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The choice of actors for "Wandering Earth" was overall satisfactory to Ding Yue.

It has to be said.

Director Su Yangfan and his team did a decent job, at least the first step of selecting actors was done quite well.

In fact, to bring the science fiction film "Wandering Earth" to life, choosing actors is just the beginning.

Subsequent costume design, prop production, scene building, and special effects production etc., each step is crucial.

Especially the construction of scenes, "Wandering Earth" will involve a lot of scenes that are essentially hard to film in reality.

Therefore, such scenes can only be constructed and produced through special effects in post-production.

Speaking of special effects.

"Wandering Earth", being a grand-scale science fiction film, must strictly accomplish its special effects.

Thankfully, the capabilities of Xia Country in this parallel universe are fairly good in terms of movie special effects, but they just weren't given much importance before.

"Director Su, do we have any plans for the special effects of 'Wandering Earth'?"

Since Su Yangfan was present today, Ding Yue simply asked him about some of the plans for the "Wandering Earth" project.

"For special effects, we've invited the Industrial Imaging Studio to participate." Su Yangfan replied.

"Industrial Imaging?"

Ding Yue claimed that he hasn't heard of this studio before, perhaps because he wasn't fully familiar with the domestic special effects field.

"Principal Ding, Industrial Imaging is considered top-notch in terms of special effects production quality in our country in recent years. Do you remember 'Chronicles of Demon Sealing', the movie that was released alongside our 'Super Combat Team' from Mist City Arts and Science University, which also had a good box office performance?"

Su Yangfan explained it.

"Chronicles of Demon Sealing? Did this studio do the special effects for that movie?"

Upon hearing this, Ding Yue raised his eyebrows in curiosity.

After all, during the National Holiday Period last year, there were only two successful films. One was their own "Super Combat Team" from Mist City Arts and Science University, and the other one was "Chronicles of Demon Sealing". The rest were somewhat mediocre.

Ding Yue had seen "Chronicles of Demon Sealing", the special effects of the film were undoubtedly superb. Coupled with its well-crafted production and its decent plot, the film's overall quality was naturally elevated.

With basic praise guaranteed, the final box office of "Chronicles of Demon Sealing" exceeded two billion yuan.

"Yes, Principal Ding, the beautiful special effects of 'Chronicles of Demon Sealing' were made by the Industrial Imaging Studio. The fact that we managed to invite them this time is due to some fortunate circumstances."

Su Yangfan laughed and replied.

"That's great. Now with the production of special effects taken care of, 'Wandering Earth' has taken another successful step forward."

Ding Yue had no problem with choosing the Industrial Imaging Studio to produce the post-production special effects for "Wandering Earth".

It's a pity that his Feiyue Group doesn't have its own special effects team studio yet.

Although Xu Jiuge's team is fairly versed in this area, they are, after all, animators. Compared with live-action movie effects, they are not quite on par.

In reality, Ding Yue personally felt that the Earth's "Wandering Earth" from his previous world in terms of special effects was not bad, but still lacked something.

Those that can be immediately recognized as special effects essentially represent an imperfect level of special effect.

Truly perfect special effects are those which you can't tell are special effects at all - you might even believe them to be real!

"Speaking of which, the students of the Film and Television College at Mist City Arts and Science University should be learning how to make special effects, right?"

Ding Yue thought to himself.

If given the opportunity, a special effects production team belonging to his own Feiyue Film Department could be formed.

In this way, there would be no need to either collude with outside special effects studios, or outsource this part of the production.

"Principal Ding, my original team is quite adept at scene building and prop making."

The voice of Director Su Yangfan rang in his ears once more.

"Yes, that's great."

Ding Yue came back to his senses and gave a slight nod.

Observing the confidence in Su Yangfan, Ding Yue felt more at ease, after all, Su Yangfan's thoughts—from any perspective—are quite similar to his own.

Ding Yue believed that Su Yangfan could certainly produce a "Wandering Earth" that was up to his standards.

"So, Director Su, when do you plan to start the actual filming of 'Wandering Earth'?" Ding Yue asked another key question.

Some preparations must be completed beforehand, and once those are done, formal filming can occur.

In reality, if sufficient preparation is done beforehand, the shooting time can be shortened.

After all, if the preparation is all well-done, shooting would essentially be smooth. No unexpected problems would occur to delay the filming process.

"Principal Ding, we have already started the preparatory work. We plan to officially assemble the team for 'Wandering Earth' after the New Year when all aspects of preparation would be complete. We can then start formal filming."

Su Yangfan informed Principal Ding of the plans he had set.

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This plan could be kept a secret from anyone, but if Principal Ding asked, Su Yangfan must tell him every detail.

"You're moving quite fast, how long do you anticipate the shooting cycle will take?" Ding Yue asked.

"If all goes well, the shooting cycle takes at most three months. The time-consuming part is the special effects production, which may take at least half a year to start."

Su Yangfan answered.

Three months plus half a year, along with any potential mishaps and time for publicity and scheduling, he wasn't sure if he could make the premiere on the first day of the Spring Festival Period next year.

If Ding Yue's memory served right, the previous "Wandering Earth" on Earth was released on the first day of the new year and was an instant blockbuster, becoming the biggest dark horse of the Spring Festival Period!

"It seems like you should be able to catch the Spring Festival Period next year. Keep it up, Director Su, I have faith in you." Ding Yue encouraged Su Yangfan.

"Thank you for your full support, Principal Ding. With your backing, I'll be able to successfully complete "Wandering Earth" and not disappoint you."

Su Yangfan also expressed his perspective, and thanked Principal Ding for his support.

Honestly speaking, the initiation of the "Wandering Earth" project would have been impossible without Principal Ding.

This great idea required significant funding, and without Principal Ding, it would be difficult to find another person who could fulfil these two criteria.

Moreover, when Su Yangfan came to Mist City Arts and Science University and planned to shoot "Wandering Earth," it was an opportunity for him to turn things around.

Although Su Yangfan's "Transdimensional Contact" became a popular drama, due to various issues, Su was almost ruined.

Luckily, Principal Ding came into the picture at the crucial moment, giving Su a lifeline.

And this "Wandering Earth" was a fantastic opportunity for Su Yangfan to recuperate.

"Alright, keep up the good work. By the way, what are your plans for this year's Spring Festival? Are you going back to Yancheng for the new year?"

Seeing that he and Su were almost done discussing "Wandering Earth", Ding Yue asked about Su's plans for the Spring Festival.

After all, the festive spring season was just around the corner. It was his responsibility as a principal to care about his staff.

"Principal Ding, I don't plan to go back this year for the Spring Festival." Su Yangfan answered.

"Oh? Not going back?" Upon hearing this, Ding Yue asked, somewhat surprised.

Logically speaking, Su Yangfan moved from Yancheng to Mist City to join Mist City Arts and Science University. He had lived in Yancheng for so long that his family and friends must also be there, right?

Isn't the Spring Festival the time to gather and celebrate the new year?

"Yes."

