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Chapter 561: Winning the Documentary Gold Award

"Believe it or not, I do have one."

Ding Yue chuckled and glanced at Su Yangfan, the once-famed director now down on his luck, before saying, "Let's talk about this later. The documentary gold award is about to be announced."

Despite the intense anticipation surrounding the best actress and actor awards that followed, Ding Yue was not particularly interested.

After several golden awards were presented in succession, it was finally time for the Documentary Gold Award.

Four documentaries were nominated.

Of these, Mist City Arts and Science University's "A Bite of Xia Country" was one, with the others being broadly themed on history, wildlife, and the earth.

Furthermore, these other three documentaries were directed by renowned filmmakers, posing significant competition for "A Bite of Xia Country".

"Next up, we are going to announce the Gold Award for Documentary at the NTS Gala!"

The host announced with a smile.

At that moment, Ding Yue held his breath.

Whether "A Bite of Xia Country" could win the NTS Gold Award was particularly important for the Film and Television Department of Mist City Arts and Science University.

If they won, it would be a recognition of the department.

If they didn't, it would be somewhat of a disappointment.

At that moment, tens of thousands of students at Mist City Arts and Science University, like their Principal Ding, held their breath, waiting for the guest announcer to reveal the winner!

In the audience, Wen Ruohan was very nervous. Alongside him, Tang Yuanhua and Shen Ling were also in intense anticipation.

"I hope it's us!"

"It has to be us!"

Wen Ruohan and Tang Yuanhua muttered, hoping that the Documentary Gold Award would go to their own "A Bite of Xia Country".

Elsewhere, Director Liu Mei of NTS Channel 1 was also quite hopeful.

Because the food documentary "A Bite of Xia Country", which she had discovered and aired on NTS, was also the one she had nominated for the NTS Documentary Gold Award.

"And the NTS Gala Documentary Gold Award winner is... 'A Bite of Xia Country'!"

The guest presenter opened the winner's envelope and announced loudly.

"Hurray!"

"Great!"

"Us? Is it us?"

"Awesome!"

"Brothers, let's congratulate Mist City Arts and Science University in the public chat!"

The students watching the live broadcast were immediately abuzz with excitement.

Ding Yue also heaved a sigh of relief, "It did not disappoint me indeed!"

Zhu Youzhao excitedly grabbed Principal Ding's hands, "Principal Ding, we won. We won!"

"Ahem, Director Zhu!" Ding Yue coughed softly, and Zhu Youzhao quickly let go.

"Congratulations, Principal Ding!" Su Yangfan congratulated him with a smile, seeing that "A Bite of Xia Country" had won.

"Thank you!"

At this time, Ma Wenhai's face didn't look too pleased in the audience. He had just told Ding Yue earlier that they couldn't possibly win the award, but against his prediction, they had actually won. Well...

"I've watched this food documentary from Mist City Arts and Science University, it is indeed not bad."

"Yep, I've also seen it, very engaging."

"I remember it made me really hungry when I watched it."

"There aren't many food documentaries around, but 'A Bite of Xia Country' is not only a food documentary, but also a documentary that integrates Xia Country's traditional food culture. It is well-deserving of this award!"

The directors, scriptwriters, stars, and actors from various circles started discussing after the award was presented.

"A Bite of Xia Country" was indeed a popular documentary. It was a hit on Bilibili, then NTS picked it to broadcast and expanded the viewer base significantly.

This documentary went beyond the circles of already established documentary viewers and attracted an audience that had never watched a documentary before.

"Director Liu, your vision is really spot on. This was just intended as a stand-in, but it actually won a gold award!"

Director Liu Mei's colleague couldn't help but compliment.

A delighted smile crept onto Director Liu Mei's face. She was thrilled. The award for "A Bite of Xia Country" was undoubtedly an achievement in her career.

"Director Liu, I really like this work. Will there be a second part?"

"Yes, yes, yes, we highly recommend making a sequel."

Her colleagues encouraged enthusiastically.

Liu Mei simply smiled, "I'll think about it."

After announcing the Documentary Gold Award, Ding Yue stepped up to the stage to collect the award on behalf of Mist City Arts and Science University's Film and Television Department.

"That must be Principal Ding Yue of Mist City Arts and Science University, right?"

"He is the investor of 'Super Combat Team' which grossed over 2 billion at the box office."

"He owns a private university too."

"He also participated in the development of the third-generation semiconductor materials?"

"He's truly a genius!"

"Well, he's rich."

Many people in the crowd were aware of Ding Yue's "achievements". After all, everyone in Xia Country's film and television industry knew about "Super Combat Team" grossing over 20 billion in box office sales, which made many people envious.

"Mr. Ding, are there any thoughts you'd like to share as your school's 'A Bite of Xia Country' wins the Documentary Gold Award?"

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After Ding Yue received the trophy from the award presenter, the host on the side asked with a smile.

Ding Yue knew.

Next should be the part where he gives his award acceptance speech, something Ding Yue is rather skilled at.

"First of all, I would like to express my gratitude to the NTS Award's panel of judges for their recognition of 'A Bite of Xia Country', the documentary created by our university. I'd also like to thank every audience member who appreciated this documentary. It is your support that has granted this piece by our university to win this well-deserved award extremely!"

Ding Yue's words were delivered in earnest.

A wave of applause was triggered at the venue, which was pretty much the standard reaction, as applause would always be given during the acceptance speech of every award recipient.

In the audience seating area, Wen Ruohan along with Tang Yuanhua and Shen Ling were clapping so vigorously, that their applause could be heard distinctly over the others.

"I would also like to extend my deepest gratitude to everyone involved from our School of Film and Television. This piece is the first production shot collaboratively by our teachers and students. We had no idea it would receive such a prestigious award. Having such a group of teachers and students in the field of film and television, I feel both very honored and elated. I hope our School of Film

and Television continues to improve and produce more excellent works in the future. Thank you, everyone!"

After Ding Yue finished his acceptance speech, he bowed in thanks.

Applause erupted once again.

Back in the campus of Mist City Arts and Science University, applause was echoing between the dormitory buildings.

The students were already ecstatic upon learning that their university's 'A Bite of Xia Country' had won an award. Now, after Principal Ding's wonderful acceptance speech, they were even more thrilled.

After delivering his acceptance speech, Ding Yue holding the trophy, descended from the awards stage and returned to his seat among the guests.

"Here, hold this."

Ding Yue handed the trophy to Zhu Youzhao.

This was the first award the School of Film and Television had ever won, it's very historic!

Holding the trophy given by Principal Ding, Zhu Youzhao was beyond excited.

This NTS Gold Award trophy was a recognition of the hard work of the teachers and students of the School of Film and Television over the past few months. The award would make the school more recognizable to the public.

Zhu Youzhao believed that from now on, the School of Film and Television would be regarded as a key development department by Principal Ding, similar to the Architecture Department, Computer Department, and Mechanical Department, wasn't it?

Ding!

"Congratulation, Host, on obtaining the 'NTS Documentary Gold Award'. Bonus reward [1 Level 1 University Treasure Chest+1], Reputation Points +10."

Suddenly.

A familiar system prompt sounded in Ding Yue's mind.

Every time Mist City Arts and Science University or its students won an influential award, it would trigger a 'University Honor Mission' and obtain certain rewards.

The higher the level of the award, the greater the reward.

The reward for this award was a level 1 University Treasure Chest and 10 reputation points. To be honest, this reward was not considered lavish.

However, Ding Yue understood since the Award was just for a documentary after all.

