training mission, to this student, Yang Chen.

Yang Chen registered for the 50m and 100m sprints.

Besides that, Mist City Arts and Science University's basketball team also successfully qualified for this National University Games.

Apart from Yang Chen, a few other individuals from Mist City Arts and Science University also registered to participate in the National College Student's Games.

However, Ding Yue wasn't very familiar with these students and had no idea about their actual skills.

But when it came to Yang Chen, Ding Yue was quite optimistic.

In a few days, the National College Students' Games would commence in Shencheng.

From the opening on August 6th, to the closing on August 18th, the event would span 12 days in total.

Ding Yue reviewed the list submitted by the School of Physical Education. Students from the School of Physical Education of Mist City Arts and Science University had signed up for events such as 100m sprint, 4x100m relay races, long jump, swimming, high jump, weightlifting, basketball, badminton, and table tennis.

If they could manage to secure a gold medal, it would count as a "University Honor".

Ding Yue specifically asked the system: "System, if a student wins a gold medal at the National University Games, does it count as a University Honor? So, two gold medals would be counted as two University Honors, right?"

"Yes!"

The system gave Ding Yue a clear reply.

This is awesome!

If Mist City Arts and Science University manages to secure a bunch of gold medals, the "University Honor" awards would pile up, right?

Ding Yue felt regretful.

He regretted not asking the system about this earlier. Otherwise, he still had two sports attribute cards in his possession; he even received three single-person sports attribute cards after military training last year.

Ding Yue only used one on Yang Chen, increasing Yang Chen's sports attributes. Coupled with his continuous training over this period, the effect would surely be significant.

If he were to give other sports students a buff now, the effect surely wouldn't be that pronounced.

The sports attribute card and the learning attribute scroll operate in the same way, they both gradually improve a student's abilities.

It's not like their skills would suddenly increase after the card is used, it only helps them further enhance their abilities through continuous training.

Even after obtaining attributes, students still need to put in more effort to fully improve their abilities.

This means that it would be too late to give others a buff now, at least one or two months of training time should be left for participating athletes.

But it's not a problem.

Ding Yue could use this opportunity at the National University Games to discover which students in the School of Physical Education have great potential.

After all, they are only eighteen or nineteen years old, they have plenty of room for growth.

Even if they don't win a gold medal at the National University Games, Ding Yue would consider developing them based on their performance.

Knock, knock, knock!

Just as Ding Yue was thinking about the National College Students' Games, Qi Chunsheng, the Director of the Academic Affairs Office, came into Ding Yue's office.

"Principal Ding."

In fact, Qi Chunsheng was called over by Ding Yue himself to inquire about the number of registration after the past few days of buzz.

"How are the self-enrollment registrations holding up?" As soon as Qi Chunsheng entered the office, Ding Yue asked.

"Principal Ding, the number of independent admissions at our Mist City Arts and Science University is increasing by one to two thousand every day, and we have already surpassed 20,000 registrations," Qi Chunsheng promptly replied.

"Not bad. If this trend continues, we may even surpass 30,000 registrations," Ding Yue pondered. This was happening faster than he had expected.

It appeared that many students, who couldn't score well in the College Entrance Examination, had considered Mist City Arts and Science University as a cradle to realize their university dreams.

This is wonderful.

Ding Yue wasn't afraid of many people coming to Mist City Arts and Science University. On the contrary, the more, the merrier. Other private universities would love to have this many potential students.

"Principal Ding, twenty thousand registrations, isn't that too much!" Wen Ruohan exclaimed in excitement upon hearing the news.

She could not believe that the first-year student enrollment rounded off at only nine thousand six hundred. After this year's recruitment, the total number of students at the university would exceed thirty thousand.

"Student Wen Ruohan, this is just the number of registrations. Although our university adheres to the strategy of wide admission and strict graduation, we will admit anyone who applies. However, only those who show up at the university to register and pay their fees become actual students. For now, these are just figures," explained Ding Yue, looking at Wen Ruohan and laughing.

The girl was still thinking too simply.

"Oh right, many students who apply for independent admissions have multiple interests and may not all show up for registration at the school after they apply," Wen Ruohan acknowledged after realizing this, she quickly nodded and muttered to herself.

"Director Qi, it seems this year's recruitment publicity is even more successful than we anticipated, so be sure to be fully prepared for the registration of new students. If you need anything for logistics, feel free to reach out to Director Huang. Also, make sure to mobilize the Student Union as well."