Su Yangfan smiled reluctantly, saying: "There's not much to celebrate if I go back. Besides, with the various tasks related to "Wandering Earth", I plan to stay at the university and get more work done."

"This won't do; the Spring Festival is about reunion." Ding Yue shook his head, believing that work should not interfere with celebrating the new year.

Word might get out that Mist City Arts and Science University is exploiting its employees, making them work over the Spring Festival holiday.

"There's not much to reunite if I go back to Yancheng. Staying at the university lets me spend time with other students who are also staying back." Su Yangfan laughed.

Upon hearing this, Ding Yue roughly understood Su's reasons.

Most likely, Su Yangfan doesn't actually have many relatives or close friends in Yancheng. He has come to view Mist City Arts and Science University as his home, which is why he plans to stay here for this year's Spring Festival.

"That's fine then, Director Su, please stay for the Spring Festival and celebrate with us." Ding Yue laughed.

"Is Principal Ding also celebrating the New Year at the university?" Su Yangfan asked curiously.

Since he had only joined Mist City Arts and Science University last year, he didn't know that Ding Yue had celebrated the previous New Year at the university with the students.

"Yeah, our whole family is in the school, so we'll celebrate the Spring Festival with the staff and students who stay in the school. Like I said before, Mist City Arts and Science University is everyone's home." A faint smile appeared at the corner of Ding Yue's mouth.

Mist City Arts and Science University did indeed give a lot of students, teachers, and other staff a feeling of home.

Therefore, the number of students planning to stay in school for the New Year this year has risen dramatically compared to last year.

Before the holidays, Ding Yue will ask Qi from the Academic Affairs Office to count how many students will stay in school this winter holiday.

Then Ding Yue can prepare small Spring Festival gifts for the students.

"Then I'll celebrate the New Year with Principal Ding this year." Su Yangfan laughed and said, "To be honest, ever since I joined Mist City Arts and Science University, I've felt a strong sense of belonging to the school."

"Well, in that case, why not think of the school as your home." Ding Yue shrugged and said.

"Alright, the school is my home then." Su Yangfan nodded.

After chatting with Su Yangfan for almost another hour, Ding Yue let him go back to work.

Since Su Yangfan was not going home for the New Year and wanted to stay at school, and there was still some time till the Spring Festival, this time shouldn't be wasted, right?

As the end of January was approaching, most of the students from Mist City Arts and Science University who were supposed to go home for the holidays had already safely returned home.

More than two thousand people were still staying at school.

These students decided not to go home for the New Year for various reasons, and Ding Yue understood.

In early February, a few days before the Spring Festival, Ding Yue asked Huang and the support staff who were still at the school to start hanging big red lanterns on the trees along the school's major avenues and in front of each dormitory building, in order to create an atmosphere of the Spring Festival in Mist City Arts and Science University.

Also, Ding Yue began planning the school's Spring Festival activities for this year.

Last year, Principal Ding spent the Spring Festival with some of the students who stayed in school, and the memories were still fresh.

This year, since there were more students, Ding Yue was pondering how to gather so many people for a lively and festive celebration.

Last year, when there were fewer people, they could all have a lively gathering at the hot pot restaurant on the third floor of the second cafeteria.



This year, with so many students, it seemed a bit challenging to arrange.

"Principal Ding, what about arranging for the students to watch the Spring Festival Gala and have reunion dinner together on New Year's Eve?"

Wen Ruohan suggested this idea to Principal Ding one day.

"That's possible, but the question is, how do we gather more than two thousand students? Even if not all of them come, if more than a thousand do, we still won't have enough space for all of them."

Ding Yue thought of inviting the students staying at the school to get together and celebrate, but couldn't figure out how to gather everyone.

Outdoors definitely wasn't an option.

Because New Year's Eve fell right in the middle of the cold winter, it would be too cold outside, and it wouldn't be fun if all the students caught a cold.

"The gymnasium, Principal Ding, what do you think of the gymnasium?" Wen Ruohan suddenly thought of the school's gymnasium.

The gymnasium could accommodate several thousand people.

"Hmm?"

Upon hearing this, Ding Yue began planning in his head, because he thought Wen Ruohan's suggestion seemed quite good.

At eight o'clock on New Year's Eve, everyone would gather together, sitting together, watching the Spring Festival Gala warmly, and watching Lin Zhirou from the Art Department of Mist City Arts and Science University show her talents on the Gala.

"Er, Principal Ding, I was just thinking out loud." Wen Ruohan's voice grew softer, thinking that she might have been a bit too imaginative.

"Your idea is very good. Xiao Wen, pull together some groups of students who are staying at school, so we can notify them about the school's New Year's Eve celebration for the Spring Festival." Principal Ding expressed his approval of Wen Ruohan's suggestion.

## Chapter 703: The Most Unique Student

### New Year's Eve.

Vacation time always fly by, in a blink of an eye, it's the eve of the New Year, the most important day of the year in Xia country.

On this day, most families reunite, sitting together for a New Year's Eve dinner, watching the Spring Festival Gala on NTS, reflecting on the passing year and welcoming the new one.

Even in the winter break, Mist City Arts and Science University's campus is not deserted. The second canteen and the gymnasium are both bustling with activity.

The second canteen is mainly for dining.

Because the school will provide a lavish New Year's Eve dinner free of charge for the faculty and students who are staying on campus for the holiday.

All the expenses are covered by Principal Ding.

Undoubtedly, there will be another grand celebration tonight at Mist City Arts and Science University. After the students finish their New Year's Eve dinner at the second canteen, they all hurry to the gym in the north.

The school has arranged for tonight that New Year's Eve dinner would take place at the second canteen. Principal Ding covers for everyone to dine, making all New Year's Eve meals available for free.

As the person in charge of the canteen, Ding Yue's mother, Zhang Yuping, specifically asked the chefs to prepare classic New Year's Eve set meals from the South, North and various regions of the country.

Those chefs and canteen staff who are still "working" at the school cafeteria, Ding Yue has given them generous salary rewards.

For tonight's dinner, Ding Yue has arranged multiple tables on the second floor of the canteen.

Mainly for some important personnel who stayed in the school for the Spring Festival this year, including An Yujia, the CEO of Feiyue Group who is staying in school for the New Year, and Professor Yang Kaining from the Swiss Zurich Federal Institute of Technology. As they are busy with the biomedical engineering project, they are not returning to Switzerland.

Naturally, the five doctoral students brought by Professor Yang Kaining are also present.

In the process of participating in biomedical engineering, Professor Yang Kaining and his five doctoral students are mainly responsible for the research on biological tissue cell materials.

Initially, Huang Youjie was worried whether there would be any problems with foreign people participating in the school's important projects.

But Ding Yue is not worried about this.

Because neither these five foreign doctoral students nor Professor Yang Kaining have full access to the 3D biological printer and its technology at Mist City Arts and Science University.

In addition to these people, others staying at Mist City Arts and Science University for the New Year include Huang Youjie and Xu Bin. They, like Ding Yue, have regarded campus as their own home.