"Unlock the chest!"

Though it was only a [Level 1 University Treasure Chest], it was still a chest. Ding Yue was curious about what he might receive.

Ding!

"Congratulation, Host, on unlocking a [Level 1 University Treasure Chest], the item gained: [Master's Degree Authorization Card]+1!"

What?

Seeing what he obtained from the [Level 1 University Treasure Chest], a broad grin spread across Ding Yue's face.

Originally, Ding Yue was mentally prepared that he might not get anything great, perhaps something like a pen.

Unexpectedly, he turned out to have received a [Master's Degree Authorization Card], a reward he received only five of from his "[Key Major Level]" mission!

If calculated this way, one could say that Ding Yue was fairly lucky this time while opening the University Treasure Chest.

Chapter 563: Super Cool Refills!

At the NTS Gala tonight, the film school of Mist City Arts and Science University may not have been the "lead role," but by winning the "Documentary Gold Award," it certainly gained a lot of attention.

It even made it to the trending list on Twitter, albeit ranking quite low.

Because tonight's highlights were obviously the NTS Gold Award-winning TV drama "1939," as well as the NTS Award for Best Actor and Actress.

After over one and a half hours, the NTS Gala finally came to a close amid applause.

The directors, screenwriters, producers, stars, and actors who came to the scene had mixed feelings of happiness and loss.

Ding Yue's trip this time was pretty rewarding.

Not only did "A Bite of Xia Country" win the Documentary Gold Award, but he also recruited a director, Su Yangfan, who specializes in science fiction.

What a great haul!

Moreover, after winning these awards, Ding Yue received a reward from the "University Honor" task, a [Master's Degree Authorization Card] from the "University Treasure Chest," which was quite good.

All in all, Ding Yue was quite lucky this time.

After the NTS Gala ended, Ding Yue, along with his people from Mist City Arts and Science University, planned to leave NTS and head back to Shangri-La Hotel.

They would rest well tonight and return to their Mist City Arts and Science University tomorrow with honor.

"Principal Ding, are you guys returning to Mist City tomorrow?"

As Ding Yue and his team walked out of the broadcast hall of the NTS Gala, Director Su Yangfan followed them.

"Yes, the main purpose of this trip to Yancheng was to attend the NTS Gala. Now that the Gala has been successfully concluded, we will be returning by flight tomorrow."

Ding Yue looked at Su Yangfan and nodded his head.

A moment later, Ding Yue seemed to realize something, chuckled, and asked Su, "Director Su, why? Want to join us?"

Although Director Su Yangfan had agreed to join Mist City Arts and Science University, considering his position and status as a director, he could be different from other teachers, just like Professor Luo Xiang, and hold a position. Whether he gives lectures or not would depend on his schedule.

After all, Director Su Yangfan will surely be busy.

"Well, I want to check it out." Su Yangfan nodded: "I actually like Mist City. But as a director, Yancheng provides more opportunities for us."

The truth is, Su Yangfan had also started from scratch after graduating from a professional school and worked his way up from the bottom as a director.

If it weren't for the film "Transdimensional Contact," Su Yangfan might still be an unknown small director.

Unfortunately, because of various contract disputes, Su Yangfan made "Transdimensional Contact" but didn't earn anything except the title of director.

"Ok, our Mist City Arts and Science University welcomes Director Su. By the way, do you want to go back to the hotel with us? We can chat a bit there."

Hearing this, Ding Yue grinned and nodded.

Then he asked Su Yangfan whether he wanted to go straight to the Shangri-La Hotel with him, so that they might have more time to chat about potential collaborations tonight.

"That's fine." Su Yangfan nodded.

At this time, directors Ma Wenhai and Chen Dachun also came out of the broadcast hall of the NTS Gala and walked past Ding Yue and Su Yangfan, stopping briefly.

"Principal Ding, congratulations. Your school's film won the Documentary Gold Award."

Chen Dachun expressed his congratulations.

"Thank you, Director Chen." Ding Yue thanked him.

Ding Yue's first impression of Director Chen was pretty good. About his old friend Ma Wenhai, Ding Yue had already concluded - he was an old yin-yang!

"Director Chen's film sadly didn't win the Gold Award for Best Actor this time, but being able to co-produce with the officials is already quite good."

Su Yangfan also gave a "high" evaluation to Director Chen Dachun's work.

Indeed.

Tonight, at the NTS Gala, the lead actor in Director Chen Dachun's film did not win the honor of Best Actor. Unfortunately, that honor was taken by the other nominated TV drama "Entrepreneurial

Tide." Not only was it nominated for Drama Gold Award, but the lead actor was also nominated for Best Actor Gold Award for his outstanding performance!

He finally won the Best Actor Gold Award!

In this way, Chen Dachun and Ma Wenhai were out of luck at the NTS Gala this time.

Ding Yue might have chuckled at Ma Wenhai if it was Ma's work that was nominated but failed to win.

"Director Ma, when will you shoot another science fiction film? There's a long way to go for our Xia's science fiction films. They need you to revive them. Let's cooperate when there's a chance?"

Ding Yue glanced at Ma Wenhai and couldn't help but ask with a laugh.

"Hmph."

Ma Wenhai let out a cold smirk, looking at Ding Yue mingling with a "second-rate director" Su Yangfan, who's known for his sci-fi TV series, and shook his head, "No need!"

In Ma's eyes, Su Yangfan is just a second-tier director.

Ma prided himself on creating sci-fi films, while Su only produced sci-fi television. They were on different rungs of the ladder in the industry.

Ding Yue, upon hearing this, maintained a smile on his face, expressing his regret saying, "Ah, that's a pity."

When Ding Yue had just asked Director Ma Wenhai about a future collaboration opportunity, it was merely a courteous exchange.

However.

If Director Ma Wenhai surprisingly agreed, Ding Yue had a plan in place. Perhaps there could actually be a collaboration with Director Ma.

Although Director Ma Wenhai's temperament was a bit unpredictable, his directorial skills were unquestionable, particularly when working with sci-fi content.

The failure of his last sci-fi film, "Space Fortress", which premiered at the National Day Golden Time, was due to poor casting decisions and a flawed storyline, resulting in a production that audiences struggled to accept.

However, it seemed that Director Ma Wenhai held somewhat of a bias against him.

"Just wait and see. With my next movie, I will reposition Xia Country's sci-fi films at the peak of the world cinema!" Ma Beihai vowed with conviction.

"Oh? Wait a minute, when exactly did Xia Country's sci-fi films stand on top of the world?" Ding Yue casually shrugged and questioned.

If Ding Yue remembered correctly, from his understanding, it was indeed Ma Wenhai's films that opened the door for sci-fi in Xia Country. However, compared to the international, especially Hollywood films, a gap still existed.

Upon hearing Ding's comment, Ma Wenhai felt slightly awkward.

Are you deliberately arguing with me?

"Principal Ding."

Suddenly, a female voice echoed from not far away.

Turning toward the voice, Ding Yue saw Director Liu Mei of NTS's first channel approaching.

"Director Liu."

Ding Yue enthusiastically greeted Director Liu Mei.

Thanks to her, "A Bite of Xia Country" won the NTS Gala's Best Documentary tonight. She deserved his gratitude.

Without her last-minute nomination, "A Bite of Xia Country" wouldn't have even been showcased at the NTS Gala.

Ding Yue was so involved in university affairs that he completely overlooked the chance to nominate for the NTS Award.

So, "A Bite of Xia Country" essentially stumbled into a nomination. By winning the Best Documentary Award, they truly hit the jackpot!