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Principal Ding gave some serious instructions to Qi Chunsheng.

This year, the specific tasks related to the opening of school and student registration, he handed over to Qi Chunsheng to handle.

Last year, Principal Ding had taken care of this matter and knew how exhausting it was. The numerous mundane tasks added up, putting people in a busy and frantic state.

But the situation this year is not the same as last year's.

Last year, it was just Principal Ding, Huang Youjie, and Xu Bin, plus some extras who were temporarily turned into admissions staff. They were dizzy from working tirelessly for several days until they finally got the admissions and registration done.

The situation this year is quite different.

Mist City Arts and Science University, majority owned by Principal Ding, now has over a thousand teaching staff and possesses departments such as Academic Affairs and Logistics.

Also, the student union members can be actively utilized to serve as welcoming party, assist in payment collection, and hand out sheets and quilts among other tasks—essential content every university must provide during the new students' registration season.

"Alright, Principal Ding, rest assured. I will certainly arrange the new student registration work properly," Qi Chunsheng affirmed confidently.

This will be his first time conducting new student registration at Mist City Arts and Science University after taking his position as the director of academic affairs, so he must make it perfect.

"Good, go ahead and get busy."

"Then, goodbye, Principal Ding."

After leaving the principal's office, Director Qi Chunsheng went directly to see Director Huang of the logistics department.

Many details related to school registration require active assistance from the logistics department, such as the need to purchase enough bedding and other living supplies.

After Qi Chunsheng left, Principal Ding began thinking about the National University Sports Games again.

"Wen Ruohan."

"Principal Ding, what can I do for you?" Wen Ruohan got closer, ready to serve Principal Ding.

"The National University Sports Games will be held in Shencheng on August 6. Here is the list of participants. Please book the flight tickets and hotel rooms according to this list, including mine."

Principal Ding handed the list to Wen Ruohan.

"Ok, I will go do that now." After receiving the list, Wen Ruohan hurried back to her desk to book the flight tickets and hotels.

With just a few days left till August 6 and with Mist City being far from Shencheng, it is necessary for Mist City Arts and Science University to book flight tickets and hotels in advance.

After handing the task of booking flight tickets and hotels over to Wen Ruohan, Principal Ding stood up, ready to leave his office.

"Principal Ding, where are you going?"

Seeing this, Wen Ruohan also stood up and asked quickly.

"Nothing, you go ahead with your work. I'm going to the sports field to check on the training."

Principal Ding told Wen Ruohan not to follow him.

After all, she needs to fill in order information to book flight tickets and hotels, and cannot focus on this if she follows him. He might as well let her work in the office.

He would go to the sports field himself.

On his way from the administration building to the sports field, Principal Ding had to pass the second canteen and the food court, built by student entrepreneurs, located under it.

Principal Ding took the opportunity to go to the food court to buy a cup of milk tea.

This was the first time that he had bought milk tea for himself, because Wen Ruohan, his secretary, had always bought milk tea for him before.

After all, Wen Ruohan is his personal secretary, and buying milk tea is surely one of her daily tasks.

"Welcome to Shu Yi Milk Tea Shop."

After Principal Ding walked into the milk tea shop, he said directly: "One pearl milk tea."

"Principal Ding, do you want your usual: no pearls, no tea?"

Suddenly, a somewhat familiar voice rang out in his ears.

Principal Ding immediately looked up and saw that the young lady at the counter looked familiar.

A second later, it clicked!

Wasn't this the girl who worked at the Coco Milk Tea Shop outside his residential complex?

How did she end up at Mist City Arts and Science University?

"You ... you study at our school?" Principal Ding asked the girl, a frown on his face.



"Yes, Principal Ding. I'm about to be a sophomore. During summer vacation, I started working in the milk tea shop on campus," the girl, now working as a shop assistant, nodded and quickly started preparing Principal Ding's pearl milk tea.

Hiss!

Principal Ding couldn't help drawing a breath, reflecting on how small the world truly is.

A few minutes later, Principal Ding received his pearl milk tea and said to the shop assistant: "Work hard, study hard after school starts, and after graduation you will definitely find a good job. Keep it up!"

On his way out, Principal Ding encouraged the shop assistant.

"Principal Ding..."

Just as Principal Ding walked out of the milk tea shop with his drink in hand, he heard the shop assistant loudly calling him.

"No need to thank me." Principal Ding assumed the shop assistant was going to thank him for his encouragement.