Originally, according to the past situations, they would go home to spend the New Year with their parents, but now times have changed. Their parents have now directly come to Mist City Arts and Science University during the Spring Festival. With the good relationship between the three families, they decided to celebrate the New Year together.

About a dozen people sat around the big round table.

Including Ding Yue and his three family members, Huang Youjie and Xu Bin's family members, Secretary Wen Ruohan and An Yujia, the CEO of Feiyue Group.

At this time, Secretary Wen Ruohan was sitting to the left of Ding Yue, and his younger sister, Ding Xiaoyou, was sitting on his right.

"It's been a hard year for everyone. Here's to you all," Ding Yue said, raising his glass to his family and friends.

The New Year's Eve dinner was very lively. Ding Yue had never had this many people at a New Year's Eve dinner before.

Before establishing Mist City Arts and Science University, there were only four of us: myself, my father, my mother, and my little sister Ding Xiaoyou.

"Xiao You, since the end of the year to this period, I've barely seen you. How's your research progress on the graphene battery technology?" Ding Yue turned his head and asked his sister while chatting casually.

His sister had been quite busy from the end of December last year to now in February. But Ding Yue knew that his sister was in the laboratory, carrying out her research on graphene battery technology, or in the library.

"Guess?" Ding Xiaoyou, enjoying her hearty New Year's Eve dinner, asked him cheekily while tilting her head.

Ding Yue raised his hand as if to smack her and said, "You want me to guess? Do you want me to smack your head for being cheeky? Who taught you to do that?"

"Huh."

"Don't forget, Xiao You, I'm the one who's funding your graphene battery research," Ding Yue said jokingly.

"Humph, are you threatening me?"

"Hahaha, just tell me, what's the progress? Your graphene battery technology could be revolutionary in the energy field."

Ding Yue said excitedly.

One of the many reasons Ding Yue cared so much was because he was planning on using Ding Xiaoyou's graphene battery research to win a national science and technology award.

If he indeed won the national science and technology award, then that would fulfill the final and most important condition for upgrading Mist City Arts and Science University to Lv3.

Once Mist City Arts and Science University upgraded to Lv3, things would really start to take off.

Ding Yue could certainly feel that each time his Mist City prepared to level up, there was a significant improvement.

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At Lv1, there wasn't much "black tech", and even research was hard to start.

After reaching Lv2, Ding Yue's Mist City Arts and Science University has developed to a considerable extent. In terms of technology fields, it's laying claims to the top ranks in the entirety of Mist City, though its overall strength is still a little behind.

The key point is that, at Lv2, there was already an emergence of slightly black technologies.

Ding Yue can imagine, after being promoted to Lv3, he would acquire even more insights and technologies from the dark tech realm.

Then Mist City Arts and Science University could strive for an important goal: to wield influence and hold societal standing on par with the nation's leading institutions, and all this as a privately-run university.

Of course.

Ding Yue could well imagine this process might take many years, but it falls within his expectations.

Ding Yue's goal is to establish a well-structured university system within four years, for, that's the time needed to enroll students across four grades of undergraduates.

Then comes the six years from the fourth to the tenth year. Within this period, Ding Yue prepares to rank Mist City Arts and Science University among the nation's top-notch institutions by using his system.

At that point, a miracle may be created.

It would be the only privately-run university nationwide that could compete with the Double First-Class University!

"Actually, it's almost there."

Ding Xiaoyou responds calmly.

"How far is 'almost there'? Can you give a percentage?" Ding Yue can hardly guess how much his sister means by 'almost there'.

After all, this girl is now a super-genius and scholarly prodigy; her perception of 'almost there' may not align with Ding Yue's understanding. A percentage would describe it better.

"About eighty-five percent," Ding Xiaoyou mumbles.

"My little sister is incredible," Hearing this, Ding Yue immediately gives his sister a thumbs-up: "So we can produce the graphene battery next semester?"

This is faster than Ding Yue initially thought.

Although his sister Ding Xiaoyou's chemical energy project [Graphene Battery Technology] is simpler than the photolithography machine, it indeed is an epoch-making technology in the field of energy batteries. Ding Yue initially thought it would take his sister at least half a year.

Now adding up the research on graphene mechanical stripping preparation machine, wouldn't it still amount to roughly half a year?

"Yep."

Ding Xiaoyou nods and then speaks, "After the new year, I will sort out some techniques. You should apply for the patents as soon as possible."

"No problem!"

Ding Yue gives an OK sign.

As the principal of Mist City Arts and Science University, the thing Ding Yue most enjoys is applying for patents.

The more patents that Mist City Arts and Science University applies for, the more powerful it becomes.

"Yue, won't you prepare a New Year's speech for New Year's Eve?" Eating New Year's Eve dinner, Huang riles up Ding Yue to prepare a New Year's speech.

"A New Year's speech? I've planned for one, but it's for the gymnasium later on."

Ding Yue bursts into laughter: "But since it's just us here, shall I just say a few words?"

Upon observing Ding Yue ready to speak, everyone present raises their glass filled with wine or fruit juice. The atmosphere is quite harmonious.

"This year, what I want to say most is, everyone has worked hard. The achievements of Mist City Arts and Science University are quite significant in this year. I hope we'll make further strides next year. A toast to the New Year!"

Ding Yue actually kept it short.

Staff and students of Mist City Arts and Science University sitting around the dining table all stand up and shout with Principal Ding: "A toast to the New Year!"

After finishing the New Year's Eve dinner, not much time was left before the Spring Festival Gala started.

Most of the students have already reached the gymnasium and orderly chose their seats. The logistics department staff have completed all the preparations, and the gymnasium interior has been decorated with the festive spirit of the New Year.

The most important thing is that four enormous electronic screens are at the center of the gymnasium. Just like the screens used for watching eSports, faces are turned in four directions. Everyone can watch freely.

This equipment was actually provided by the eSports Academy.

"This is the first time I'm not spending the New Year at home. The first time experiencing this kind of atmosphere, it feels quite good."

"Spending New Year's Eve and the Spring Festival with classmates on campus, just thinking about it feels a little exciting."

"Wow, four big screens. So, no matter where we sit, we'll be able to watch the Spring Festival Gala?"

"Wondering when our school's art student Lin Zhirou will perform."

"Why did you guys not go home for the New Year?"



"I just didn't want to go back."

"I saw some students and Principal Ding celebrating New Year at the school last year, so I also wanted to experience it."

"Same here."

While the students were chatting casually, members of the student union and support staff who stayed at the university started bringing in lots of snacks and fruits like apples and sugarcane.

"Students, pass these around. Everyone take a share. Tonight we are all here to watch the Spring Festival Gala and have fun. These are all provided by Principal Ding."

A logistic staff member who was in charge of distributing these snacks and fruits shouted to the students.

"Oh wow, there's food too?"

"Isn't this too awesome?"

"Wow, Principal Ding is really thoughtful."

"I'm already tearing up."

"Eating sunflower seeds, munching on fruits and snacks, and watching the Spring Festival Gala with everyone, this experience is simply amazing, it will become one of the most beautiful memories in my life."