"Director Liu, our 'A Bite of Xia Country' from Mist City Arts and Science University Film and Television Institute won the Best Documentary Award. I must thank you for it."

Ding Yue smiled and expressed his gratitude to Director Liu Mei.

Although he didn't mention his gratitude to Director Liu Mei in his acceptance speech, he had to show his gratitude now.

"It was nothing. The award reflects the quality of your work," Director Liu Mei replied with a smile. "By the way, Principal Ding, 'A Bite of Xia Country' has been very well received since it was aired on our NTS Channel. With tonight's award, its impact has risen significantly. Have you considered producing the second season? We at NTS are very interested in continuing our collaboration."

So, Director Liu Mei had come to discuss a future collaboration! Ding Yue was under the impression she had merely come to congratulate them.

Collaborating with NTS on the sequel to "A Bite of Xia Country" would undoubtedly be a great opportunity.

Upon hearing this, Ding Yue immediately nodded and replied, "Of course. Collaborating with NTS to produce the sequel would significantly improve our production standards at the Mist City Arts and Science University Film and Television Institute."

This could be another excellent chance for the Mist City Arts and Science University Film and Television Institute. Their documentary production team could collaborate directly with NTS to create a sequel, a unique opportunity that other institutions could only dream of!

Perhaps only Yancheng Media University, a top-notch institution in domestic media, would have the opportunity to collaborate directly with NTS.

The first season of "A Bite of Xia Country" was successful. As long as the second season maintains the same standard and offers a fresh perspective on Xia Country's cuisine, it would suffice to release one season per year.

An opportunity like this was too tempting to resist.

Naturally, it was a great chance for his film and television team at Mist City Arts and Science University to continue creating new productions and generate significant achievements and influence. Why wouldn't they go for it?

"That's fantastic! After some preliminary discussions, if your school continues to produce the second season of 'A Bite of Xia Country', we will reserve an excellent broadcasting slot for its premiere next year. We can also provide some guidance and collaboration for the production,"

Liu Mei replied happily on hearing Ding Yue's response.

Chapter 564: I Have a Friend Series

Upon hearing Director Liu Mei's words, Zhu Youzhao was filled with joy, excitement, and anticipation.

As the director of the Film and Television Academy at Mist City Arts and Science University, and the one in charge of the production of "A Bite of Xia Country", the opportunity to partner with NTS on the sequel to this food documentary series was more than ideal for the academy.

Moreover, Director Liu Mei mentioned that a slot would be specifically reserved for the sequel of "A Bite of Xia Country" next year.

The documentary team from NTS would also assist. Zhu Youzhao was already looking forward to the production of the second season of "A Bite of Xia Country".

"Then, Director Liu, I look forward to our second cooperation," Ding Yue said to Liu Mei with a smile.

Liu Mei nodded, "Alright."

Seeing Ding Yue had established a connection with the channel director from NTS, Ma Wenhai realized that Ding Yue must be quite a force.

However, Ma Wenhai didn't actually care too much about this.

As for his "grudges" against Ding Yue, after being enlightened by his friend Chen Dachun, Ma Wenhai had come to peace with some of it.

What Ma Wenhai cared more about now was to make his next movie a success. Yet, he was still unsure about what kind of original sci-fi film to make.

Nevertheless, Ma Wenhai had already asked some of his screenwriter friends for suggestions. Meanwhile, Chen Dachun would also lend a hand to his old friend.

After all, Ma Wenhai's sci-fi work, "Space Fortress", had failed badly this time, which was bound to have a significant impact on his directorial career. If his next film were to fail as well, then the consequences would be very serious.

A director's fall from grace was often followed by a downward spiral. If they failed to recover, they would struggle to rise again and would be forgotten.

"Principal Ding, it is great that you get to cooperate with NTS. I wish Mist City Arts and Science University all the best. See you later," said Chen Dachun. Sensing the delicate atmosphere, he bid his farewells to Ding Yue and left with Ma Wenhai.

After Director Chen and Director Ma left, Ding Yue turned to Zhu Youzhao, the director of the Film and Television Academy, and said, "Director Zhu, as you heard Director Liu Mei say earlier, I will leave the follow-up matters regarding the collaboration between us and NTS to you."

Ding Yue did not want to spend too much of his energy on the production of the sequel to "A Bite of Xia Country".

He had initially provided the idea of "A Bite of Xia Country" to the academy, and the students and teachers had successfully produced a good final product. Therefore, he believed that they would surely produce a good sequel as well.

Consequently, Ding Yue handed over all matters related to the cooperation with NTS for the sequel of "A Bite of Xia Country" to Zhu Youzhao.

"Yes, Principal Ding, I will certainly live up to your expectations!" Zhu Youzhao nodded excitedly and nervously after receiving the task.

Zhu Youzhao had initially asked Principal Ding for a chance to produce a work on behalf of the academy. Although the process was a little rocky, this time Principal Ding directly entrusted all relevant matters to Zhu Youzhao, showcasing his trust in him.

Given such trust, he, who was well paid and awarded bonuses, must carry out his duties faithfully and not disappoint Principal Ding again.

It was public knowledge that Principal Ding had been disappointed in the academy once. Zhu Youzhao did not want to take the risk of triggering a second disappointment.

After all, if it were to happen again, whether he could remain in his position as director would be in question.

"Alright, let's go back to the hotel now."

Ding Yue turned towards the elevator after he finished speaking.

Zhu Youzhao, Wen Ruohan, Tang Yuanhua, Shen Ling, and others immediately followed.

Seeing everyone else get up, Su Yangfan also followed, as they had agreed earlier that he would stay with Principal Ding at the Shangri-La Hotel for the night. He would have his luggage packed and sent to the Shangri-La Hotel tomorrow.

Then, tomorrow he would travel with Ding Yue and his party to Mist City.

After arriving at the underground parking lot of the NTS building, a car from the Shangri-La Hotel was already waiting for them.

On the trip, Su Yangfan could not hold back and asked Principal Ding, "Principal Ding, you mentioned earlier that you have some understanding of science fiction and even have a sci-fi idea. Can I know a bit more about it?"

"Really?"

Upon hearing this, Ding Yue turned his head and glanced at Su Yangfan.

Ding Yue could tell that Director Su was looking for a sci-fi pitch and hoped to produce an excellent sci-fi film.

"Eh?"

Su Yangfan was stunned at Ding Yue's response.

After a moment, Ding Yue offered a faint smile and said, "Well, I have a friend who likes to brainstorm and write some sci-fi novels. I will ask him if he has any good ideas."

Ding Yue immediately called upon his "I have a friend" routine.

"Oh, sure!"

Su Yangfan responded at once, nodding vigorously.

Sitting next to Ding Yue, his secretary Wen Ruohan couldn't help expressing her thoughts upon hearing his reply, "Principal Ding, your friends are amazing. The one who wrote the songs for Lin Zhirou last time is truly a genius."

Wen Ruohan figured that someone as capable as Principal Ding must surely have many friends who are equally talented in their respective fields.

"Are you talking about the two songs, 'The Fragrance of Rice' and 'Confession Balloon'? There is also a national wind song, 'Blue and White Porcelain', that hasn't been released yet, right?" Su Yangfan showed interest in this topic.

Ding Yue nodded immediately, "Yes, but it will be released soon. 'Blue and White Porcelain' will officially be released on Double Eleven."

Seeing Wen Ruohan and Su Yangfan referring to his "friends", Ding Yue chuckled and said, "My friends are all very low-key. Given our relationship, combined with the generous copyright fees I offer them, it's rather easy to directly buy the copyrights."