The shop assistant paused, then said in a small and rather aggrieved voice: "Principal... Principal Ding, no... you haven't paid yet."

Uh...

The scene became very embarrassing!

Principal Ding was used to sipping his pearl milk tea immediately after receiving it. After all, Wen Ruohan always bought it for him, and she would reimburse the cost at the end of each month. This resulted in Principal Ding not having to pay for anything for quite some time, and he had completely forgotten about it this time around.

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"Cough cough, I've been so busy lately, it's made my head spin. It's twelve yuan, right?" Ding Yue took out his phone, quickly scanning the QR code to make the payment, then left the bubble tea shop at light speed upon hearing the "Whatsapp payment of 12 yuan received" notification.

Upon arriving at the stadium, Ding Yue saw Yang Chen and a few students preparing to run. It seemed like they were about to participate in a race.

So, with his bubble tea in hand, Ding Yue took a seat in the stands to assess Yang Chen's abilities.

Previously, Director Xiong Yang from the Culture and Sports Department mentioned that Yang Chen was an exceptional sprinter, who once came close to breaking the university record in Mist City.

"Principal Ding?"

Suddenly, a muscular man walked towards Ding Yue from the stands below. It was Xiong Yang, the Director of the Culture and Sports Department at Mist City Arts and Science University.

"Director Xiong, are they in their final training for the National University Sports Games?" Upon seeing Director Xiong Yang approaching, Ding Yue queried.

"Yes, that Yang Chen is quite impressive. He runs fast, promising to bring us good results at the Games," Xiong Yang replied, taking a seat beside Ding Yue.

"But getting good results isn't enough. Is there any chance of winning a championship?" Ding Yue asked.

This was because, for Ding Yue, any result other than a championship would be practically useless.

Only by winning a championship could he fulfill a "University Honor", which would grant Ding Yue a reward.

"As for the championship, I can only say we have a chance." Xiong Yang couldn't necessarily guarantee victory to Principal Ding: "Yang Chen has been training very hard recently."

Ding Yue did not comment further.

Because the students were now ready.

Bang!

Accompanied by the starting gun, the students shot off like arrows.

From the start, Yang Chen took a slight lead and pulled ahead of the other students with his explosive sprints.

In likely no more than ten seconds, the students had completed the hundred feet race.

Without a doubt, Yang Chen was the first to cross the finish line.

Ding Yue was very curious to know his result.

"Liu, what was Yang Chen's time?"

Xiong Yang asked the referee, Liu.

"This time, it was 10.49 seconds, a bit slower than before," Liu answered.

At this moment, Yang Chen had noticed Principal Ding in the stands and quickly approached him: "Principal Ding, what brings you here?"

"I came to watch your training. The National University Sports Games is coming up soon, are you feeling confident?"

Ding Yue asked Yang Chen with a grin.

Yang Chen, still breathing heavily with muscles visible on his forearms, replied, "I was slow just now, Principal Ding. But on the National University Games stage, I will do my best, I promise!"

Looking at the determined look in Yang Chen's eyes, Ding Yue trusted his commitment and effort. But he knew that Yang Chen had to perform exceptionally well to have a chance of winning a gold medal, particularly since he was competing against all the university athletes nationwide!

"Yang Chen, which events have you registered for?"

Ding Yue asked again.

Even though Ding Yue had previously seen the list of participants and information, he wanted to make sure.

"Fifty feet, one hundred feet, 4x100 relay, and basketball," Yang Chen answered.

Ding Yue then stood up solemnly, patted Yang Chen's shoulder and said seriously, "You are competing in the most events for our school. So, you must go for it. Bring back at least one championship, are you confident?"

When Ding Yue asked the final question, "are you confident?" His voice was loud and had perfectly conveyed his emotion.

"Confident!"

Yang Chen's answer was both resolute and powerful.

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On the sports field, besides the student athletes preparing fervently for the National University Sports Games.

Ding Yue also noticed students from the Institute of Traditional Chinese Studies.

It's summer vacation already, but the students from the Institute of Traditional Chinese Studies are still at school practicing National Arts. They are truly diligent and hardworking.

However, Ding Yue didn't plan to go over and disturb their practice.

As Ding Yue remembered the fear he felt from being dominated by the students of National Arts last time.

These diligent students who practice National Arts will certainly make a contribution to the promotion of National Arts in the future.

Actually, at Mist City Arts and Science University, National Arts is only a part of the Institute of Traditional Chinese Studies. Some traditional crafts are also classified within the Institute of Traditional Chinese Studies.