The students were overjoyed at the fact that Principal Ding had prepared snacks and fruits for everyone.

Many students already started taking photos with their cellphones and posting on Twitter.

Perhaps only Mist City Arts and Science University can manage to gather a couple thousand people to celebrate New Year on campus.

Over at the second cafeteria.

After leaving the cafeteria, Ding Yue, his family, and friends prepared to head towards the gymnasium.

"Mom and dad, we are organizing everyone to watch the Spring Festival Gala at the gymnasium tonight. Do you want to come?"

Ding Yue asked his parents if they wanted to go to the gymnasium.

"Oh, we won't go and crowd around, it's all young people." His father, Ding Jianjun, shook his head.

His mother, Zhang Yuping, also agreed saying: "Mmm, it's fine. We will watch the Spring Festival Gala at home."

Seeing that his parents didn't seem very keen on going, Ding Yue nodded and said, "Alright, it's fine if you two watch it at home."

Then, Ding Yue turned to his sister Ding Xiaoyou, "How about you? Do you want to come?"

"Why not? I'm also a student of Mist City Arts and Science University." Ding Xiaoyou rolled her eyes at her brother; asking her this question was pointless.

"Alright, let's go to the gymnasium." Ding Yue called out to the people behind him, cheerfully chatting along the way to the gymnasium.

At the gymnasium, Huang Youjie had already arranged for a special area with the logistics department in advance.

This special area was naturally set aside for Principal Ding and other leaders of the school.

In fact, this special area was not that special, it was not much different from where the students sat.

At this moment, Mist City Arts and Science University students all over the country were browsing their classmates' Twitter, envying the New Year's Eve event held by the school while preparing to watch the Spring Festival Gala with their families on time.

But one student from Mist City Arts and Science University was a little bit different.

That was Lin Zhirou, a student in the Art Department of Mist City Arts and Science University. She was the only student who didn't go home, didn't stay on campus, and didn't have a New Year's Eve dinner and watch the Spring Festival Gala with her friends and relatives.

But she was also a pride of Mist City Arts and Science University tonight.

Because Lin Zhirou was the first student from Mist City Arts and Science University to perform at the NTS Spring Festival Gala.

At this point, Lin Zhirou was outside the broadcast hall number 1 of the NTS. Under the orderly arrangement of the director, she was already prepared for her final preparations.

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"The host is ready."

"The stage lighting is ready."

"The music is ready."

"The stage effects are ready."

In Studio 1 of NTS, everyone is ready, the opening performers are getting set, and the hosts are ready to appear on stage at the command of Director Li Hongyan.

Tonight is the most important night of the year in Xia Country.

New Year's Eve!

It's the day when lights shine in every home for family reunions, and countless families tune in to watch the Spring Festival Gala at exactly 8 p.m.

At this moment, Lin Zhirou is adjusting her state in the performers' rest room.

In fact, after several rehearsals, Lin Zhirou has already adjusted herself to the best state, but she still wants to perform even better.

"Lin Zhirou, Lin Zhirou from Mist City Arts and Science University," the voice of one of the deputy directors from the crew came from the rest room door.

"Director Zhang, I'm here," Lin Zhirou responded by waving her hand when she heard Deputy Director Zhang call her name.

"You're in the ninth act, you can make final preparations when the seventh act begins. Let's go to the live area now where we have arranged for you to watch the Spring Festival Gala."

Deputy Director Zhang walked over and said to Lin Zhirou.

Actually, many famous performers and singers who participate in the Spring Festival Gala have seats prepared for them in the front rows of the audience seats.

Lin Zhirou is one of the hottest singers in 2021, and today she is going to sing a song that's popular all over the country.

For this reason, seats have been prepared for her for the show.

Of course, after some performers finish their performance, they don't stay at the Spring Festival Gala. Instead, they take a flight immediately to reunite with their family.

For Lin Zhirou, it might not be that easy to return to Mist City after tonight's performance, but she still wants to go back.

"Director Zhang, can I leave after my performance?" Lin Zhirou asked Director Zhang cautiously.

"Of course, you can. After all performers finish their performances, if they need to rush home and reunite with their families for the New Year, they can confirm with us, and we will try to get you a flight. We will also send a car to take you to the airport."

Upon hearing this, Director Zhang replied with a smile.

It's perfectly normal for this girl, who's not even twenty years old and is attending the Spring Festival Gala on NTS on her own, to want to go home after her performance.

In fact, every year many famous actors and singers immediately rush to the airport after their performances. They can usually return home in a few hours, allowing them to countdown and celebrate the new year with their families at midnight.

Taking a flight from Yancheng to Mist City doesn't take much time, but it might take a little longer from Mist City airport to Mist City Arts and Science University.

Lin Zhirou wondered whether she should return to Mist City Arts and Science University or go home after her ninth performance.

After thinking for a while, Lin Zhirou took out her phone and sent New Year's greetings to her parents. They asked about her situation at the scene and told her to perform well when she took the stage.

Then she told her parents she planned to stay at school for the New Year, meaning she planned to return to Mist City Arts and Science University after her performance.

Lin Zhirou's parents understood and agreed.

Afterwards, Lin Zhirou sent a Whatsapp message to Principal Ding, "Principal Ding, can I come back to school and celebrate the New Year with everyone after my performance?"

About half a minute later, Principal Ding replied.

Principal Ding: Of course, you can. It seems that you should be able to make it back in time from Yancheng. I'll arrange for someone to pick you up at the airport when you arrive.

"Thank you, Principal Ding."

After chatting with Principal Ding on Whatsapp, Lin Zhirou was quite happy.

Meanwhile, at Mist City Arts and Science University's gymnasium...

Ding Yue, along with his sister Ding Xiaoyou, Huang, and Bin, had arrived at the gymnasium and taken their reserved seats.

"Lin Zhirou just told me that she plans to come back to school and celebrate the New Year with us after her performance," Ding Yue said to the people around him.

"She's coming from Yancheng, will she make it in time?" Wen Ruohan asked curiously.

"Yancheng is just an hour or two away by flight," said Ding Yue shrugging his shoulders, "I'll arrange for someone to pick her up from the airport later. It's New Year's Eve tonight, there isn't much traffic outside. If we take the Ring Expressway, it's quite quick from the airport to our university. Maybe she'll even be able to countdown the New Year with us."

"Wow, that sounds really magical," Wen Ruohan exclaimed.

Who would have thought that someone could travel such a distance from Yancheng to Mist City in one night?

The airplane service is really convenient these days.

"This is just a regular flight. If more advanced airplanes are developed in the future, it might take less than an hour to fly from Yancheng to Mist City," Ding Yue said with a laugh.

Even though this may sound incredible, as long as Ding Yue upgrades the level of his university a bit, there will definitely be high-tech developments in aviation.

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By then, our Aerospace Institute at Mist City Arts and Science University might actually be able to develop such impressive aircraft.

"It's almost eight o'clock, the Spring Festival Gala is about to begin," said Huang Youjie, glancing at the time.

"Principal Ding, here's your microphone," Assistant Wen Ruohan handed over a microphone very wisely.