Wen Ruohan and Su Yangfan listened with all seriousness, unaware that Ding Yue's "friend" was a fabrication. Nobody usually delved into such matters.

Plus, as Ding Yue had just said, he paid for the copyrights, making him the official copyright owner. Who would care about his "friends" then?

"I believe Principal Ding's friend will certainly create an outstanding sci-fi novel. It could potentially be viable for film and television adaptation!"

Su Yangfan was hopeful.

He desired to create a success even more splendid than "Transdimensional Contact" once again. However, such an opportunity existed only with Principal Ding. He must seize it!

Chapter 565: Must Built Our Own Photolithography Machine

"Principal Ding, is that the Book Ship Library of your school over there?"

"Yes, it is."

"It looks even more spectacular than the pictures and videos online. I heard it was designed by students of your school's architecture department?"

"Yes, it was designed by our students and constructed by the Tianfu Construction Group."

On the afternoon of November 6, at the entrance of Mist City Arts and Science University, Ding Yue returned to his school with Wen Ruohan, Zhu Youzhao, and others from Yancheng.

Also joining them was director Su Yangfan.

"Director Su, what do you think of the atmosphere at our Mist City Arts and Science University?" Ding Yue asked Su Yangfan while smiling.

"To be honest, from the moment I arrived at the entrance, I felt that your school has a different atmosphere than other private universities."

Su Yangfan also responded with a smile.

From the moment they walked into the campus of Mist City Arts and Science University, students warmly greeted Principal Ding upon seeing him.

It was obvious that Principal Ding was well regarded by the students.

Otherwise, students generally pretend not to see the school leadership.

After a tour of his campus with Su Yangfan, Ding Yue asked Director Zhu of the Film and Television School to familiarize Su Yangfan with the environment there. Zhu Youzhao was also given the task of settling Director Su.

As for the science fiction novel written by a friend that Ding Yue mentioned to Su Yangfan yesterday, he promised to show it to Su Yangfan later.

Su Yangfan was eagerly looking forward to the science fiction novel written by Principal Ding's friend.

At half-past four in the afternoon, Ding Yue returned to his office and began addressing some of the school affairs that had piled up over the past few days.

"Big White, make me a cup of tea, green tea." Ding Yue ordered Big White while working.

"Yes, Principal."

Big White then walked out of the red box and head towards the office's coffee table.

At this time, Wen Ruohan answered a phone call: "Hello, yes, we're back. Okay, let me ask Principal Ding."

After covering the phone, Wen Ruohan looked at Principal Ding and said: "Principal Ding, it's a call from Luo Peng who's asking if we're back. He says he has something to report to you."

"Give me the phone."

Hearing this, Ding Yue slightly furrowed his eyebrows, guessing it's probably about the Qinghua University Mechanical Engineering Department's inspection?

After all, for several days now, the inspection team from the Qinghua University Mechanical Engineering Department has been working with Luo Peng, Su Beilin, and Tong Yihang to solve problems in the field of precision mechanical processing for lithography machines.

Wen Ruohan quickly handed the phone to Principal Ding.

After receiving the phone, Ding Yue asked, "Hello, is this Luo Peng?"

"Principal Ding, it's me. Are you in your office now?" Luo Peng asked on the phone.

"Yes, I just returned in the afternoon and am in the office now. What's up?"

"Principal Ding, we and Professor Liu have resolved the issue over the precise mechanical processing techniques for the lithography machine that we were arguing about. We plan to come and report this to you."

"Good, I'll wait for you!"

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

They'd used almost a week's time, right?

Finally, after joint cooperation from both sides, the issue that was initially disputed has been solved. Looking at the situation, Professor Liu and the inspection team from Qinghua University's Mechanical Engineering Department won't question the strength of the Mist City Arts and Science University Mechanical Engineering Department again, will they?

Besides, this success represents a step forward in the progression of the "lithography machine experimental project" at the technical theory level.

After hanging up the phone, Luo Peng immediately called Su Beilin and Tong Yihang and hurried to the Administration Building with Professor Liu and the others.

"Principal Ding, does the research by Teacher Luo and Professor Liu have any progress?" After Ding Yue finished his call, Wen Ruohan asked curiously.

Although Wen Ruohan wasn't too familiar with specific technical theories of precision mechanical processing for lithography machines, she knew that the lithography machine project was extremely important to Mist City Arts and Science University. If there were major breakthroughs in the development of the lithography machine, Mist City Arts and Science University would become famous overnight.

"Luo Peng said that the technical theory problem of precision mechanical processing for the lithography machine, which they argued with Professor Liu about, has been solved."

Ding Yue nodded and revealed a smile.

"By the way, Wen Ruohan, have my postgraduate application documents been submitted to Qinghua University?" Ding Yue suddenly remembered this matter and asked Wen Ruohan.

"Yes, they have already been submitted, and Qinghua University has also registered you as a postgraduate."

Wen Ruohan immediately replied.

In other words, Ding Yue was now a postgraduate student at Qinghua University.

However, as Ding Yue had agreed with Principal Sun of Qinghua University beforehand, he did not have to attend Qinghua University. He could complete an independent postgraduate project at Mist City Arts and Science University and still graduate from the postgraduate program successfully.

With that being the case, what Ding Yue needed to consider now was, what course should he study at the postgraduate level?

Postgraduate studies were different from undergraduate studies, where a wide range of knowledge in a particular major was learned, but perhaps not deeply.

As a postgraduate, one must choose a direction within their major to conduct in-depth research.

Chapter 566: Must Build Our Own Photolithography Machine

When Ding Yue graduated from college, he wrote a paper on the third generation of gallium nitride semiconductors. Logically, all Ding Yue needed to do was continue his in-depth research in this field and earning a postgraduate diploma would be easy.

However...

Ding Yue had already established himself as a top-notch student and had made a name for himself in college.

Given this, perhaps Ding Yue could also make some achievements in other areas of physics?

If he chose to explore other subfields of physics, he would have to think it through carefully.

In any case, Ding Yue didn't want to research semiconductor materials technology for the time being. After all, he already had gallium nitride semiconductor material technology, which was enough to compete with the world's advanced semiconductor materials technology. To make further progress, he would have to study the fourth generation of semiconductor material technology.

The fourth generation of semiconductor material technology involves related technologies represented by quantum wells, quantum wires, and quantum dots, and it deals with the quantum field, which is difficult to study.

Also, the current level of Mist City Arts and Science University is not high enough to support Ding Yue working on unlocking technologies related to the quantum field.

"Principal Ding, after you finish graduate school, will you pursue a doctorate in the future? I heard that getting a doctorate is quite a feat. I think with your capabilities, getting a PhD must be a piece of cake," Wen Ruohan asked with great curiosity.

"A PhD? We'll see. If I have time, I might give it a shot and improve my academic qualifications,"

Ding Yue shrugged, smiling, "But I'd rather focus on the construction and development of our Mist City Arts and Science University."

Undoubtedly, pursuing a master's or a doctorate would divide Ding Yue's attention.

The research topic for postgraduate studies might be relatively easy for Ding Yue, but the doctoral phase would be much more difficult, and thus require much more energy.

People have limited energy.

If you use a part of your energy for one thing, the energy for the current thing you are doing will be reduced.

If Mist City Arts and Science University didn't have Ding Yue in charge, maybe its development would stagnate.

Like many colleges and universities, if the school's leadership fails to act, the school can only live off its old glory year after year.