A year has passed.

He wondered about the students at the Institute of Traditional Chinese Studies, aside from those who practice National Arts. Are there any students from other majors who are outstanding?

If there are.

Ding Yue wouldn't mind giving them proper support, and then promote the flourishing development of related majors of traditional studies, both in the country and globally.

Traditional crafts and culture of traditional Chinese studies are excellent elements of Xia Country's cultural soft power, which the country advocates promoting.

If that's the case.

Ding Yue's Mist City Arts and Science University could potentially lend a hand in this aspect.

"Yang Chen, keep practicing, I need to take a call."

Ding Yue saw that the Director of the Art Department, Jiang Xiuli, was calling him. So, he let Yang Chen continue his training while he took the call.

"Hello, Director Jiang."

"Principal Ding, our student Jia Wenbo has finished recording the song 'Immortals'. In addition, Lin Zhirou has also finished recording the songs 'Fragrance of Rice' and 'Blue and White Porcelain'."

On the phone, Jiang Xiuli gave Ding Yue an update.

During the summer vacation, the Art Department only has two tasks, Lin Zhirou needed to record the song 'Fragrance of Rice' and it will be released during the vacation.

Next, is the song 'Immortals' for the promotional theme for the animated movie 'Super Combat Team' featuring the robot, Big White. The song will be sung by Jia Wenbo, who was personally selected by Ding Yue.

"Good, I see."

After receiving the two pieces of information, Ding Yue didn't comment further. He basically hung up and immediately called Xu Jiuge, the person in charge at Feiyue Animation Studio.

"Jiuge, how's the progress on the trailer for 'Super Combat Team' that I asked for last time?"

"Almost ready. What's up Principal Ding? Are you planning on releasing the trailer early?" Xu Jiuge asked curiously.

"Exactly, the theme song 'Immortals' is already recorded, and I'm thinking of releasing it together with the trailer, what do you think?"

Although the animated movie 'Super Combat Team' featuring the robot Big White had gained quite a bit of attention, a good trailer could provoke further excitement and maintain it. Surely, a movie needs a trailer.

Ding Yue thought about it, and decided to release the theme song 'Immortals' together with the trailer since 'Immortals' was also a promotional song for 'Super Combat Team' that he had chosen.

In fact, in his previous life on Earth, 'Immortals' was the theme song and interlude for 'Super Combat Team'.

"I think that's a great idea. So, Principal Ding, when can we get the audio file of 'Immortals'? We'll combine it with the trailer as soon as possible." Xu Jiuge asked immediately.

"I will go to the Art Department and get it now. Once I get it, I'll come over," Ding Yue said and hung up. He then headed straight for the Art Department building.

At the recording studio for the music majors.

Ding Yue met with Director Jiang Xiuli, Lin Zhirou, Jia Wenbo, and several other music teachers.

"Principal Ding."

On seeing Principal Ding, Lin Zhirou asked eagerly, "When will my song 'Fragrance of Rice' be officially released?"

"Don't rush."

Ding Yue lifted his hand to halt the conversation about Lin Zhirou's 'Fragrance of Rice', but instead turned to Jia Wenbo. He gently patted Jia Wenbo's shoulder and said, "Good work. Let's hear how the recording went."

With that said, Ding Yue sat in front of the console. A music teacher played Jia Wenbo's recorded song 'Immortals' for Principal Ding to listen to.

The melody was still that familiar melody.

It seemed to transport Ding Yue back to his previous life on Earth.

Following that, Jia Wenbo's strong voice rang out. He was in great shape throughout the recording. Although this was the final high-quality version after post-processing, Ding Yue could feel Jia Wenbo's power. He was indeed quite good!

In the future, he could develop into a singer who excels at performing uplifting songs.

The chorus part was almost identical to the original from his previous life on Earth, which took Ding Yue by surprise.

Originally, Ding Yue had chosen Jia Wenbo solely based on their similar styles. He had not expected that after strenuous practice, Jia Wenbo had mastered 'Immortals' and brought out the original flavor of the song.

"Well done!"

Ding Yue praised with delight.

Seeing Principal Ding praising his recording, Jia Wenbo's heart surged with excitement.

Several minutes later, after listening to 'Immortals', Ding Yue felt his blood pumping with the rhythm of the music.

After taking off the headphones, Ding Yue looked at Jia Wenbo with a smile. "Good job, your singing is great. I like it. I have a feeling that this 'Immortals' you sang will be a hit!"