Because Ding Yue was planning to say a few words before the Spring Festival Gala began.

"Hmm hmm."

After taking the microphone, Ding Yue inhaled a couple of times subconsciously, then said, "Students, a happy New Year to you all."

Ding Yue was the first to wish his students at Mist City Arts and Science University a happy new year.

On this New Year's Eve, the best phrase would be 'Happy New Year'.

"Happy New Year, Principal Ding!" The students all wished Principal Ding a happy new year in unison.

The entire sports hall seemed to be filled with students, but in reality, they were scattered. Nonetheless, there were over a thousand people present in total.

Mist City Arts and Science University had more than two thousand students staying on campus this Chinese New Year, but some of the "lazier" students did not come to the sports hall on New Year's Eve.

The students were eating sunflower seeds, munching on apples, chewing on sugarcane, and happily watching Principal Ding prepare to give his speech. Then everyone could watch the Spring Festival Gala together.

"Students, on this reunion day of New Year's Eve, we gather together to celebrate the Spring Festival. Everyone is happy. I can see that you already consider Mist City Arts and Science University as your home, right?"

As the Principal, I sincerely hope that each of you can see Mist City Arts and Science University as a warm harbor, a harbor of knowledge. With time, when you graduate, I believe that you will all be able to carve out a piece of your own world in society."

Ding Yue did not say much more because time was running out. It was almost eight o'clock, so after a few statements, under a warm round of applause, the Spring Festival Gala officially began.

"Principal Ding, when will Lin Zhirou perform?"

After the opening of the Spring Festival Gala, the first formal program began, and the curious Secretary Wen Ruohan couldn't help but ask.

"I think she is the ninth performer. Haven't you checked the program schedule?" Ding Yue replied.

"Oh right, I forgot to look at the Spring Festival Gala program list this year. It's been a few years since I've watched the Gala closely."

"Didn't you watch carefully last year?"

"No."

Huang and Bin also chatted and laughed casually.



Regarding Lin Zhirou's performance of the song "Blue and White Porcelain" at the Spring Festival Gala, Ding Yue had asked before about which order she would be on. Luckily, she was relatively early, occupying the ninth slot.

If it were later, then Lin Zhirou might not be able to return tonight. After all, the later the program, the later the time.

Since Lin Zhirou was the ninth performer, it would be around nine o'clock, and her performance time wouldn't be long, just a few minutes. Unlike skits or cross talks which would stretch to more than ten or twenty minutes.

Inside the sports hall, Ding Yue, together with the students and teachers from Mist City Arts and Science University, enjoyed the Spring Festival Gala amidst laughter and cheers. This experience is truly wonderful.

It's quite good to have such an experience in life.

Ding Yue thought, if in the future a significant number of students from Mist City Arts and Science University choose not to go home for Chinese New Year due to various reasons every year, then this tradition could be continued. Hence, every New Year's Eve would be lively with hundreds of people gathered. Students would be happy, and he also felt good about it. If it continues every year, it would be a unique tradition for the campus of Mist City Arts and Science University.

After a dance performance ended, the program previewed that Lin Zhirou singing "Blue and White Porcelain" was next in line.

This performance was quite a standout and had attracted a lot of attention.

Because actual individual singing performance slots were rather rare at the Spring Festival Gala. Even if there were, they were usually taken by big-name singers. In recent years, performances were typically a collaboration among several star singers.

But the next performer was only Lin Zhirou.

Of course,

there is also a dance troupe accompanying the performance.

On the main stage of Studio One, a slightly dimmer light began to shine, and the screen at the back was incredibly bright.

The very next second, the main screen behind connected seamlessly with all parts of the stage, forming a perfect fusion. What followed was the presentation of an ink-and-wash landscape painting, exuding a strong traditional Xia Country aesthetic.

We rarely see such a traditional aesthetic in performances, and all the audience members at the venue were watching the stage quietly and intently.

Everyone knew that the singer Lin Zhirou was about to perform "Blue and White Porcelain," but no one would have imagined that the stage effects would be so stunning. Truly befitting of the NTS Spring Festival Gala.

The visuals of the southern rivers and mountains depicted in traditional ink-and-wash painting style suddenly filled the stage. As the stage lights brightened, singer Lin Zhirou appeared at the center of the stage. The dancers behind her, dressed in blue and white porcelain dresses, were incredibly elegant.

In the end, when the music's prelude sounded, the entire stage's style embodied a misty rivers-and-mountains scene and the grace of blue and white porcelain. It enveloped everyone on the stage tightly, but it was obvious that Lin Zhirou was the biggest star and the most dazzling one on stage.

Lin Zhirou was dressed in a light blue, blue and white porcelain long dress. Coupled with her naturally stunning beauty, at this moment, she looked like a fairy descending onto the stage, as if taking a stroll amidst the southern rivers and mountains.

The prelude to "Blue and White Porcelain" began to play.

"This young lady is really beautiful."

"The stage effects, the costumes, they're all so beautiful."

"This is a fantastic performance, it fully demonstrates the traditional aesthetic style of our Xia Country."

"Graceful, the melody of the music is pleasant."

"Is this that popular song that young people have been raving about?"

"The prelude seems pretty decent, it gives a... very enjoyable feeling."

In the live audience of the Spring Festival Gala in Studio One, many older viewers couldn't help expressing their admiration after hearing the prelude and seeing all the effects of this performance.

Some elders even felt that they had misunderstood this song, "Blue and White Porcelain," which the young people love so much. Now that they were hearing it, it seemed quite delightful.

The people who could sit in Studio One watching the Spring Festival Gala live were prominent figures of various identities, including young people and elderly folks.

However, when Lin Zhirou's "Blue and White Porcelain" started to sound, not a single person was not immersed in it, not enjoying the beauty of the music.

On the stage, Lin Zhirou naturally began to lip-sync "Blue and White Porcelain," following the many rehearsals.

That's right!

Lin Zhirou's microphone wasn't live. The songs heard on the scene, though they sounded like Lin Zhirou was singing, actually weren't.

Because the Spring Festival Gala was broadcast live, no matter how skilled the singer was, the director required all singing performances to be lip-synced.

People found it difficult to tolerate lip-syncing, but they seemed to understand and accept it when it came to the Spring Festival Gala. After all, in this live broadcast that captivates the entire nation, pre-recorded performances were the safest way to ensure a flawless execution.

In fact, with Lin Zhirou's profound singing ability, she could have delivered an equally beautiful performance without lip-syncing.

"The sky waits for the misty rain, and I'm waiting for you..."

The beautiful singing at this moment captivated countless viewers across the country. Many young people proudly told their parents that this song was their favorite and the most popular song in the past year.

However, their parents responded by saying that they have also heard it before...

"Director Li, the viewing rating for Lin Zhirou's 'Blue and White Porcelain' performance is soaring!" An employee responsible for the live broadcast viewing data of the Spring Festival Gala couldn't help sharing the good news with Director Li Hongyan.

Because the viewing rating has already broken the record of the past several years!