The key is that Mist City Arts and Science University hasn't even accumulated its old glory yet. Moreover, Ding Yue would never allow his university to remain stagnant, for a university without development and innovation will regress.

As Ding Yue was chatting leisurely with Wen Ruohan, Big White brought him a cup of tea: "Principal, here's your green tea."

"Thank you."

Ding Yue took the tea, blew on it a couple of times, took a sip, and then put it on the desk.

At this moment, Luo Peng and others were coming from outside the office.

Because the office door was open, Luo Peng and Professor Liu Mingjiang came in directly upon their arrival.

"Principal Ding."

"Professor Liu."

When Ding Yue saw Professor Liu, he got up and went over, noticing that Liu looked more weary than the first time they had met.

It must have been quite exhausting for him to overcome technological and theoretical difficulties with Luo Peng and the others over the past week or so.

After all, Ding Yue also glanced at Luo Peng, who looked like he had just endured a tough battle.

"I heard that during your trip to Yancheng, you won a big award?" Professor Liu Mingjiang asked with a smile.

Ding Yue was quite surprised to hear this.

He didn't expect that Professor Liu Mingjiang, who specialized in mechanical engineering, would be interested in news about the NTS Gala?

"Professor Liu, you're aware of this, too?" Ding Yue asked with a smile.

Professor Liu Mingjiang nodded, "Despite being an old man, I quite enjoy watching documentaries on NTS. I watched your university's 'A Bite of Xia Country' on the NTS channel. This time, you won the annual NTS Gala Documentary Award, didn't you?"

"Yes, yes, yes."

Ding Yue was somewhat surprised.

He didn't expect Professor Liu Mingjiang to have such a daily hobby.

But thinking about it, it does make sense. People in their fifties and sixties do indeed enjoy watching TV dramas and other programs on NTS.

Not like the young people, is there one among ten young people who love to watch NTS?

They all watch movies, TV dramas, web dramas, various variety shows, star-making programs, and many people like to watch various videos on Bilibili.

"Professor Liu, please sit down. From Luo Peng, I learned that you have made new research results on the technical theory you were arguing about before?"

Ding Yue brought the topic back on track.

"Well, these days, we have been using Luo Peng and Tong Yihang their ideas to solve the problem of the precision machining technology theory of photolithography machines. After many calculations and experiments by data groups, I found that Luo Peng was right!"

Professor Liu nodded seriously when asked by Principal Ding, "This direction should be feasible."

"By the way, Professor Liu, we will provide you with the follow-up data later." Luo Peng said to Professor Liu Mingjiang.

"Good, we will publish related papers jointly at that time." Liu Mingjiang nodded and agreed.

If the difficult technical theory can be solved, then the corresponding paper must be published.

Even though the technical theory was proposed by Luo Peng and Tong Yihang, it is obvious that without the help of Professor Liu and his team, it's unlikely to reach a conclusion so quickly.

Therefore, it is normal to jointly publish papers.

"All right, Professor Liu, after breaking through this technical theory difficulty, our follow-up path will be much smoother."

"I look forward to more of your achievements. However, advanced photolithography machines involve many professional fields. Precision machinery processing is just one of them, and optoelectronics are also very important." Professor Liu Mingjiang said with a heavy heart.

He admires that Ding Yue's Mist City Arts and Science University can initiate experimental projects in the field of photolithography machines and invest a lot of money.

However, the photolithography machine project involves too many professional fields, and major breakthroughs must be made in each professional field to achieve the manufacture of advanced photolithography machines.

The difficult technical theory that Professor Liu and Luo Peng, Tong Yihang have been studying together for nearly a week is just one of the many difficulties.

The photolithography machine project is a huge project, and there are many difficulties. Currently, resolving one of these problems is an understatement if it's compared to a drop in the ocean.

"Professor Liu, don't worry, we will continue to put more efforts into the development of photolithography machines, and strive to develop our own photolithography machine products as soon as possible!"

Ding Yue confidently told Liu Mingjiang.

What a scientist like Liu Mingjiang, who is of an older generation and a top university professor, most wants to see is the ability of his motherland's scientific and technological strength to catch up with those developed countries abroad.

Especially America.

In the field of technology, America's strength is unquestionable. But Xia Country has been developing silently in these years. As long as there are more and more excellent talents, Xia Country will rise one day.

"Professor Liu, there will be many opportunities for us to cooperate in research in this area in the future." Luo Peng said to Professor Liu Mingjiang very seriously.

"The future belongs to you young people. As a student of Qinghua University and now a member of Mist City Arts and Science University, wherever you are, we must build our photolithography machine!"

Professor Liu Mingjiang suddenly said excitedly.

Both Ding Yue and Luo Peng saw a flame of burning passion in the eyes of Professor Liu Mingjiang.

"By the way, Principal Ding, we have been at Mist City Arts and Science University for a while now, and we are preparing to go back. As for the establishment of a cooperative exchange relationship between your school and our Qinghua University's mechanical department, I will report it truthfully to Principal Sun after we go back."

Liu Mingjiang mentioned the itinerary of their inspection team.

Although it's not as rushed as the inspection team of Yancheng University, they are preparing to return either today or tomorrow.

"Are you leaving so soon?" Ding Yue asked with surprise when he heard the words.

Chapter 567: Completing 1/5 of the Task Progress

"There is still a lot of teaching work to be done at our school, and we have been here for a week already. It's time for us to return."

Professor Liu Mingjiang nodded in reply.

The inspection team from the Department of Mechanical Engineering at Qinghua University came primarily to assess the comprehensive strength of the Department of Mechanical Engineering at Mist City Arts and Science University. Now that Professor Liu Mingjiang is aware of their strength, he should report back to his own institution.

Ding Yue knew that ever since Professor Liu Mingjiang, Luo Peng, and Tong Yihang partnered to tackle theoretical issues in precision machining in the field of photolithography, the inspection team from Qinghua University has been satisfied with this visit.

"Alright then, safe travels to you, Professor Liu, and we look forward to exchanging and collaborating with the department of mechanical engineering at your institution."

Ding Yue enthusiastically said to Professor Liu Mingjiang.

"Good, once we establish a collaborative relationship, we'll still have many issues to address regarding the development of a photolithography machine. I promise to spare no effort."

Professor Liu Mingjiang said, his voice full of excitement.

If he could participate in precision machining in the field of photolithography and achieve some results, Liu Mingjiang would feel incredibly fortunate.

He has solid capabilities in the field of precision engineering and the young people like Luo Peng, Su Beilin, Tong Yihang have energy and vitality. The combination of the two may further advance the development of precision machining in the field of photolithography.

Ding Yue talked with Professor Liu Mingjiang for more than an hour.

Then the inspection team from Qinghua University packed their bags and prepared to return. They had an evening flight to catch. Ding Yue originally wanted to send them off at the airport, but Professor Liu insisted that it wasn't necessary.

Eventually, Ding Yue escorted them to the campus gate, where a school bus transported the inspection team to the airport.

In this way, the professional inspection teams from two of China's top universities, Qinghua University and Yancheng University, have both returned.

After Professor Xie Changhe from Yancheng University returned, he reported on the inspection to Principal Zhu. Just when Ding Yue had sent off Professor Liu Mingjiang, he received a personal call from Principal Zhu of Yancheng University.

"Hello, Principal Ding."

As soon as he answered the phone, Ding Yue recognized it as Principal Zhu of Yancheng University.

"Hello, Principal Zhu."