Chapter 707: The Return of the Student, Starting a New Journey

Li Hongyan was filled with an exhilarating emotion when the people under her announced that the television ratings had reached the peak of the Spring Festival Gala in recent years.

Li Hongyan had been directing the Spring Festival Gala in Xia Country for several years.

However, as technology rapidly advanced, people's expectations for the Spring Festival Gala lowered considerably.

In the old days, the Gala had very high viewing ratings, producing numerous classic skits, cross-talks, and other works.

However, the number of people watching the Spring Festival Gala has declined in recent years, with most young people busy grabbing "red packets" and sending blessings on their phones during the broadcast, paying no attention to the program at all.

However!

This year saw a turning point, with viewership reaching a new peak, and there were even chances to set new records.

That was because of a young singer from Mist City Arts and Science University, Lin Zhirou, who performed the song "Blue and White Porcelain" on the Spring Festival Gala stage.

This song, full of Xia Country style, accompanied by exquisite stage effects and breathtaking choreography, pushed the performance to an unprecedented height.

Many viewers were captivated by Lin Zhirou's performance.

Even elderly people who often sneer at popular music the younger generation likes, felt the song was very pleasing and melodious as sung by this beautiful girl.

"Director Li, 'Blue and White Porcelain' seems likely to be the highest-rated performance this year," said a deputy director laughing next to Li Hongyan.

Li Hongyan's lips revealed a smile.

This program was born out of a happy accident. She heard a colleague listening to the song and found it to be unique and beautiful.

Later, "Blue and White Porcelain" spread like wildfire across the internet, not only domestically but also overseas. Its play count on YouTube was also staggeringly high.

The audience, both in the studio and at home, was deeply attracted by the song.

It wasn't until the last note of "Blue and White Porcelain" ended, and the beautifully arranged stage gradually faded, that people came back to their senses.

Applause broke out on the scene.

In many families across the country, some proud students of Mist City Arts and Science University told their families, "See, this beauty is from our school; she's my schoolmate!"

"Look at her!"

With that comment from a parent, the students were rendered speechless.

Ultimately, Lin Zhirou's performance of "Blue and White Porcelain" achieved the highest viewing rate in the Spring Festival Gala over the past five years.

Li Hongyan could determine that while other performances were also brilliant, surpassing Lin Zhirou's "Blue and White Porcelain" would be quite challenging.

And Lin Zhirou's performance of "Blue and White Porcelain" on the Spring Festival Gala successfully brought renewed recognition to the song.

People used to merely know the song was highly popular and a remarkable Xia Country-style song.

But now.

They know that the song had been acknowledged on the Spring Festival Gala's stage and, paired with the Gala's amazing stage effects, it was simply stunning.

A mere three minutes after Lin Zhirou finished performing "Blue and White Porcelain," it shot up the trending list.

After completing her performance at this year's Spring Festival Gala and leaving the stage, Lin Zhirou went to the dressing room to remove her makeup and change clothes.

"Lin, once you've finished tidying up, head straight downstairs to the TV station. We've arranged a car to take you to the airport."

A Spring Festival Gala staff member notified Lin Zhirou.

Any actor, singer, or dancer with a certain level of fame in the Spring Festival Gala can go home after their performance. The organizing committee would make all the related arrangements, which was a considerable improvement implemented by Li Hongyan since she started directing the Spring Festival Gala.

Before, after ending their performances, the performers had to arrange their own transportation, buy plane tickets, and plan their schedules accordingly.

"Thank you."

Lin Zhirou politely thanked the staff member of the Spring Festival Gala.

"Hehe, no need for thanks. This is our duty. Also, I really love your 'Blue and White Porcelain'; it's so beautiful."

The staff member said with a smile.

"Thank you." Lin Zhirou expressed her gratitude again, this time for the staff's appreciation of her song.

Sitting in front of the makeup mirror, the makeup room staff helped Lin Zhirou remove her makeup, "wig", clothing, and other stage properties.

After all, when she appeared on stage, Lin Zhirou went through meticulous styling and was praised by numerous viewers as "the most beautiful performer in the history of the Spring Festival Gala."

On Twitter, Lin Zhirou's beauty was mentioned again by netizens.

As the top-ranking "campus belle" of the first batch of Mist City Arts and Science University, the so-called "beauty carrier," some funny netizens even started calling her "wife."

Soon, Lin Zhirou finished removing her makeup in the dressing room and changed into her clothes. She put on a light grey down jacket, wrapped herself in a beige scarf, picked up her suitcase, and took the elevator down from the NTS station building.

#### Chapter 708: The Return of the Student, Starting a New Journey

At the base of the building, Lin Zhirou found a business van that had been arranged for her by NTS television station. She was not the only person heading to the airport in this vehicle. Given that she was not traveling alone, Lin Zhirou felt a bit reassured.

Even during the ride, a couple of performers, who were heading to the airport for early acts in the Spring Festival Gala, surprisingly turned out to be "fans" of Lin Zhirou.

Over at Mist City Arts and Science University.

Ding Yue along with the staff, students, friends, and family members continued to watch the Spring Festival Gala after Lin Zhirou finished singing "Blue and White Porcelain".

However, clearly the loudest cheers were for Lin Zhirou when she appeared on stage.

After all, the artist performing on the Spring Festival Gala stage was one of their own.

Ding Yue considered Lin Zhirou as one of their own; for one, she was a student at his university, and two, she had a contract with his Feiyue Group. The students adopted Lin Zhirou as their own because they were schoolmates, and because the university felt like a big family.

About half an hour later, Ding Yue sent a message to Lin Zhirou on Whatsapp enquiring about her status.

Lin Zhirou replied that she was already on her way to the airport and would catch a flight at 9:45. She estimated that she would make it back to Mist City Arts and Science University before the end of the Spring Festival Gala.

"That's good. Don't be too anxious, you must be tired after the Gala. Get some good rest on the plane, we'll wait for your return."



Ding Yue reminded Lin Zhirou not to be too eager to return "home".

The journey for Lin Zhirou from Yancheng to Mist City went quite smoothly.

In Yancheng, Lin Zhirou experienced for the first-time absolute traffic-free streets.

Correct, on New Year's Eve, the traffic conditions in Yancheng were surprisingly good, allowing the vehicle dispatched by the NTS television station to reach the airport without any trouble.

Then, Lin Zhirou completed all the necessary formalities smoothly and boarded the plane.

Tonight's flight took less than two hours to reach Mist City. Once there, Lin Zhirou seamlessly transferred to the car sent by the university, and they headed towards Mist City Arts and Science University along the ring road.

As they got closer and closer to the university, Lin Zhirou, brimming with excitement, could not sleep a bit.

Upon Lin Zhirou's arrival at Mist City Arts and Science University, Ding Yue, his secretary Wen Ruohan, his younger sister Ding Xiaoyou, and others including Huang and Bin, came to the university entrance to welcome her.

The Spring Festival Gala shows following Lin Zhirou's performance were nowhere near as interesting, so everyone felt like watching those were not so important. The most important thing was to celebrate and honor Lin Zhirou, who had made a mark at the Spring Festival Gala representing Mist City Arts and Science University.