"After Professor Xie and his team returned, they reported on the inspection. It seems that your Mist City Arts and Science University has significant potential in the field of artificial intelligence. Our Yancheng University has also made rapid progress in the field of artificial intelligence over the years. It seems we cannot avoid cooperation."

Principal Zhu spoke with a friendly tone over the phone.

Hearing Principal Zhu say this, Ding Yue could roughly confirm that the cooperation in the field of artificial intelligence was most likely a sure thing.

"So, Principal Zhu, are you saying..." Ding Yue specifically asked.

"From now on, we can establish a cooperative relationship in the field of artificial intelligence, and we can also work together to produce more research achievements in the field of artificial intelligence."

Principal Zhu said directly, his tone very serious.

"That's wonderful. This is truly fantastic news for our department of artificial intelligence at Mist City Arts and Science University."

Ding Yue said, feigning excitement.

In his heart, Ding Yue felt most confident about the cooperation with Yancheng University in the field of artificial intelligence, it was expected. Therefore, when he heard what Principal Zhu said, he was not overly excited.

But since he was on the phone with Principal Zhu, Ding Yue tried to convey some level of excitement.

"So Principal Zhu, can we make the official announcement now?" Ding Yue asked eagerly.

This matter will be of great benefit to Mist City Arts and Science University only after it is officially announced. Once the university announces the establishment of a cooperative relationship with Yancheng University in the field of artificial intelligence, it will definitely bring great benefits in terms of enhancing the social influence and overall strength of Mist City Arts and Science University.

Principal Zhu is a smart man, he naturally knew the benefit it would bring to Mist City Arts and Science University, and immediately said with a smile: "Okay, I will ask Professor Xie and his team to cooperate with your publicity efforts."

The reason why Principal Zhu agreed so readily was not only because he had high hopes for Ding Yue at the National College Education Innovation Exchange Conference, but also because Professor

Xie Changhe told him that the research of Mist City Arts and Science University in the field of artificial intelligence was indeed outstanding.

This impressed Principal Zhu greatly, so he readily agreed to Ding Yue.

"Alright!"

After hanging up the phone, a smile appeared on Ding Yue's face. He immediately turned to his secretary, Wen Ruohan, and said, "Wen Ruohan, notify Director Liu Hongxia of the Publicity Department immediately. Tell her to announce that our Mist City Arts and Science University will officially establish a cooperative relationship with Yancheng University in the field of artificial intelligence."

Upon hearing Ding Yue's words, Wen Ruohan was immediately excited: "Principal Ding, has Yancheng University agreed?"

Everyone knew how important this agreement was for Mist City Arts and Science University.

Chapter 568: Completing 1/5 of the Task Progress

The strongest domestic university in the field of artificial intelligence science is Yancheng University. Being able to establish a partnership with Yancheng University in this field proves how strong Mist City Arts and Science University is in this particular domain.

Wen Ruohan quickly took out her cell phone and called Liu Hongxia, the director of the publicity department, to convey Principal Ding's intention.

About ten minutes later.

An announcement appeared on the official website of Mist City Arts and Science University.

[Announcement on the establishment of a new Artificial Intelligence Science Department in our school and partnership with Yancheng University]——

"Dear teachers and students, with the constant efforts and enlightened leadership of our school, the Computer Department will establish a new [Artificial Intelligence Science] specialty from next

semester, and this specialty will establish a partnership with the [Artificial Intelligence Science] department of Yancheng University!"

The content of the announcement is not much, but it is concise.

With the official website's announcement, it also appeared on the school's public account.

Then, the official accounts of Mist City Arts and Science University on social media platforms such as TikTok, Bilibili, and Twitter started promoting it. However, the wording on these self-media platforms was much more friendly.

Twitter.

[Mist City Arts and Science University Official Twitter] v: Good news! Our school is about to establish a new [Artificial Intelligence Science] department, and establish a collaboration with the same specialty in Yancheng University. If you want to study Artificial Intelligence Science at university, come to Mist City Arts and Science University! [Big White image.jpg]

The propaganda department even paired this copy with a picture of the robot Big White.

Just as the news came out, many netizens who followed Mist City Arts and Science University's official Twitter account began to comment in the comment section.

"Is this real?"

"Artificial Intelligence Science major? Seems pretty advanced."

"What's so impressive about that, Yancheng University established this specialty more than a decade ago."

"Hehe, the artificial intelligence specialty of our Ha City Industrial University is also quite strong."

"Wow! Mist City Arts and Science University is awesome, they actually cooperate with Yancheng University in this field!"

"Excuse my ignorance, but what does an Artificial Intelligence Science major study?"

"As the name suggests, it studies artificial intelligence."

"Hahaha, Mist City Arts and Science University is a bit powerful, they can pair with this major of Yancheng University, awesome."

"Just bragging, would Yancheng University even give you the time of day?"

"Haha, is this private university planning to ride on the coattails of Yancheng University?"

"How come I didn't hear about it, please don't randomly cue our Yancheng University."

"If I remember correctly, Artificial Intelligence Science is one of the trump cards of Yancheng University, right?"

"Yes, the trump card major of Yancheng University, cooperating with your private university, are you joking?"

Very quickly, more and more netizens came to know about this news, and they started praising how awesome Mist City Arts and Science University is to establish a collaboration with the ace major of Yancheng University.

However, there are also some netizens who question whether this news from Mist City Arts and Science University might be false.

After all, everyone knows that Artificial Intelligence Science is one of the trump card specialties of Yancheng University. How could it possibly collaborate with Mist City Arts and Science University?

Moreover, Mist City Arts and Science University didn't even have this major before, it all looks too fake.

However, these netizens who questioned Mist City Arts and Science University were soon refuted.

Because soon after the Tweet from Mist City Arts and Science University was released, the official Twitter account of Yancheng University also announced this news.

Since Yancheng University also officially announced it, more and more netizens were paying attention to this event and the discussion became more heated. It quickly made it into the trending list.

The onlookers might not be aware of why Mist City Arts and Science University could establish a partnership with the renowned major of Yancheng University in a newly established specialty. Could it be due to the power of money?

Actually, these onlookers were unaware of the National College Education Innovation Exchange Conference and the appreciation of Principal Zhu of Yancheng University towards Ding Yue.

They also didn't know about the inspection team from Yancheng University's Artificial Intelligence Science department studying the related technologies of artificial intelligence at Mist City Arts and Science University.

At the moment, Ding Yue was not very concerned about the online discussion about his Mist City Arts and Science University.

Because time and time again, Mist City Arts and Science University has successfully established an image of a "powerful" private college in the hearts of netizens through positive events and various demonstrations of strength.

The next day, immediately after Ding Yue arrived at the principal's office to begin another regular nine-to-five "work" day as usual, a system notification sounded in his mind!

Ding!

"Congratulations to the host for completing 1/5 of the task [Provincial Key Major] – the Computer Science major has successfully achieved the provincial key major level."

This was the first time that Ding Yue heard the notification sound followed by no rewards, simply because the system was only informing him that he had completed 1/5 of the task.

And the major defined by the system was Computer Science, whereas the major that the Mist City Arts and Science University had established cooperation and exchange with Yancheng University was Artificial Intelligence Science.

In fact, Artificial Intelligence Science at Mist City Arts and Science University is just a new major derived from the Computer Science department.

"Four more left."

Upon seeing that the task progress had changed to 1/5, Ding Yue was full of anticipation and expectation.

After all, the reward for this task was extremely tempting — [Advanced Laboratory Room +1], [Level 3 University Treasure Chest +1], [Master's Degree Authorization Card] +5, and +500 reputation points.