Thus.

Ding Yue and others took Lin Zhirou to the university's cafeteria for a late-night snack.

As it approached midnight, everyone started a countdown - "10,9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1," welcoming the arrival of Xia Country's New Lunar Year!

For the next several days after New Year's Eve, being the first, second, and third days of the Lunar New Year, the people of Xia Country would relax, go sightseeing, visit relatives, or observe traditional customs such as paying homage at ancestral gravesites.

On the fourth day of the Lunar New Year, Mist City Arts and Science University welcomed its first student back from vacation!

Sun Li from the Agriculture College, who stated that he was too bored at home during the holidays. Plus, Director Jia Nong of the Agriculture College had informed students who had registered for the Rural Support Project to return to university as early as possible.

Thus, Sun Li returned to the university on the fourth day of the Lunar New Year!

Wow, he even returned to university earlier than Jia Nong, the head of his department.

On the first day of Lunar New Year, Jia Nong, the head of the Agriculture College, returned to the university and resumed preparations for the Rural Support Project.

On this day, a batch of students also returned to Mist City Arts and Science University.

They were Tong Yihang, Liu Tiefei, Yang Jie, and other students from the Mechanical Engineering department. Because they were involved in many important research projects at the school, they could not stay at home. They returned to school even without celebrating the Lantern Festival, continuing with their lithography machine experimental project.

Following them were Luo Peng, Su Beilin, and others who returned in succession.

Mist City Arts and Science University acted like a magnet. Starting from the first student, Sun Li, who returned to school on the fourth day of the Lunar New Year, more and more students arrived every day.

With an original 51-day holiday, some students thought it was a bit long. Although they could freely enjoy the long winter holiday, some of them were very keen to return to their familiar college life.

There was also a portion of students who, when they first returned home, were coddled by their families. But after a while, their families grew tired of them and, after the Spring Festival, they didn't want to stay at home any longer and returned to school.

Most of the students who returned earlier than others during the summer holiday were also among the earliest to come back this time.

In this manner, Mist City Arts and Science University started bustling again.

The school projects Ding Yue was particularly focusing on in the short term were undoubtedly the biomedical engineering project involving Professor Yang Kaining and his sister's graphene battery technology project.

Any of these two projects, once completed, would be significant news for the entire Xia Country. One was in the field of medicine, and the other was in the field of energy and batteries.

Of course, Ding Yue naturally hoped that these two projects could be completed faster. By then, the reputation of Mist City Arts and Science University would likely be taken to another level.

After all, these projects' technologies truly demonstrated hard capability.

Compared to them, the biomedical engineering project led by Professor Yang Kaining would need slightly more time. Whether it could be completed in the upcoming term was still a mystery.

However, as per Ding Yue's understanding from the New Year's Eve dinner, his sister Ding Xiaoyou's research on graphene batteries may show results very soon.

Latterly, when Ding Yue asked Ding Xiaoyou again, she stated that she planned to develop the first graphene battery during the start of the semester.

In the period between the Spring Festival and the start of school, besides focusing her time on researching graphene battery technology, Ding Xiaoyou had also started to write related papers.

Apart from her paper on graphene battery technology, Ding Xiaoyou was also involved in writing a paper on the mechanical exfoliation preparation machine based on graphene, a project she had worked on with students from the Mechanical Engineering department.

Ding Xiaoyou's research papers, along with her technology, had started to be published on the Xia Country's paper website, and she had also begun to apply for relevant patents.

All these tasks were organized by Ding Yue for his sister, Ding Xiaoyou. After all, Ding Xiaoyou spent her entire day engrossed in writing her papers and researching graphene battery technology - she certainly didn't have the time to deal with patent applications.

As her older brother, it was natural for Ding Yue to shoulder these responsibilities.

Of course, as the head of the school, Ding Yue couldn't personally apply for the patent on behalf of his sister. Hence, he delegated the task of patent application to the team at Feiyue Technology.

Feiyue Technology had a team solely responsible for patent applications.

As Mist City Arts and Science University had been in operation for a growing period of time, a professional patent application team had become necessary with the emergence of more and more research results. It would not only save a lot of time in patent application but would also improve efficiency.

With more and more students returning to Mist City Arts and Science University, by the end of February or early March, even the students who had grown weary of staying at home also began to return to school in droves.

Considering the increasing number of returning students, Ding Yue reminded Huang Youjie's logistics department to ensure accommodations, canteen, supermarket, and other life security measures were in place for students.

The entire staff of the Second Canteen, managed by Ding Yue's mother, Zhang Yuping, also returned to their posts.

On the occasion of the arrival of the new spring, Mist City Arts and Science University, having been quiet for one Spring Festival, was about to show a new vitality.

The return of the students is going to embark Mist City Arts and Science University on a new journey!

#### Chapter 709: My Sister is a Top Student

The start of the new semester for this academic year is upon us.

After the Spring Festival, university students from all over the country have started to return to their campuses, continuing their studies in the halls of knowledge.

March 5th marks the official start of the semester at Mist City Arts and Science University.

All the more than 30,000 students have returned to the campus without fail. Once again, the campus of Mist City Arts and Science University brims with life.

As early as February, construction had already begun on the expansion of Mist City Arts and Science University.

Tianfu Construction Group promised to complete a batch of dormitory buildings and academic buildings during the summer vacation.

This was all part of Ding Yue's plan.

In fact, at the end of this summer vacation, Mist City Arts and Science University will be welcoming its third cohort of freshmen.

Time seems to be passing quickly, Ding Yue thought unexpectedly.

He has been busy building his Mist City Arts and Science University, but enjoyed the process enormously.

Especially given the university has had one achievement after another in this process, a feeling that is simply fantastic.

On this same day, March 5th, though all the students of Mist City Arts and Science University had returned to school and officially started their classes,

There was a group of students who were temporarily leaving Mist City Arts and Science University, their return date uncertain.

These students were those from the College of Agriculture at Mist City Arts and Science University participating in the Rural Support Project!

This afternoon, Ding Yue will personally send them off on their "expedition".

Director Xiao Wenxing of the Mist City Education Bureau will also be there, given the college's participation in the Rural Support Project was related to a conference he had attended.

At the school gate.

Director Jia Nong was already waiting with nearly two hundred students from the College of Agriculture. Luggage and equipment had all been loaded onto the vehicle.

Director Xiao Wenxing was still en route.

"Director Jia, you are in charge of leading the team for this rural support trip. If you need anything, feel free to inform the school,"

Ding Yue walked up to Director Jia nong and said with serious concern, "But once we get there, let's complete the task well. Do you understand what I mean?"

"Mmm, Principal Ding, of course, I do. We're going to provide technical and knowledge guidance. Our aim is to help the villagers to prosper and we will provide guidance on agricultural-economic crop cultivation based on the actual situation."

Jia Nong nodded vigorously, speaking very earnestly.

Ding Yue trusted Director Jia's word, since he had always been decisive. He spent the entire winter vacation actively preparing for the Rural Support Project.