The [Advanced Laboratory Room +1] and [Level 3 University Treasure Chest +1] were the best and most valuable task rewards.

Now that the Computer Science department had established a cooperative exchange relationship with Yancheng University, one task progress had been completed.

Then there were four left.

Mechanical Engineering, Architecture College, School of Medicine, these three were almost agreed upon during the National College Education Innovation Exchange Conference.

And For the Mechanical Engineering major, Professor Liu Mingjiang and his team just finished visiting yesterday. It's expected that there should be some news in a few days.

Then, there's the Architecture major from the Architecture College. After Ding Yue discussed with President Zhang from East China Architecture and Engineering University, they agreed that there should be no problem in establishing a cooperative exchange.

Upon returning from the National College Education Innovation Exchange Conference, Ding Yue immediately asked Chen Ping, of the Architecture College, to communicate with East China Architecture and Engineering University.

Combining the comprehensive strength of the Architecture College of Mist City Arts and Science University and the establishment of a cooperative relationship with East China Architecture and Engineering University, achieving the provincial key major level should not be difficult, right?

As for the School of Medicine, it's also about to establish cooperation with Mist City Medical University, a nationally renowned medical university.

During this process, President Jiang Zhongbo of Mist City Central Hospital facilitated the connection. Many teachers at Mist City Medical University are also teachers at the Mist City Arts and Science University.

Some teachers and professors in Mist City Medical University are head physicians in Mist City Central Hospital. Last time, quite a few of these head physicians came to serve at the Mist City Arts and Science University's School of Medicine.

Even Bai Liwei, the department head of the School of Medicine at Mist City Arts and Science University, is a graduate of the Mist City Medical University.

It's only a matter of time for these three department majors to achieve the provincial key major level.

So what is the remaining one?

Originally, during the National College Education Innovation Exchange Conference, Ding Yue planned to open relations with Xia Country University of Science and Technology's Chemistry major by leveraging the energy chemistry technology equipment from his own school.

Unexpectedly, this idea was rejected by Principal He of Xia Country University of Science and Technology, who seems a bit old-fashioned.

In this case, as the task requires at least five provincial key level majors, there's still one missing.

Ding Yue wondered whether he should choose another major with good development in Mist City Arts and Science University and work hard to build on that?

So, which major to choose?

The majors that Mist City Arts and Science University currently focuses on developing are Architecture College, School of Medicine, Computer Department, and Mechanical Department.

All these are already part of the progressions of the five tasks.

The College of Film and Television?

The College of Film and Television just recently won a gold award for documentaries at the NTS Gala.

However, there are so many majors in the College of Film and Television including directing, screenplay writing, acting, etc. None of them seem feasible.

"Ah, I've got it! How could I almost forget about this major?"

Suddenly, Ding Yue thought of an incredibly strong major at Mist City Arts and Science University.

Chapter 569: Second batch of medical teaching equipment

Mist City Arts and Science University boasts many formidable programs.

However, one of these has already achieved "results", and that is Animation Design and Production.

That's right!

Under the collaboration with the Feiyue Animation Studio, the animation program has brought to life the currently hot "Super Combat Team" animated film.

It has also set a record for domestic box office revenues for animated films.

Given these achievements and the outstanding faculty and students of Animation Design and Production, there is no reason not to make it a provincial key-level major.

"What's the progress of the Animation Design and Production program?"

With a thought, Ding Yue brought up the system panel before his eyes.

[Provincial Key-Level Major] ——

Major: Animation Design and Production

Task progress: 85%

"It's already this high."

After seeing the data, Ding Yue was slightly amazed.

He had been focusing his attention on Mechanics, Computer Science, Medicine, Architecture, Chemistry, or Physics, to the point that he overlooked the animation program.

Both the animation and game programs have broad future prospects, but Ding Yue had only just started focusing on the game program. The animation program, on the other hand, has already accomplished much. If he increased his investment, wouldn't he be able to complete a task progress?

"Alright, let's go with the animation program."

Ding Yue had decided, as soon as he has adequate funds, he will increase his investment in the animation program.

This investment includes hardware, faculty strength, etc. Only after these increased investments would the system assess the progress of the animation program.

It only needs to reach 100%.

However, the money will have to wait until the box office earnings of "Super Combat Team" are settled.

With this in mind, Ding Yue suddenly felt that the nearly 1.3 billion funds that "Super Combat Team" earned for him might not be enough?

Though the second phase of the school expansion doesn't need it yet, since 700 million has been allocated for the second phase of the school expansion.

But still!

There are many more projects that need funding.

Not to mention the annual teaching expenses, the photolithography machine experimental project is a sure money burner.

Secondly, his sister's graphene battery technology project requires a lot of money to manufacture a graphene mechanical exfoliation preparation machine.

Then, there's also the planned investment in the film and television industry, as well as the cost of completing the five areas of [Provincial Key-Level Majors]. All these are significant sums of money.

"Will the money be enough?"

Although Ding Yue was unable to estimate how much these investments would need, he felt that 1.3 billion might not be sufficient.

Even though a considerable sum of money will be coming in after next year's admissions, many investments probably won't be able to wait until next year.

"Principal Ding, Principal Ding?"

While Ding Yue was worrying about the possible lack of funds for the future construction of the school, the secretary, Wen Ruohan, called him.

After coming back to his senses, Ding Yue looked at Wen Ruohan and asked: "What's the matter?"

"Principal Ding, Director Bai from the Medical School just called and said he would like to report to you about establishing a cooperation and exchange relationship with Mist City Medical University."

Wen Ruohan quickly informed Principal Ding of the phone call she received from Bai Liwei, the director of the Medical School.

"Okay, I understand."

Ding Yue nodded.

In general, as long as the deans of various faculties from Mist City Arts and Science University wish to see him, Ding Yue would meet them immediately.

Because these deans certainly have important matters related to their faculties, and moreover, Bai Liwei is here to discuss establishing an exchange and cooperation relationship with Mist City Medical University. This is a significant matter.

This is also one of the tasks in the five tasks progress.

"What's the task progress of the Medical School?"

Ding Yue asked the system again.

[Provincial Key-Level Major] ——

Major: Medicine

Task progress: 93%

Seeing the information displayed in front of him, Ding Yue couldn't help but exclaim how high it is. It seems about to be completed soon, right?

The medical school had previously purchased a batch of medical teaching equipment. Additionally, they also have achievements like the medical health robot, Big White, and the professors in the medical school are all from Mist City Central Hospital and Mist City Medical University.

The hardware and faculty resources are in place, no wonder it's about to be evaluated by the system as a provincial key-level major.

But it's still a little short.

Ding Yue couldn't help but wonder, what exactly is missing?

Perhaps when Director Bai Liwei comes later, Ding Yue should be able to find out what's missing after asking.

About ten minutes later.

Bai Liwei, the director of the medical school, arrived at the principal's office.

"Principal Ding."

"Director Bai, sit down."

After Bai Liwei sat down, he began to report on his recent communications and exchanges with Mist City Medical University.

Since the principals of both universities have agreed to establish a cooperative exchange relationship and there is a certain degree of overlap between the teaching staff of the two schools, the collaborative communication has been fairly smooth.

"Principal Ding, since you returned from the National College Education Innovation Exchange Conference, you asked us to intensify our exchanges with Mist City Medical University. Our

Medical School has held three joint meetings with Mist City Medical University to discuss a range of issues, such as student teaching, teacher cooperation, and hardware equipment supplementation."

Chapter 570: Second Batch of Medical Education Equipment

Director Bai Liwei was very conscientious when he reported to Principal Ding about the work he had completed during this period.

Yes, indeed.

Ever since Principal Ding returned from the National College Education Innovation Exchange Conference, Bai Liwei hasn't had a moment of rest. This is because Principal Ding mentioned that the Medical School should establish a cooperation and exchange relationship with Mist City Medical University, and the focus should be on the development of the Medical School.

As the dean of the medical school, how could Bai Liwei not seize this excellent opportunity to work hard?

Right now, all the deans of various departments at Mist City Arts and Science University understand clearly that the school, being newly-established, has a very bright future.

If they work hard at this stage and ensure that every piece of work satisfies Principal Ding, they would become the "meritorious officials" of Mist City Arts and Science University in the future.

"So, what conclusions were reached?"

Ding Yue asked curiously.

Without missing a beat, Bai Liwei nodded and said, "After discussion at the conference, the student resources of our Medical School, as well as the prospects of students enrolling in the future, are very promising. Secondly, there's no need to worry about the faculty issue since we have the cooperation with Mist City Medical University and Mist City Central Hospital. At the moment, what our Medical School needs to upgrade is its hardware teaching equipment."

"Teaching equipment?"

Upon hearing this, Ding Yue slightly furrowed his brows, then asked, "Didn't we purchase ten million yuan worth of medical teaching equipment last time?"

"Yes, but Principal Ding, the first batch of medical teaching equipment could only meet the basic medical teaching requirements at that time. If we hope to improve the practical ability of medical teaching further, and even reach the same standard as that of Mist City Medical University, we need more advanced medical teaching equipment."

Bai Liwei stated honestly.

"It seems so." Ding Yue gave a slight nod, agreeing with Bai Liwei's statement.

Though the Medical School was allotted ten million yuan for medical teaching equipment last time, ten million yuan is indeed not enough, and only basic medical teaching equipment was bought.

Now, Mist City Arts and Science University aims to elevate their medical specialties to a provincial key level.

Now, Ding Yue suddenly realized why the progress of the Medical Department isn't 100% completed yet. Now he knows what's missing.

Yes, what's lacking are more advanced and comprehensive sets of medical teaching equipment, similar to those owned by Mist City Medical University.

Once the Medical School of Mist City Arts and Science University is equipped with such facilities, its teaching strength will surge dramatically. With the increase in the number of students opting for the Medical School of Mist City Arts and Science University each year, this school may become one of the top medical education institutes in the Southwest region.

"So, we should have the same teaching equipment as Mist City Medical University. Director Bai, have you calculated how much equipment we need to buy and how much it will cost?"

Ding Yue looked at Director Bai Liwei and asked.

If there is a need for another 20 or 30 million yuan to continue buying medical teaching equipment, Ding Yue wouldn't hesitate and would allocate funds directly.

There's still some money left, but not much, especially since the box office profits of "Super Combat Team" haven't been received yet.

"Um, we discussed this in the meeting, and then I compiled a list with the person in charge at Mist City Medical University. I brought it over."

As Bai Liwei spoke, he pulled out a USB flash drive from his pocket.

"You put it on a USB drive?"

Ding Yue looked at the USB drive that Bai Liwei had taken out and asked.

Bai Liwei nodded, "Uh-huh, the list and prices of the second batch of medical teaching equipment, as well as the suppliers provided by Mist City Medical University, are all in here."

After he finished speaking, Bai Liwei handed the USB drive to Principal Ding.

Ding Yue accepted the USB drive, plugged it directly into his computer, and opened the contents. Inside the USB, there were many folders for Bai Liwei's work, among which one conspicuous folder was named —[Second batch of medical teaching equipment list].

Without guessing, Ding Yue knew it was the correct one. After opening the file, he double-clicked the list inside.

[The second batch of the Medical School's equipment purchase list]——

Item number, equipment name... quantity, unit price, total

1: Central Monitoring System

2: Defibrillator

3: Electrolyte Analyzer

4: Color Transcranial Doppler

5: Mobile X-ray machine

6: High potential therapy machine

7: Molybdenum target X-ray machine

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At first glance, Ding Yue realized that the list was both long and filled with equipment that seemed formidable, all relevant to various medical disciplines.

As Bai Liwei had just mentioned, this list was prepared based on the equipment available at Mist City Medical University.

If the medical school at Mist City Arts and Science University wants to achieve provincial-level key speciality status, they must purchase these equipment.

In the end.

Ding Yue glanced at the total price written on the last page--120.7 million yuan!

Wow!

Ding Yue couldn't help but gasp.

Medical equipment was, indeed, exorbitantly priced. The cost of these equipment alone had exceeded 120 million yuan. Ding Yue knew that these equipment were neither the most advanced nor the most comprehensive in the world.

If they wanted the world's most advanced medical equipment, the price would be astronomical.

"120.7 million, this is indeed a justified investment, however... Director Bai, our group's funds can't be recouped so quickly. This is a significant amount of funds, so you understand what I mean?"

Ding Yue confirmed that they would definitely buy the equipment.

However, the money might not be readily available from the school. After all, with an amount of 120.7 million yuan, the emergency funds Ding Yue currently had were obviously not sufficient.

Last time he paid out nearly forty million in bonuses to Feiyue Animation Studio, in addition to the various expenditures of the school in recent times.

Ding Yue could not afford 120 million, unless he took some from the 700 million set aside for the school's second phase of expansion, but he clearly wouldn't do that.

Once the funds for the second phase of school expansion were arranged, everything was in operation in a stable manner within the budget range. Diverting some of the funds would disrupt the progress of the second phase of expansion.

The loss would outweigh the gain; it would be better to wait until the box office share from "Super Combat Team" came in, before allocating that money reasonably.

Or if any task was completed in the meantime and rewarded a large sum of funds by the system, it could also be used for the medical school first.

However, the likelihood of this is low, as there are few tasks released by the system that directly reward educational funds.

The current educational funds need to be earned by Ding Yue himself through the school and Feiyue Group.

"Yes, Principal Ding, I understand. This batch of equipment is indeed very expensive, and the school has many projects and is still expanding. Principal Ding is not a bank; you certainly can't conjure up so much money."

Bai Liwei nodded, understanding Principal Ding's "difficulty".

As long as Principal Ding confirms the purchase of this batch of equipment, when to buy is just a matter of time.

"Let's do this, I'll allocate 20 million yuan to you first. You decide which equipment is urgently needed for teaching cooperation between our medical school and Mist City Medical University, and place orders accordingly."

Ding Yue thought for a while; since Director Bai Liwei had completed all the necessary paperwork, he should provide the required funds. Otherwise, it didn't seem quite right.

Although Ding Yue couldn't provide the full 120.7 million, he had no issues providing the smaller portion.

"Good, good, thank you, Principal Ding."

Bai Liwei, hearing this, immediately nodded excitedly.

"Director Bai, the school has given full support to the medical school this time, and a partnership with the Medical University of Mist City has been established. Don't let me down in the future development," Ding Yue cautioned Bai Liwei.

After all, if a large amount of money is going to be invested, Ding Yue certainly wants to see the results.

Otherwise, with so many unaided departments and majors in Mist City Arts and Science University, wouldn't people accuse Principal Ding of favoritism?

"Uh-huh, Principal Ding, rest assured, we will put all our efforts into the development of our medical school!" Bai Liwei said determinedly. "By the way, Principal Ding, there is one more thing, I wonder if I could..."

"Speak!"