"Excellent."

Ding Yue extended his hand, gave Director Jia a gentle pat on the shoulder. This was a signal that he was entrusting the responsibility of the Rural Support Project to him.

Afterward.

Ding Yue looked at the nearly two hundred students behind Director Jia.

There were actually more than two hundred students who registered, but as Ding Yue expected, some students couldn't participate due to family reasons.

So finally, the number of students from the College of Agriculture who set off to participate in the Rural Support Project today totalled 197.

"Students."

Ding Yue raised his voice, worried that the students in the back might not hear.

When the students heard Principal Ding's voice, the idle chats quieted down, and they all turned their gaze to Principal Ding.

"Students, going to participate in the school's Rural Support Project, I believe you can surely make achievements. This is an opportunity, a test for all of your agriculture specialties. I hope that everyone can overcome difficulties, ultimately achieve victory in the Rural Support Project and definitely return safely. Did you hear me?"

Ding Yue emphasized the word 'safety' on purpose.

These are all students from his Mist City Arts and Science University, so of course, what Ding Yue was most concerned about was their safety.

Although there isn't much danger in participating in the Rural Support Project, Ding Yue still had some worries deep down.

After all, they will be going to remote and poor areas.

But no matter how remote and poor these areas are, communication would not be a problem, so if any problems arise, Ding Yue had instructed Director Jia to inform him immediately.

"Understood!"

The students chorused, their voices quite loud.

"Your subsidy of 10,000 yuan for the Rural Support Project will be deposited into the bank accounts you provided within three days. In addition, after completing the Rural Support Project and coming back, each student can receive a corresponding academic credit."

Ding Yue affirmed firmly his promise of "benefits" to the students, assuring them that he would certainly make good on his promises.

"Great!"

The student were elated.

"Moreover, the school is also working quickly on the construction of your College of Agriculture's modern Ecological Agriculture Garden. When you return from your Rural Support Project, you should be able to see your college's brand new modern Ecological Agriculture Garden."

Ding Yue impassioned once more spoke to the students.

The construction of a modern Ecological Agriculture Garden by the school is very important to the students of the College of Agriculture.

It could be considered an "experimental lab" for them.



The Physics Department has a physics laboratory, the engineering department has a variety of advanced equipment and various project laboratories, and the Medical College has medical experiment laboratories.

For Agricultural College, a modern Ecological Agriculture Garden is where students can perform experiments related to their specialties.

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Whoosh!

The students gave an enthusiastic round of applause.

Just as the applause began to die down, a familiar black sedan that Ding Yue knew well drove slowly up. It was the official car of Director Xiao Wenxing of the Education Department.

In a short while, Director Xiao Wenxing's official car came to a stop in front of Ding Yue.

"Director Xiao, you're here."

Ding Yue enthusiastically stepped forward to greet him.

"I got caught in a bit of traffic, otherwise I could have arrived earlier. I hope my tardiness hasn't delayed your departure," Director Xiao Wenxing apologetically said.

He had made an agreement with Principal Ding to come in the afternoon to send off the faculty and students of the Agricultural Academy for their "campaign". But due to the traffic conditions in Mist City, which really need to be addressed, he had arrived slightly late.

"No, no. We've just gathered at the gate, and I'd just finished delivering a few words of 'farewell' to the students when you arrived. Director Xiao, why don't you say a few words?"

Ding Yue shook his head and then invited Director Xiao to speak.

Director Xiao was indeed a little late, but he didn't delay much. Even if he had delayed a bit, it was no big deal considering he is a leader from the Education Department, responsible for Mist City Arts and Science University.

"Okay, then let me say a few words succinctly."

The trip of the Agricultural Department of Mist City Arts and Science University to the countryside for the Rural Support Project was something that Xiao Wenxing took very seriously. A significant part of the smooth progress was due to Xiao Wenxing's negotiation with the Poverty Alleviation Office.

"Students, Director Xiao is going to address us," Ding Yue turned to the faculty and students and announced.

Whoosh!

Applause broke out once again. After all, a leader from the Education Department was going to deliver a speech, and the applause needed to be enthusiastic enough.

Xiao Wenxing raised his hand to indicate that the applause was not necessary, and he simply stated: "I am here today to wish you well on your journey. I hope that this trip to the countryside will be successful. I hope you can bring solid knowledge and technical guidance to the villagers. Moreover, by taking part in this Rural Support Project, you are responding to the country's call. I give you a big thumbs up!"

After Xiao Wenxing finished speaking, he gave a thumbs-up to all the faculty and students of the Agricultural Academy.

Making a difference in poor and remote areas by providing villagers with knowledge and technical guidance is a challenge for many young people who have lived in big cities and are receiving higher education.

Xiao Wenxing was amazed that Principal Ding was able to mobilize so many students to participate in the Rural Support Project.

You could tell from the students' expressions that they were well-prepared mentally and had not been forced by the school to go.

When Director Xiao Wenxing finished speaking and gave a thumbs-up, the students broke out into another round of enthusiastic applause.

"Alright, the weather is still a bit chilly. Let's not delay the students' departure. Let's get them on the bus and ready to leave."

As Xiao Wenxing had finished speaking and Principal Ding had said his piece as well, he thought it would be better for the students to leave earlier rather than freeze in the cold.

Although it was March, it would take a while before the spring truly arrived in the region of Mist City.

"Alright."

Ding Yue nodded and immediately told all the students: "Let's set off!"

After that, Ding Yue said to Director Jia Nong: "Director Jia, lead the way. Take the students safely and bring them back safely, okay?"

"Don't worry, Principal Ding," Jia Nong replied.

All the students were adults and accompanied by professors from the Agricultural Academy and the director Jia Nong. This "campaign" was a full-scale deployment of the Agricultural Academy. Although they were going to a poor and remote area, they were not unprepared for survival. The conditions would just be a bit harsh.

Ding Yue believed they could all take care of themselves and return safely. At that time, not only would he have completed his mission, but his Mist City Arts and Science University would garner certain social recognition, improve its status slightly, and also win Director Xiao Wenxing's favor. The benefits were numerous.

Watching the students gradually board the bus, Ding Yue's mood became somewhat complex.

This was the first time Ding Yue had seen his students "deployed". With a first time, there should be a second, third... Ding Yue couldn't help but wonder what the scene would be like when he sent off his students in the future.

In less than ten minutes, all the students had boarded the buses.

"Principal Ding, we are departing now." Jia Nong said and the bus at the front started off slowly towards the gate of Mist City Arts and Science University.

The buses followed one by one.

This time, the location of the Rural Support Project secured by the Mist City Education Department for the Agricultural Department of Mist City Arts and Science University was not in Mist City, but in the neighbouring Guizhou Province. Although it wasn't far, the terrain was quite complex.

The school bus of Mist City Arts and Science University would deliver the students to the railway station, where a special train would transport the group of students to Guizhou Province.

In the following period, perhaps a spring, or even a summer, depending on circumstances, these students would provide villagers in a poor and remote area of Guizhou Province with knowledge and technical guidance on this year's economic crops.